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I support funding sewer and water infrastructure at the Union County Fairgrounds. I work as the Master Gardener program coordinator for Union County. My volunteers and I participate in outreach activities via the OSU Extension fair booth. In my experience, the UC Fairgrounds are very rustic, with only portable toilets and handwashing stations available to visitors. This possibly contributes to lower visitor counts and shorter overall visit times to what could otherwise be a vibrant community gathering place. State investment in community infrastructure east of the Cascades also communicates an effort toward building equity and value across all regions of the state.