



## 2015-2016 GREEN COUNTY LEADERS Community Projects

### AODA WORKPLACE ASSESSMENT

Liza Bade, Christine Bilgri, Heidi Brandt, Jason Kundert, Katie Martie, Lynn Mathison, James Pickett, Megan Reading

**COMMUNITY PARTNER:** Green County Human Services Dept.

#### SUMMARY

Conducted an AODA (alcohol and other drug abuse) workplace assessment in partnership with Bob Gibson of the Green County Human Services Department. Our team developed a survey concerning employee substance abuse policies and assistance programs which was distributed to Green County businesses in order to raise awareness, gather information and determine business needs in our community. Survey results will be shared with local business leaders along with information assembled by the team pertaining to substance abuse policy guidelines, employee education, prevention, assistance and supervisor training.

### STORY WALK

Matt Brown, Melissa Even, Kevin Lague

**COMMUNITY PARTNER:** Monroe Public Library

#### SUMMARY

We worked with the Monroe Public Library and the City of Monroe to install a Walking Storybook in an under-utilized Park on the west Side of Monroe. Honey Creek Park had the space and size needed to implement our project. It also is home of the "Barry" Prairie Grass Park. To increase the usage of this park and encourage literacy and healthy habits we selected a walking storybook to appeal to current and potential users of the park. We selected a visually graphic children's book from a Wisconsin Author. We coordinated with the Monroe Public Library to have the Launch of the Walking Storybook to coincide with the final day of the Youth Summer Reading Program. We will also incorporate the story during one of the Farmer's Market events this summer. Our launch date is set for July 29<sup>th</sup>, 2016

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#### FOOD WASTE MANAGEMENT

Andrea Balsiger, Sue Finn, Patricia Lawson, Jordan Nordby, Karl Rindal

##### SUMMARY

Worked on developing a pilot project with the City of Monroe to explore food waste composting at the municipal level. Halfway through the project the City of Monroe determined it was no longer able to continue with the project due to personnel changes at the City.

#### BIKE TRAIL MAPPING

Mahmoud Abdelmagid, Jordan Boeck, Bryan Gadow, Kristin Riniker, Jim Root

**COMMUNITY PARTNER:** Green County Tourism Department

##### SUMMARY

Our community project involved the creation of not only a bike map for Green County, but a map that includes seven mapped out routes throughout Green County. While the planned routes vary in difficulty, they all measure out to be around 25 miles in distance. The maps, which we are designing and printing through American Publishing Company, Inc. out of Madison, will be distributed around Green County, to the local chambers, bike shops, etc.

#### ABOUT GREEN COUNTY LEADERS

Green County Leaders is an educational program where individuals practice leadership skills, deepen their understanding of community issues, and prepare for leadership roles, creating a network of individuals committed to the future of Green County.

Since 2002, Green County Leader participants have donated the equivalent to over \$200,000 of volunteer hours to strengthen Green County communities.

Green County Leaders is made possible by a partnership between Green County UW-Extension and the Green County Development Corporation, with strong support from community organizations and businesses. For more information about this program, please contact Victoria Solomon at [Victoria.Solomon@ces.uwex.edu](mailto:Victoria.Solomon@ces.uwex.edu) or 608-328-9440 or visit [www.greencountyleaders.com](http://www.greencountyleaders.com)

