

Giles County

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Community Voices

“Giles County Extension is helping Giles County and Pembroke Telephone Company to bring broadband access to the most rural parts of the county. Through their partnership, we will be able to offer educational opportunities and advanced technology to an underserved community.”



Leon Law
PemTel President and Giles County Resident

1,200

People reached in October via Facebook

Partners for Solutions

“I helped Ryan and Melissa Duffy learn about a vernal pool on their property and the implications that protecting it has for wildlife in the area.”



Kloe Rife
Agent



Participants of the Summer Garden Program learned about vermicompost and how worms benefit soil.

Sharing Knowledge

Youth development is needed in order to advance the well-being of small rural communities like Giles County. Here, youth are often faced with food insecurity, and accessible healthy choices are not always an option in low-income homes.

The Summer Garden Program is a collaboration between Virginia Cooperative Extension, Giles Community Garden, and Carillion Clinic that offers youth real-life examples of healthy living and empowers them to make their own healthy choices. By the end of the eight-week program, participants have learned about MyPlate, nutrition, hygiene, exercise, and gardening.

The Summer Garden Program is needs-driven and addresses topics that youth may not learn about in their homes or traditional educational settings. By conducting pre- and post-surveys, we found an average improvement of 17% in nutrition and healthy behaviors concepts.

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Funding by Source



13% State

49% Local

6% Federal

30% Grants

3% Other

Total Funding: \$181,384



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