

EXTENSION SNAPSHOT

Fulton-Mason-Peoria-Tazewell Unit



COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURAL CONSUMER & ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES

What I Do and Why It Matters

This new Snapshot series serves as a way to re-introduce you to our unit staff. Each month a different staff member will be featured.

Kathie Brown provides expertise in work force development, community planning, local government and STEM education. Her involvement in CED work throughout the state benefits our communities as she excels at connecting people to resources, information, and each other.

What I Do and Why It Matters



“I help local stakeholders build their capacity to improve their communities. My programming focuses on engaging community leaders in learning about and understanding community issues and the economic, social, environmental, and other impacts associated with community development. I enjoy finding new opportunities for enriching the campus experience through collaborative engagement with the community.”

Kathleen Brown

Community and Economic Development Educator

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Kathie has been the community and economic development educator serving Fulton, Mason, Peoria, and Tazewell Counties since 2011. She has worked for Illinois Extension since 1980.

EDUCATION

B.S. and M.S. degrees from Western Illinois University

JOB HISTORY

Extension Specialist, Community & Economic Development Macomb Center
 Extension Specialist, Solid Waste Management
 Community and Economic Development Team, Co-Chair and Evaluation Team Lead

HONORS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

American Planning Association—Student Planning Award (2016 & 2009)
 National Association of Community Development Extension Professionals,
 Distinguished Service Award
 Excellence in Teamwork

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

National Association for Community Leadership
 The Evaluators Institute
 American Planning Association

EXTENSION FOCUS AREAS

Work Force Development	STEM Education
Community Planning	Local Government Education



EXAMPLES OF KATHIE'S CURRENT PROJECTS

- ◆ Fulton County Health Careers Opportunity
- ◆ Rural Health Research Proposal project including SIU School of Medicine and College of ACES
- ◆ Working with companies in Havana and Morton to develop university connections that will assist with talent acquisition and product development
- ◆ West Main Corridor Study (Peoria)
- ◆ Hanna City and Dunlap community recreation plans