

Dear Friend:

MSU Extension is committed to serving communities, individuals, and businesses alike in every one of Michigan's 83 counties, where our dedicated staff provide people with educational programs and essential tools for their personal and professional growth. But we can't do that without hearing directly from the communities and people we serve.

Starting in November, MSU Extension is holding a series of public listening sessions across the state. Through these sessions, we hope to gather input to determine where the organization is, what we do well, and where there are opportunities for improvement. This input will be used to help shape MSU Extension's priorities and service for years to come.

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend – youth, parents, community and statewide partners, all MSU Extension-affiliated faculty and staff, and curious community members. Whether you've used MSU Extension services for years or not at all, you can play a part in helping shape the services and offerings in your community in the future. The outcome of this work will be a co-developed vision to guide MSU Extension's work in the future.

Each listening session will begin with a welcome from MSU Extension leadership and staff. Then, participants will be divided into two groups – external participants and partners will gather in one room, and MSU Extension faculty and staff will gather in another.

In each of these rooms, participants will be invited to anonymously share their perspectives and insights through a series of facilitated activities. Finally, common themes heard from participants will be identified and reflected to the entire group for each activity. If time allows, participants may be able to give additional input. Light refreshments will be provided.

Please [register](#) to participate in a listening session and indicate any accommodation needs (<https://events.anr.msu.edu/listeningseries>). Pre-registration is highly encouraged. Walk-in registrations may be limited due to facility capacity.

If you have any questions about registration, please contact Kathy Walicki at walicki@msu.edu or 231-873-2129 or Marie Garcia at garcia434@msu.edu or 517-353-9464.



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