

Master Gardeners Reorganization

Iowa State is committed to excellence in the Iowa Master Gardener Program, one of the strongest educational and volunteer service programs in the extension system. The program has trained more than 9,000 people in the past 20 years. In exchange for training, Iowa Master Gardeners volunteer their service, time and knowledge in their local communities. As part of restructuring due to budget cuts in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences and ISU Extension, the Iowa Master Gardener Program at Iowa State University will be reorganized as outlined below.

- Two campus-based positions will be eliminated as horticultural extension activities and teaching of undergraduate students in horticulture are combined into one new position.
- The new position to be developed will be responsible for coordinating Master Gardener activities around the state, teaching distance-education courses (credit and noncredit) for Master Gardeners and other interested audiences and teaching horticulture courses on campus. The position will be 75 percent extension and 25 percent teaching.
- The reorganization is expected to further link extension and teaching activities in horticulture and lead to development of more online delivery strategies or courses for Master Gardeners and other interested audiences.