2026

Creating Healthy Communities (CHC)

Highlights

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SUPPORTING LOCAL FOOD ACCESS IN HOLMESVILLE

The Holmesville Farmers' Market continues to bring local vendors and community members together! This year, CHC helped promote the market, supported vendor food safety training, and purchased tents and chairs to support market activities. Vendor feedback highlighted the welcoming atmosphere and connections with customers.

WHAT IS CHC?

The Holmes County General Health District was awarded the Creating Healthy Communities (CHC) grant through the Ohio Department of Health, providing funding through 2029 to support healthy eating, active living, and overall community well-being. In 2026, CHC focused on supporting local farmers' markets, improving parks and recreational spaces, providing grant writing education, and exploring opportunities to improve walking and biking connections. Through partnerships with local organizations, businesses, and community members, CHC is working to increase access to healthy foods, encourage physical activity, and create a healthier Holmes County.

IMPROVING HOLMES COUNTY PARKS

Parks provide important opportunities for residents to spend time outdoors, be physically active, and connect with their community. In partnership with the Village of Millersburg, CHC supported improvements at Clay Street Park and Airport Park. Recent updates included fresh playground mulch at Clay Street Park and a new bench and picnic table at Airport Park. Bike racks were also purchased for both parks, helping encourage residents to walk or bike when visiting these spaces.

GRANT WRITING EDUCATION

In September, CHC partnered with OSU Extension to host a grant writing workshop for local organizations. The workshop welcomed 18 participants and provided information and resources to help them develop grant writing skills and pursue funding for community projects. Strong interest in the workshop highlighted the need for continued education and support for local organizations. CHC and OSU Extension plan to explore future training opportunities to help community partners turn their ideas into action.

THANK YOU, PARTNERS!

CHC would like to thank the many community partners who help make these projects possible, including:

OSU Extension - Cuyahoga County
Holmesville Farmers' Market
Holmesville Community Center
Historic Downtown Millersburg
Village of Millersburg
Local churches and community volunteers

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IMPROVING THE ENVIRONMENT OF THOSE WHO LIVE, WORK AND PLAY IN HOLMES COUNTY