

# Leading Communities: A Place-Based Leadership Curriculum

## Four Core Skill Sets

- Understanding community leadership and your community
- Identifying issues and framing ideas
- Building social capital
- Mobilizing resources for community action

Leading Communities is a research based program developed by ISU Extension and Outreach and the University of Wisconsin Extension. It is designed to teach community members skills they need for interacting and working together to promote sustainable community development.



## Local Programming

- Enhance your personal leadership abilities
- Expand your network of leaders in the community
- Find opportunities for future leadership in your career and community.
- Expand your awareness of challenges and opportunities in Henry County

Participants will interact with local leaders and learn about Henry County resources during community organized tours and leadership panels. Class sessions will rotate to both rural areas and towns in the county, showcasing the uniqueness of each. A certificate will be awarded to participants who successfully fulfill the requirements of the leadership program.

# Building Leaders for a Stronger Tomorrow

Henry County Leadership is designed to identify, cultivate, and navigate future community leaders.

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## Important Dates:

- Participant application due by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, September 15, 2023
- Participant notification by September 22, 2023
- Program runs October 2023—May 2024

The program application is available online or by contacting the participating partners.

## Tuition

- \$600 per person (additional cost include one meal and a one night stay in Des Moines for the State Government session. )



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**SESSION 1  
OCTOBER 10, 2023**

**TOPIC**

Community Leadership

- Checking our Biases
- Understanding Placed-Based Leadership Development
- Collecting & Using Quantitative Data
- ◇ Learn the History of Henry County
- ◇ Tour of the Community
- ◇ Impact of Midwest Old Threshers

**SESSION 2  
NOVEMBER 14, 2023**

**TOPIC**

Agriculture & Conservation

- Value of Inclusivity
- Collecting & Using Qualitative Data
- Gathering Community Information
- Community Visioning
- ◇ Learn the Role of ISU Extension & Outreach
- ◇ Tour Conservation Center & Oakland Mills
- ◇ Tour Local Agriculture Facility

**SESSION 3  
DECEMBER 12, 2023**

**TOPIC**

Healthcare & Social Services

- Communication Styles
- Identifying & Prioritizing Community Issues
- Naming, Framing & Reframing
- ◇ Visit Henry County Health Center
- ◇ Tour of the Mount Pleasant Childcare Center

**SESSION 4  
JANUARY 09, 2024**

**TOPIC**

Economic Development

- Social Relationships & Networks
- Understanding Social Capital
- Analyzing Group Development
- ◇ Visit Small Business in Main Street Mount Pleasant
- ◇ Downtown Housing
- ◇ Area Plant Tours

**SESSION 5  
FEBRUARY 7-8, 2024**

**TOPIC**

State Government Des Moines

- ◇ Travel along with Des Moines, Lee and Louisa Counties to Southeast Iowa Days
- ◇ Meet with State Government Officials
- ◇ Network with Southeast Iowa Leaders
- ◇ Advocate on behalf of Southeast Iowa

**SESSION 6  
MARCH 12, 2024**

**TOPIC**

Local Government, Crime & Safety

- Diversity & Inclusion in the Community
- Social Relationships & Group Communication
- Conflict & Agreement in Decision Making
- ◇ Tour of the City Hall
- ◇ Tour of the Mount Pleasant Correctional Facility
- ◇ Visit the Henry County Courthouse and tour the Henry County Jail

**SESSION 7  
APRIL 09, 2024**

**TOPIC**

Education

- Vibrant Communities or Forgotten Places
- Impacts of Community Decisions
- Understanding Community Power Dynamics
- Vision to Action: Projects & Goals
- ◇ Tour of Area Schools

**GRADUATION  
MAY 14, 2024**

**TOPIC**

Graduation

- ◇ Graduation

- **Leading Communities Curriculum**
- ◇ **Local programming organized by partner organizations**