



## EXTENSION CENTER FOR COMMUNITY VITALITY

# Helping Minnesota's Communities Build Their Futures

**BECAUSE** communities must be vibrant in order for Minnesota to stay strong. Communities thrive when the people who live, work and play there come together to define, create and sustain their desired future.

**UNIVERSITY RESPONSE** Extension's Center for Community Vitality works with Minnesota communities to build their capacity to address opportunities and challenges. Extension educators design, develop and deliver programs that:

- Inform local decisions
- Grow and strengthen community leadership
- Build strong ties in and between communities
- Retain and expand local businesses
- Build and grow tourism initiatives
- Spur the use of Internet technology

**RESULTS** Graduates of Extension's leadership development programs are:

- Taking on new leadership roles in their communities
- Increasing their leadership involvement at regional, state and national levels
- Bringing new resources and funding home to their communities

Communities participating in Extension's community economic programs have:

- Spurred successful "buy local" and community image campaigns
- Secured state and national support for local growth initiatives
- Retained and expanded businesses

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