



# The Spindle

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## DR. KENT 'KIP' CURTIS MICRO FARM PROJECT

Dr. Kent "Kip" Curtis is a professor of environmental history with multiple publications on mining and environmentalism. He currently teaches at OSU Mansfield and is a fellow for the Office of Outreach and Engagement. Dr. Curtis earned his Ph.D. at the University of Kansas and has been writing and studying the effects of economic development on the environment and the food system for over 20 years.

Dr. Curtis is bringing his expertise to program development at the Ecolab at Ohio State Mansfield, where he is leading an Initiative in Ecology as Social Justice, including a campus demonstration urban farm. Dr. Curtis is also currently the primary investigator on the Mansfield Microfarm Project. This project is interdisciplinary and community-led focusing on economic improvement through urban agriculture.

In 2016, Curtis designed a whole system approach to urban agricultural development and in 2018 he leveraged community-university partnerships into a \$2,000,000 pilot project now underway in Mansfield to develop that system. This project is being expanded into other mid-Ohio cities.

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