



RAMSEY COUNTY

Ramsey County Board Workshop Agenda

**Partner Updates:
Ramsey County Historical Society and University of Minnesota Extension**

Information and Public Records Service Team

September 24, 2019

Start time: 1:30 p.m.

220 Courthouse, Large Conference Room

Agenda

1. Introduction: John Siqveland, Communications & Public Relations Director
2. Presentation: Chad Roberts, President, Ramsey County Historical Society
Tammy McCulloch, Regional Director - East Central, U of M Extension
3. Discussion, Questions

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Workshop Goals

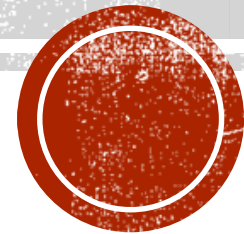
- Informational update.
- Open discussion with Commissioners.
- No board direction or action requested.

Presenters

- **Chad Roberts**
President, Ramsey County Historical Society
- **Tammy McCulloch**
Regional Director, East Central
University of Minnesota Extension

RAMSEY COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

**Preserving Our Past,
Informing Our Present,
Inspiring Our Future**



Values

- **Authenticity:** We strive for historical accuracy in all our programs and activities.
- **Innovation:** We consciously seek new ways to educate and create unique programming.
- **Inspirational:** We raise awareness of our past and how that informs our understanding of our present and future.
- **Integrity:** We adhere to the highest standards as a nonprofit organization in all our operations.
- **Respect:** We provide experiences that respect our collective heritage and the diverse cultures of our community.

Equity & Inclusion

History informs us, inspires new choices, brings people together, and builds community. Likewise, it can be mis-used to inspire fear, create division, and perpetuate racism and other injustices. We resolve to present history in accordance with our values of Authenticity, Innovation, Inspiration, Integrity, and Respect. We believe that by doing so our community will be more informed, more engaged, and will become stronger.



County-Wide Programs

- Collection Preservation
 - 12,255 Artifacts, 2.8 million Documents
- Mary Livingston Griggs & Mary Griggs Burke Research Center
 - 1,445 Researchers Assisted in FY19
- Exhibits
 - Unity Without Uniformity – Current
 - The Selma Experience – February 2020
 - They Persisted – August 2020
- History Revealed
 - 54 Programs reaching 2,200 adults



- Publishing
 - Ramsey County History Magazine
 - North Star: Civil War Stories – Emmy nominated
 - Great Northern Iron Ore Trust – Spring 2020



Gibbs Farm, A Regional Asset

- **Why we do what we do at Gibbs**
 - Improve student achievement
 - Graduation rates & achievement Gap
- **School Tours**
 - Address state education standards at every grade level
 - 16,765 students, 3,883 teachers & adults
 - Metro, Central, Southern MN; Western WI
- **Outreach to Schools & Community**
 - Schools: 2,174 students, 91 teachers
 - Community: 4,000+ students



- **Dakota Culture Preservation & Education**
 - One of two places schools can go and RCHS runs a more engaging and immersive program
 - RCHS actively supports Dakota partners in a wide variety of ways



RCHS and Ramsey County

- 70 Year Relationship
- Courthouse & Union Depot Tours
 - 1,796 total served in FY2019
- Publishing
- Investigate MN!
- Capital Investments at Gibbs Farm
- Council Chambers Art Project
- Annual Operating Support
 - \$83,915.50 = 6.37% of RCHS revenue
 - Each county dollar is leveraged for \$11.88 in contributed revenue



Gibbs Farm Program & Capital Expansion – Part 1

Five-year planning process, including completion of Gibbs Farm Master Plan in 2018



- Master Plan will address key needs for RCHS for at least 25 years, including:
 - Converting Gibbs Farm into a Year-round facility capable of serving 30,000 students
 - Adding capacity for a year-round afterschool program serving 200 students a day
 - Addressing safety and comfort issues
 - Improved long-term sustainability
 - Preservation space for RCHS collections



Gibbs Farm Program & Capital Expansion – Part 2

Additional benefits



- Addressing core needs also creates other benefits:
 - Year-Round evening availability for RCHS and partner programs – including Ramsey County programs
 - Year-Round partnership programs – Bell, Dakota Wicohan
 - Year-Round support for cultural needs of Indigenous residents



