WVU Extension Service Community Resources & Economic Development

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WVU Extension Service Mission

 WVU Extension Service educators and volunteers build and help sustain collaborations and partnerships with people and organizations in West Virginia, to improve their lives and communities.

 We work to improve our state's communities, workforce, and the economy.



WVU Extension Service Units

- 4-H Youth Development
- Agriculture and Natural Resources
- Families and Health
- Community, Economic, and Workforce Development
 - Community Resources & Economic Development



 Focus of CRED is Community Development

- What is Community Development?
 - The deliberate attempt by community people to work together to guide the future of their communities, and the development of a corresponding set of techniques for assisting community people in such a process.



- CRED provides <u>research</u>, <u>educational</u> <u>programs</u> and <u>technical assistance</u> to strengthen the capacity of citizens and organizations throughout the state.
- Capable of helping people understand community change and identify opportunities to improve social and economic well-being.



 Practical and timely solutions are enhanced by working closely with local communities, organizations, and partnering agencies.



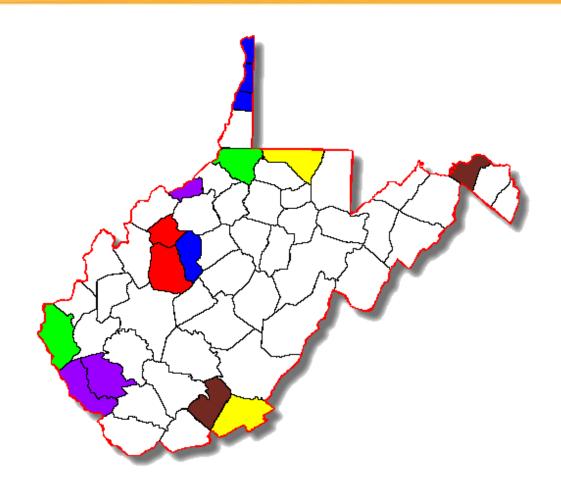
- State-based faculty
 - Doug Arbogast, Assistant Professor/Tourism Specialist
 - Michael Dougherty, Professor/Community Planning Specialist
 - Daniel Eades, Assistant Professor/Rural Economic Specialist
 - Kelly Nix, Associate Professor/Leadership Specialist
 - Mark Fullen, Interim Director
- Program Coordinator
 - Robin Frost, M.S., M.A.



- County Agents/Faculty
 - Travis Cullen (Roane & Wirt)
 - Jamie Mullins (Calhoun)
 - Allison Tomlinson (Monroe)
 - Open position (Pleasants)
 - Mollie Toppe (Wetzel)

- Gary Selby (Wayne)
- Rick Moorefield (Summers)
- Bill Richardson (Mingo & Logan)
- Norm Schwertfeger (Brooke)
- Cindy Smalley (Morgan)







Program Areas:

- Community Design
- Economic Development
- Planning Assistance
- Tourism Development







Community Design

- First Impressions
- Independent Retail Assessment Program
- Walkability Study





Economic Development

- Business Retention & Expansion
- Community Data Analysis
- Economic Impact Assessment





Planning Assistance

- Community Planning
- Community Visioning
- Strategic Planning
- Local Government Technical Assistance





Tourism

- Tourism Leadership Development
- Tourism First Impressions
- Strategic Planning for Tourism
- Hospitality Training





Leadership & Team Development

- Community & Organization Facilitation
- Community Leadership Educational Programs
- REAL Colors
- Team Member Styles





Leadership & Team Development

- Community Leadership Academy
 - Fourth year of conference in 2015
 - Theme: "Think Creatively—Connect Resourcefully"
 - Sept. 30-Oct. 2 in Morgantown (Lakeview Resort)
 - cla-wv.org





Who should attend?

- Community volunteer leaders
- City and County officials
- County commissioners
- Main Street program participants
- Chamber of Commerce Representatives
- Local business owners/managers
- Mayors
- City/Town councilmen
- City managers

- Municipal Planners
- Members of local boards and commissions (CVBs, planning commissions, Parks and Recreation commissions)
- Local EDA directors/members
- Extension professionals
- Historical organizations
- Community development organizations
- Students



Highlights

- Keynote Speaker Dan Gallagher
 - Author of The Self-Aware Leader
- Expert-led sessions
- Networking opportunities
- Panel Discussions
- Pre-conference Workshops
- Culinary Mobile Learning Tour
- Craft Beer Tasting Mobile Learning Tour





Registration

- Special student rate: \$50
- Early bird registration: \$175
 - Early registrants entered into drawing for 2 WVU football tickets & parking pass!
- General registration after Sept. 4: \$225
- Group registration (3+ people): \$150 each



How to register

Visit <u>www.cla-wv.org</u>







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