As part of her 4-H project, Meera Nadathur learned about the drinking water purification process firsthand by visiting the Greater Cincinnati Water Works treatment plant.
We connect with people in all stages of life.

We work with families and children, farmers and business owners, and community leaders and elected officials to build better lives, better businesses and better communities that make Ohio great. We do this through a focus on the following impact areas.

Strengthening families and communities
We teach people how to apply research in their daily lives in order for them to make informed choices about everything from finances to healthy living to food safety.

Preparing youth for success
Our 4-H youth development program delivers skills in leadership, communications, math, science and research to 216,000 young Ohioans. Ohio 4-H extends its reach through special in-school, after-school and summer programs.

Enhancing agriculture and the environment
Ohio’s diverse agricultural, horticultural and forestry industries contribute $105 billion to the state’s economy every year. We assist with technology, marketing and educational support, protecting Ohio’s position in the global marketplace. We also work to enhance the environment, water quality and natural resources in the state — balancing economic progress with environmental sustainability.

Advancing employment and income opportunities
Our economic, small business and job development programs are tailored to local community needs in every county, whether metropolitan, rural or a combination of both.

OSU Extension’s mission
Engaging people to strengthen their lives and communities through research-based educational programming

Locally based, jointly funded
We are the university’s community-based research and outreach arm, delivering knowledge from The Ohio State University to every county in Ohio.
We are jointly funded through a line item in the State of Ohio’s budget, through county funds and through the federal government. We do not receive funding from student tuition.