Gibbs Farm Program & Capital Expansion – Part 3

Cost Summary

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| ▪ Primary Education Building – 8,500 sf | \$6 million |
| ▪ Education Gallery & Preservation Space – 4,500 sf | \$3.12 million |
| ▪ Administration Building – 3,500 sf | \$1 million |
| ▪ Dakota Ceremonial Space – 1,000 sf | \$52,000 |
| ▪ <u>Accessibility/parking/workshop/other</u> | <u>\$3.1 million</u> |
| ▪ Total with 6% Contingency: | \$14,068,320 |



Gibbs Farm Program & Capital Expansion – Part 4

Red Barn Phase I update & Funding Timeline

- Red Barn Phase I
 - \$350,000 Construction Budget
 - Replaces 3 non-compliant restrooms with 4, including two fully ADA accessible family restrooms
 - Adds capacity for at least 3,000 more users
 - Allows testing of winter programs and extension of spring and fall tour seasons
- Funding Timeline
 - Commitment by County
 - Design Development for remainder of Master Plan begins July 1, 2020
 - State Bonding
 - Decision in May 2020
 - RCHS Capital Campaign





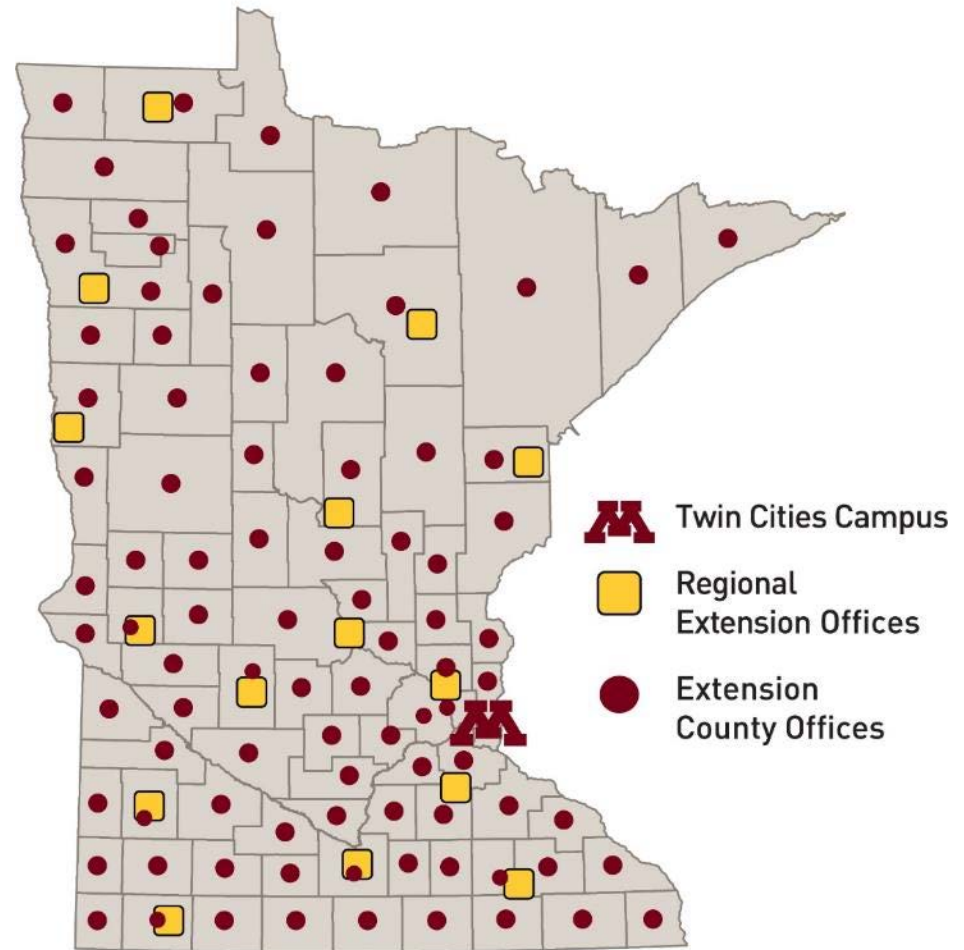
Building a Stronger Minnesota Through Education & Research in Ramsey County

University of Minnesota Extension Mission:

Making a difference by connecting community needs and University resources to address critical issues in Minnesota.

