

**FACILITATING COORDINATION IN AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION - District 2
November 2019 – Summary of Activities - Luke Allen**

I. ON SITE ASSISTANCE – SCHOOLS – 11

COUNTY PARTNERSHIPS - 1

SCHOOLS – Clifton Central, Evanston Township, Gary Comer, Herscher, John Marshall, Lake County Tech Campus (ACC), Lyons Township, Naperville Central, Peotone, Seneca, Triton College
COUNTY PARTNERSHIPS – Ford-Iroquois

II. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROVIDED – 0

PARTICIPANTS – 0

III. MEETINGS/CONVENTIONS/CONFERENCES ATTENDED – 6

District 2 Ag Literacy Coordinator Meeting, Morris
FCAE Staff Meeting, Springfield
ICAE Meeting, Springfield
Temple Grandin presentation (multiple schools), Naperville
ILCAE Meeting, Springfield
Illinois Association of School Boards Annual Conference, Chicago

IV. MILES TRAVELED – Auto: 1947

V. OTHER ACTIVITIES - 9

Communicated with school administrators interested in new Ag programs
Reviewed & submitted student teacher grant paperwork
Maintained Teacher Logins in myCAERT
Sent Teacher and Individual Information Requests
Managed and Maintained the Website
Assisted Ag Teachers and Administrators with Three Circle FFA and SAE Grant Questions
Wrote and Sent Email Messages/Updated Email Addresses on the Listserv
Prepared for Meetings
Completed Monthly Reports

VI. COMMENTARY

I have been contacted by several suburban school administrators who are interested in starting new Ag programs, and have been working to connect them with colleagues at schools who offer Ag and giving them tours of those programs. I visit with as many students as I can about considering AgEd as a career option. When I was at ILCAE I learned DePaul University is offering Sustainable Ag courses and I plan to meet with Tyler Strom to develop that relationship- it is my hope we can begin to offer an urban AgEd teacher training program in the near future. I would like to begin developing a more “mainstream” “AgEd-lite” model for implementation in AP Human Geography and AP Environmental Science teachers at schools who otherwise could not offer an approved AgEd program. I also hope we can get some of our industry partners and University friends to sponsor an Urban/Sustainable Ag Educator Conference.