

## Sustainable Living and Extension

Since 2008, the Joint Council of Extension Professionals (JCEP) has been exploring how Sustainable Living might be used as a signature program for all Extension professional associations and Extension program areas. Sustainable Living can be defined as “A life that is deeply satisfying, fulfilling, and appealing because it is socially, environmentally, and economically responsible.” Sustainability includes programming from agriculture, 4-H youth, consumerism, health, energy conservation, community development and much more. The JCEP website <http://www.jcep.org> under the Sustainability link on the left, includes the White paper, "A Vision for Relevance," the results from the JCEP Sustainability Roundtable discussion at Galaxy III, held in September 2008, matrices showing specific examples of what sustainable actions look like in Extension and other sustainability resources. The consumer booklet, "*Living Sustainably: It's Your Choice*" is on the Oregon State University website at <http://extension.oregonstate.edu/catalog/pdf/ec/ec1614.pdf>. A database of Extension Sustainability Tools are housed on the ANREP website, [www.anrep.org](http://www.anrep.org).

JCEP's Sustainability Committee (past, past presidents of the 6 member associations) sponsored a one-hour webinar for all of the JCEP member organization board members and CSREES Deputies on Wednesday, May 13. The webinar featured Dr. Jerry Hembd, PhD, Community & Economic Specialist, University of Wisconsin Extension, Assoc. Professor, UW, Superior and Viviane Simon-Brown, Director, National Network for Sustainable Living Education, Professor and Extension Specialist, Oregon State University College of Forestry.

JCEP Sustainable Living Webinar - recorded May 13, 2009

- Why Sustainability
- Why Extension
- Why Now

You can view the archived version of the webinar at the JCEP website <http://www.jcep.org> or visit <http://breeze.ltc.arizona.edu/p13736311/>

This Sustainable Living initiative encourages all associations to "walk the talk" and include sustainable practices in their programs, national and state conferences and personal choices.