

Cooperative Extension *nEXT*Generation update

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Modifications to the *nEXT Generation* project process

We would like to thank all who attended UW-Extension/UW Colleges Chancellor Cathy Sandeen and Executive Cosponsor Karl Martin's Cooperative Extension reorganization workshop at the recent Wisconsin Counties Association statewide conference. Special appreciation also to Fond du Lac County Administrator Allen Buechel for moderating. We are always grateful to spend time with our valuable partners and supporters!

As you may be aware, the *nEXT Generation* project process has undergone a few changes. We made these changes based on constructive feedback we have heard from our external partners and members of the project workgroups. Streamlining the process will ensure the delivery of major project deliverables by February 2017. Your feedback remains a key component of the process, and we look forward to your input once the workgroups begin to deliver options for changes to the organization. If you would like additional details regarding these modifications to the *nEXT Generation* process, please read the <u>message from the project cosponsors</u> to our Cooperative Extension colleagues.

Thank you for hanging in there with us during this reorganization. This is no small task and continues to be a learning process. Cooperative Extension is your proud partner in serving your communities, businesses and families. Through this process, we are building a healthy Cooperative Extension that will thrive for another 105 years.



nEXT Generation project in the news

Check out some recent media stories about the nEXT Generation project:

- <u>Ag Report: Extension Reorganization</u> (WFRV, September 28)
- <u>UW-Extension leaders review elements of</u>

restructuring (Wisconsin State Farmer, September 27)

 <u>State Budget Reduction Prompts Change for Douglas County and UW-Extension</u> (Positively Superior, June/July issue)

County and tribal key contacts

Thank you to everyone who helped us identify key contacts for counties and tribes! The list is very nearly complete, and you can see your county or tribe's key contacts on the *nEXT Generation* external website. The list will be updated as any changes come in.

See your county or tribal contacts

Stay in touch with the nEXT Generation project

Keep an eye on your inbox for this newsletter, which will be published every three weeks and will include updates on work group progress and other important project developments. And please send any questions, comments and concerns to nextgencommunications@ces.uwex.edu.

Cooperative Extension *nEXT Generation* project communications committee produces regular email updates for external Cooperative Extension partners, highlighting updates and new developments in the *nEXT Generation* reorganization project. Email feedback or ideas to nextgencommunications@ces.uwex.edu

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