

# 2013 Extension Impacts in St. Clair County



## ACES

The Alabama Cooperative Extension System, the primary outreach organization for the land-grant mission of Alabama A&M University and Auburn University, delivers research-based educational programs that enable people to improve their quality of life and economic well-being.

## Close to Home

Our commitment is solidified in our ongoing support of offices in all 67 counties. These offices assure our connection to the local needs and issues of all citizens.

The Alabama Cooperative Extension System funds 7.65 FTEs (full-time equivalent employees) in **St. Clair County**. These professionals deliver educational programs throughout the year. Programs are developed statewide and delivered locally in each county. Extension regularly partners with the people of Alabama to assess the educational needs in all walks of life.

## Agriculture, Forestry, Wildlife, and Natural Resources

- 52 St. Clair County residents attended the Starting Healthy Vegetable Transplants at Home workshop and reported **average savings of \$50**.
- 28 St. Clair County residents who attended the Recreational Pond Management workshop reported a 47 percent increase in their knowledge of **how to manage and maintain aquatic resources**.
- 11 county residents **gained a better understanding of ecology** and habitat improvement techniques in attracting and growing healthy wild turkey and deer populations at a wild turkey and deer management workshop.

## Economic and Community Development

- 9 veterans successfully completed the Veterans Treatment Court Program with assistance from veteran mentors whose training is facilitated by the St. Clair County Extension office. **The program saved the county \$450,000.**
- A **resource fair for veterans** and military families was held in St. Clair County. 27 veterans filed for disability compensation for the first time.

## Urban Affairs and New Nontraditional Programs

- 80 students at the Boys and Girls Clubs learned how to **prepare healthy, fun snacks**, which they plan to continue making at home, potentially saving their families \$4,500 monthly.

## Family and Consumer Sciences

- More than 50 men took advantage of **free prostate cancer screenings** at the annual St. Clair County Health Fair. This saved the men \$10,000 collectively and possibly their lives.
- Basic **food preservation programs** were conducted with more than 50 participants. The effort has helped families **save money, eat more fruits and vegetables**, and ensure that their preserved foods are safe to consume.

## 4-H and Youth Development

- More than 200 young people participated in the St. Clair County 4-H Clover Classroom, which provided opportunities to learn life skills, creative endeavors, hobbies, and technology. Extension-trained volunteers logged many hours of **service valued at \$27,010**.