

EXTENSION SNAPSHOT

Fulton-Mason-Peoria-Tazewell



COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURAL, CONSUMER
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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.

Nicole Flowers-Kimmerlee is often referred to as our horticulture educator, but her official title is agriculture and natural resources. Her education and career backgrounds lend themselves to her expertise in many different areas that focus on environment, food and community.

What I Do and Why It Matters



“As an agriculture and natural resources educator, I help provide information about growing plants and natural resources. Trainings, answering homeowner questions, and supporting master volunteers are all ways that I can deliver up to date, researched based information.”

Nicole Flowers-Kimmerlee

Agriculture and Natural Resources Educator

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Nicole began her career with University of Illinois Extension in 2019.

EDUCATION

University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, Bachelor’s degree in crop science
University of Wisconsin—Madison, Master of Science Agronomy in weed science
Montana State University, teaching certification

EXAMPLES OF NICOLE’S PROGRAM PARTNERS

Peoria Park District
The Nature Conservancy: Emiquon
Chautauqua U.S. Fish and Wildlife
Wildlife Prairie Park
Spoon River College Arboretum
Morton Public Library

EXAMPLES OF NICOLE’S CURRENT EXTENSION EFFORTS

Pollinator garden at Peoria Zoo
WIC garden and Food Forest at Tazewell County Health Department
Garden and natural area at Peoria County Juvenile Detention Center
Book study for Master Volunteers
Virtual educational opportunities and meetings



EXTENSION FOCUS AREAS

- Environment
- Food
- Community