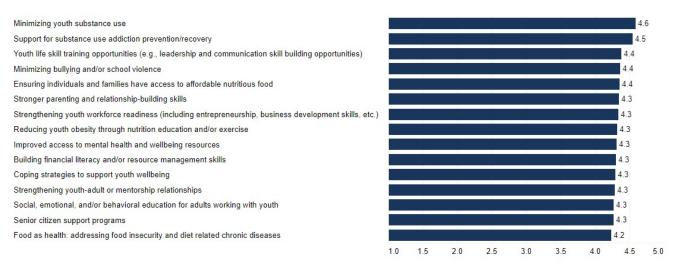


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Wayne County Results Summary

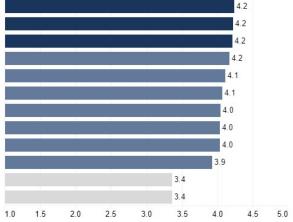
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Top 15 Issues in Wayne County



Agriculture and Natural Resources Needs

Access to high-speed internet
Sustainability of family farms
Streghtening/supporting the local food and agriculture industry
Market support for locally grown and produced foods
Preserving/managing agricultural land
Providing increased market opportunities for farmers
Helping individual, families, farmers, and/or businesses recover from natural disasters
Issues affecting crops (e.g., pests, diseases and weed issues)
Helping individuals, families, farmers, and/or businesses prepare for natural disasters
Assisting farmers in agricultural production or profitability
Helping producers create carbon neutral businesses
Dealing with climate variation



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Family and Consumer Sciences 4-H Youth Development Community and Economic Development

Community and Economic Development Needs

Safe, accessible community places for outdoor physical activity (walk, run, bike, etc.)

Efforts that support local and small businesses

Strengthening adult workforce readiness (including entrepreneurship, and business development skills) Opportunities that promote a sense of local community (e.g., community events, creative expression, and community gardens)

Addressing housing issues (e.g., affordable housing, evictions, and unhoused populations)

Preparations for community-wide disasters and/or climate impacts

Collaborations among community organizations and local government, particularly representing or working with underserved populations

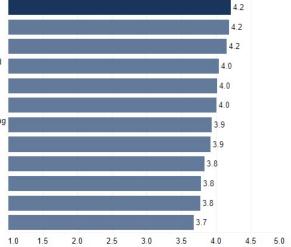
Building the capacity of local nonprofits and community leaders

Assisting local government and businesses with land use decisions

Assisting more populated communities in addressing issues associated with community, social and/or economic development

Programs/information to build capacity for community arts & design, placemaking and infrastructure

Creating inclusive involvement of diverse populations in community efforts/events and decision-making



Youth Development Needs

Minimizing youth substance use								4.	6
Youth life skill training opportunities (e.g., leadership and communication skill building opportunities)								4.4	
Minimizing bullying and/or school violence								4.4	
Strengthening youth workforce readiness (including entrepreneurship, business development skills, etc.)								4.3	
Reducing youth obesity through nutrition education and/or exercise					No.			4.3	
Coping strategies to support youth wellbeing								4.3	
Strengthening youth-adult or mentorship relationships								4.3	
Social, emotional, and/or behavioral education for adults working with youth								4.3	
Promoting youth agriculture and natural resource literacy							4	.2	
Strengthening youth peer-peer relationships							4.	2	
Maximizing youth voice in issues that matter to them							4.1	1	
Engaging diverse and non-traditional youth audiences in programming							4.0		
	1.0	1.5	2.0	2.5	3.0	3.5	4.0	4.5	5.0

Individual and Family Development Needs

Support for substance use addiction prevention/recovery								4.5	5
Ensuring individuals and families have access to affordable nutritious food								4.4	
Stronger parenting and relationship-building skills								4.3	
Improved access to mental health and wellbeing resources								4.3	
Building financial literacy and/or resource management skills								4.3	
Senior citizen support programs								4.3	
Food as health: addressing food insecurity and diet related chronic diseases								4.2	
Building employee soft skills (e.g., communication, productivity, and teamwork skills)							4	.2	
Educational opportunities about home food safety practices (e.g., food preservation and canning)							4.	2	
Building life skills of community members							4.1		
Educational opportunities to promote healthy homes (e.g., mold prevention/treatment and home safet	у						4.1		
Prepare community members for formal/informal leadership and/or volunteer roles							4.0		
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