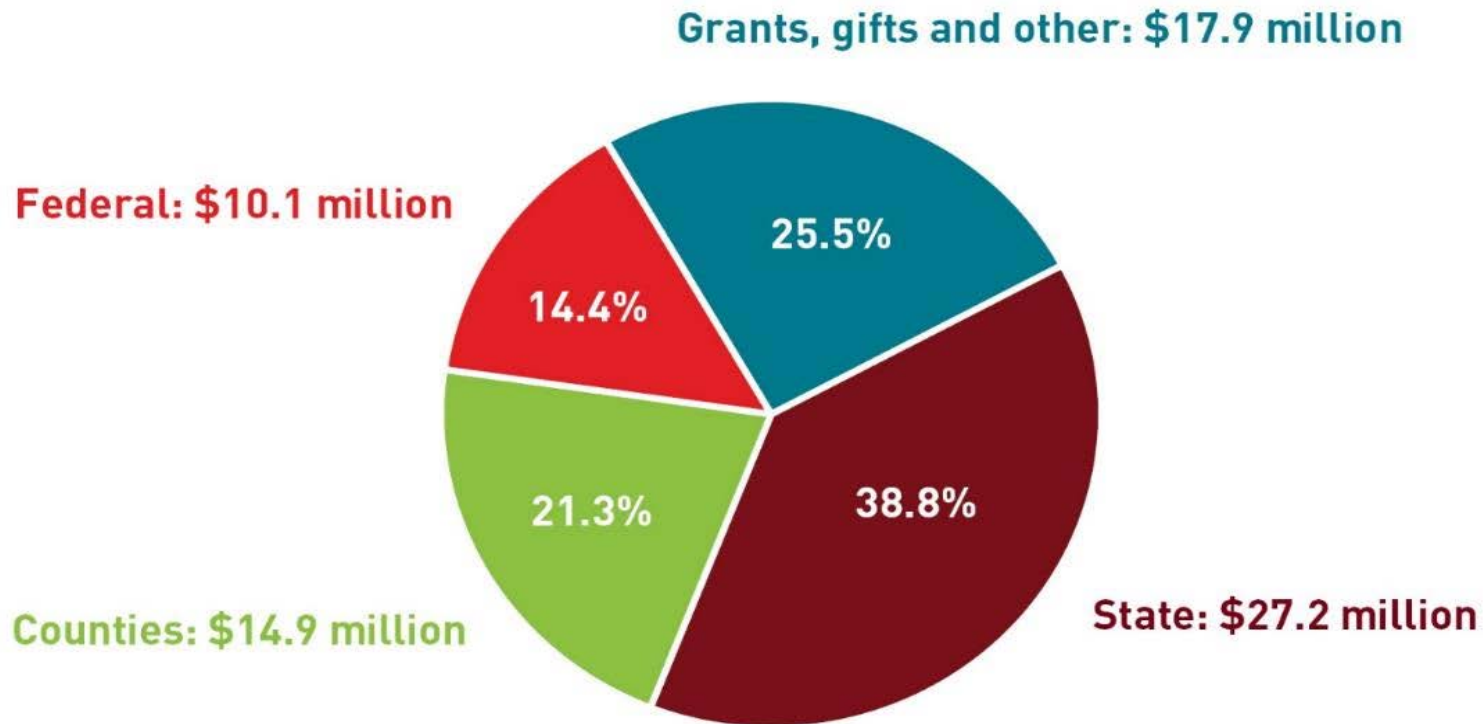


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Extension Funding

2019 budget



RAMSEY COUNTY LOCAL EXTENSION INVESTMENT

- Master Gardener
- Health and Nutrition Program (SNAP-Ed and EFNEP)
- 4-H Youth Development



Healthier People, Healthy Plants, Healthy Planet

Extension's
Master Gardener
program
delivers high-quality
experiences,
getting people
outside for
hands-on education.



