

2017-2018
Environment, Housing and Energy
Program of Work Report

Areas Reporting: 14/14

Areas with 100% of counties reporting: Purchase, Lincoln Trail, Northern Kentucky, Quicksand

Number of Counties Reporting: 83/120 -- 69%

Number of members who took actions related to environment, housing and energy listed below between July 1, 2017 and June 30, 2018:

- a. Implemented one or more water saving practices in the past year: 1,060
- b. Used a rain barrel for water conservation in the past year: 217
- c. Adopted new landscape practices (such as installing a rain garden): 187
- d. Grew fruits and vegetables for your family: 1,553
- e. Preserved fruits and vegetables for your family: 1,519
- f. Initiated or participated in a community garden: 116
- g. Initiated or participated in a plant and/or seed swap: 538
- h. Initiated or participated in a community beautification project: 303
- i. Sponsored or taught a community gardening class for community members: 291

Please share information regarding the quantity of fruits and vegetables preserved through canning, freezing or drying this year:

- a. Quantity of fruits preserved: 11,420 pints; 14,209 quarts
- b. Quantity of vegetables preserved: 10,674 pints; 29,053 quarts

Estimated dollar value of community beautification project(s): \$13,272.15

Source of funds included: Monetary Donations, In-Kind Donations, Grants, and Volunteer Hours.
Not everyone recorded a percentage, so the funds could not be broken down.

Please share a one paragraph description of environment, housing and/or energy programs conducted by your club/county/area.

- Food preservation workshops and salsa workshops.
- Learned about using rain barrels X2.
- Shared fruits, vegetables and flowers with friends and neighbors.
- Gardening in Small Spaces lesson.
- Meade County Homemakers have actively recycled materials, composted waste, and conserved energy and water. Homemakers have attended recycling training and then taught it in the schools. Meade County received funds in the amount of \$3,832.50 from MCSW. They had 84 hours prep and training, 171.5 hours reaching 1,945 students and

263 adults. They purchased a recycled bench to be placed at the Buttermilk Falls Trail. They also donated plants to an assisted living home.

- Several Master Gardener Homemakers in Breckinridge and other counties have taught classes in recycling and miniature gardens.
- Discussed and implemented recycling.
- Presented seedling trees to community on Earth Day
- Community lesson on repotting inside and outside plants.
- Church Members pulled weeds and cleaned the fence line and spread mulch.
- Volunteers maintained raised bed gardens at the library.
- Class on bugs.
- Garden/greenhouse bids for Extension Office
- Promoted county fair (especially horticulture program for indoor container houseplants-- low light).
- Flowers growing in Rock Garden.
- Bottle caps being recycled into park benches.
- Learned about the clean water buckets and how to use them
- Learned to grow vegetables in their square food gardens.
- Adopt-A-Highway – 2 clubs
- Maintained flower mound.
- Recycle tabs and bottle caps. Recycling trailer at Extension Office.
- Purchased and donated kits for ten rain barrels.
- National Disaster Preparedness Month with 15 participants and a lesson on saving energy with new toaster ovens.
- Shared produce with family and friends in one community.
- Delivered plastic grocery bags to Amen House for personal use.
- Replaced light bulbs with energy efficient bulbs.
- One homemaker switched to Norwex product that is chemical free laundry detergent, soap, etc.
- Collected plastic tops to be used for grant money to build playground for handicapped children.
- Exchanged information on electric appliance pick up and reward program.
- Exchanged information at each meeting on conserving energy.
- Each club member prepared a landscape plan for their home.
- Six-week series on Healthy Homes Inside and Outside covered topics on “green cleaning”, pest control, upcycling/basic home repair, food safety in the home in emergencies, composting and recycling, and winter proofing/safety at home.
- Countywide recycling project.

Respectfully submitted:

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