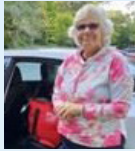


Community Voices

“Great Falls residents who rely on private wells value the quality of their water. Participation in the Drinking Water Clinic is up 38% from 2022, and volunteers collected samples at a Great Falls site for transport to Fairfax. This new local drop-off saved 2,000 travel miles. The Great Falls Citizens Association praises the clinic and looks forward to future partnering on other initiatives.”



Lisa Schlecht

Co-Chair, Environment and Parks Committee, Great Falls Citizens Association



Youth in Fairfax County prepare yogurt parfaits.

5,442

Pounds of food grown in community supported food pantry gardens

Partners for Solutions

“Our Extension Master Gardener volunteers serve as mentors at community, school, and faith-based organization gardens to help grow food for food pantries. We supported 26 community garden sites in the last year, growing not only healthy food, but also a feeling of community and learning.”



Adria Bordas
Agent

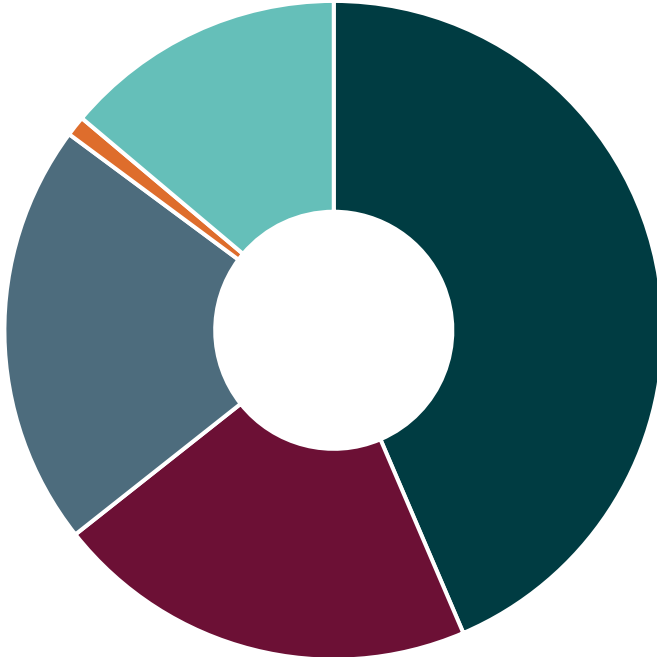
Sharing Knowledge

Fairfax County’s latest Youth Survey showed that just 26.8% of sixth graders ate at least five servings of fruits and vegetables per day. Extension’s 4-H and nutrition programs have historically provided youth with hands-on learning experiences to develop cooking skills. These holistic programs instill more than direct education: They also provide youth with leadership opportunities and a sense of belonging through clubs, camps, and other programs.

In recent years, the Fairfax County Extension Office partnered with Fairfax County Family Services to reach a broader audience. In 2023, Extension staff members facilitated a cooking experience for 16 youth and 16 mentors in a child abuse and neglect prevention program. The program leaders reported that the cooking program was among the most popular, and they asked to partner regularly and with more age groups next year.

Fairfax County

Funding by Source



44% State

21% Local

21% Federal

1% Grants

14% Other

Total Funding: \$611,471

\$3.84

return on investment
for every dollar
invested by the county
in **Fairfax County**

\$948,424

value of extension
volunteer hours in
Fairfax County

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