Ramsey County Master Gardener Program

**212
Volunteers**

**11,861
Service
Hours**

**Educated 19,823 residents and had
100 community partnerships.**

Ramsey County Youth Gardening Initiative

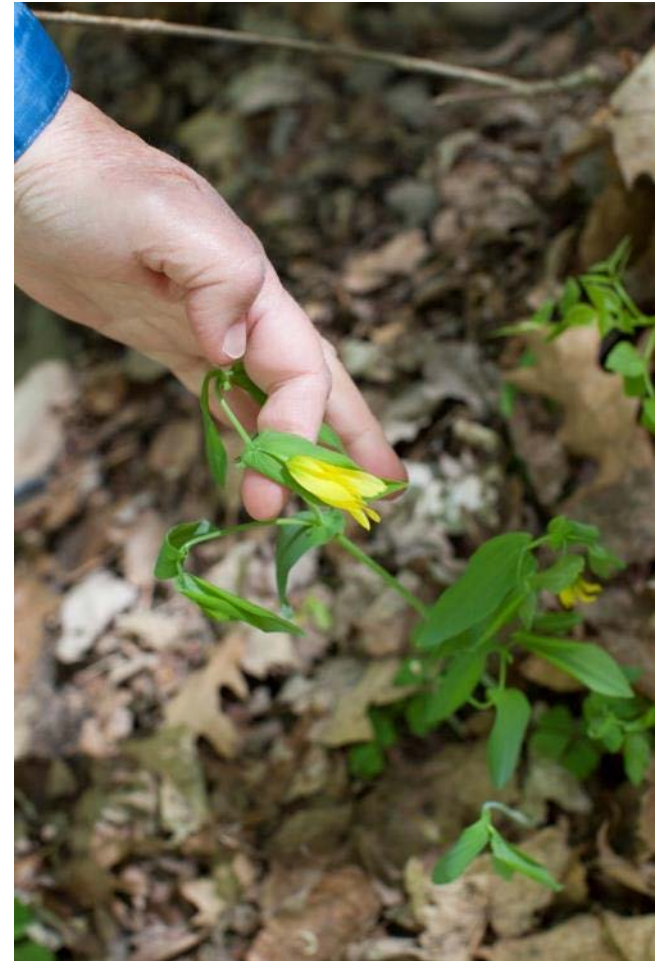
- Teaching on:
 - Pollinators
 - Hydroponics
 - Planting and growing basics
 - Cooking and preparing healthy meals



Master Naturalist

195 Ramsey County Master Naturalist volunteers provided **9,927** hours of service in 2018

- **Stewardship projects**
- **Education for the public**
- **Citizen science**
- **Program support**



Improving Health & Nutrition

Impact

- Participants eat more fruits, vegetables and whole grains, and eat healthier snacks
- Every \$1 spent on nutrition education saves up to \$10 in health care costs



Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program (EFNEP)

Wellness through wiser eating

- Cooking classes at local food shelves
- Partnerships to prevent diabetes
- Lasting diet and lifestyle changes



SNAP-Ed Works



- **Taught 653 SNAP-Ed class participants in 2018**
- **Partnered with 30 agencies in Ramsey County**

Family Resiliency

- Addressing Opioid Addiction
- Partnering for School Success
- Keeping Kids First After Divorce
- Improving Financial Confidence



Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Detectors

Trained and certified volunteers that serve

four functions:

- Citizen science
- Education/
outreach
- Stewardship
- Program support



Inspiring Energy Savings

Clean Energy Resource Teams' 2018 initiatives resulted in saving or generating **45.8 billion** BTUs annually

That's equivalent to powering 3 million LED light bulbs for an entire year



Creating Stronger Minnesota Communities

**Extension
provides
communities
reliable
data and analysis**



4-H Prepares Youth to Lead & Succeed



4-H youth are **TWICE** as likely to:

- Report higher grades
- Plan to go to college
- Youth are **THREE** times as likely to contribute to their communities



4-H Opens New Doors

- 4-H has exceeded parity in the county for youth of color and hispanic participation compared to census





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