SHINING A LIGHT ON URBAN EXTENSION IN COLORADO

A JOURNEY TO HOSTING THE NATIONAL URBAN EXTENSION CONFERENCE (NUEC)

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Introduction

It seems many folks internal and external to Extension either are unaware of its programs or attribute the work to rural communities in livestock and agriculture. While these remain a strength, Extension also makes a difference with education and opportunities that cater to urban, peri-urban, and foothills communities. I aim to continue getting rid of Extension as the "Best Kept Secret," especially for our most populous communities, by developing tools and mechanisms to increase awareness about Extension's urban engagement.

Aim

Advocate to Colorado State University and National Urban Extension Leadership (NUEL) to host the urban extension conference in Denver in 2028. The purpose is to highlight urban extension as an essential piece of meeting Extension's mission, and to broaden ideas that greaten urban-area work in Colorado and nationwide.

Results

Colorado is selected as the host of National Urban Extension Conference in 2028. Jeni Carter will serve as Chair.



Logo and theme, Denver NUEC 2028

Method

2025-2026

- Gather Colorado State University support.
- Ascertain regional support from the National Urban Extension, Western Division.
- Understand the needs and Colorado opportunities for the 2028 conference from the National Urban Extension Steering Committee.
- Propose dates and locations to serve NUEC audiences and needs in 2028.
- Serve on 2026 NUEC Detroit national planning committee to learn and shadow.
- Commit to serving as Chair, 2028.
- Create a local planning committee.
- Announce NUEC Denver '28 to '26 attendees.

2026-2028

- Work closely with Extension Foundation and planning committees to ensure effective planning and implementation for NUEC Denver.

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