

Why attend the All Extension conference in person (besides the obvious of getting to see our colleagues in person for the first time in a few years)?

This is a working meeting.

- While we have all experienced and improved our ability to conduct and participate in hybrid meetings, being there in person will be better.
- A core outcome is the production of a position (aka white) paper for WSU Extension to articulate what we are, and could be, doing related to a changing climate. This position paper will allow Extension leadership to articulate to our new Dean, other colleges, University leadership (including governmental relations), and external funders what Extension could do and the impacts we would have, if we had more resources.
- In addition to this Extension-wide position paper, we have 3 working sessions dedicated to developing cross-disciplinary teams, each developing their own position papers. These papers will mirror the position papers developed nationally for Extension (see: <https://advocacy.extension.org/>) – again allowing teams to articulate current and potential impact and be prepared to respond to funding opportunities and position Extension within the College and the University.

This is garnering national Extension attention and participation – you want to be there in person:

- We have national Extension leadership coming to speak to us:
 - Jason Henderson, who leads the national Extension effort on Climate Mitigation, Resiliency, and Adaptation.
 - Paul LaChapelle, the co-leader and co-founder of National Extension Climate Initiative (NECI)
- Leaders in this field from across Extension nationally are asking if they can attend.

This is likely a one-time opportunity for us to critically look at how we can reposition Extension as a system to address the multi-faceted issues, risks, and opportunities that Washington residents are, and will, face in the future. It is the opportunity to start making decisions about what we can do, what resources we would need (including funds and personnel), and who we need to work with.

This is an opportunity to connect Extension to the research across the university (as we are partnering with WSU research centers), allowing Extension to translate the research into meaningful, place-based solutions and opportunities. These partnerships will not only increase our impact in community, but will also position us and our communities to be meaningfully involved in funding proposals at the design stage, not just at implementation.

We will address (through workshops) our anxieties and how to communicate to our communities why this is important while still meeting people where they are at.