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Hi Debbie,
Please share the attached documents and my email as you see fit. I've attached the NPL review again for your convenience.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to OSU's 2019 report. The issues tackled by OSU are ambitious and broad in scope. Your report sent me back to my troubled relationship with the logic model and the expectation that these reports be structured around changes in knowledge, behavior, and environment. Many projects in this report are clearly ambitious and long-term. I would not want OSU to exclude them because the data has not progressed beyond the knowledge sharing stage. The report does a good job providing the context of the project and expressing the significance of the research or extension to Ohioans. What might strengthen the delivery is to share, somewhere in a project writeup, is the intended set of changes. In projects addressing issues like climate change, it might help to provide one example of a concrete change in producer behavior that the team hopes to see at some point. It is not just the description of the issue but providing the reader some sense of the "to be" state. The first example on page 20 did this really well – it had the context (as is), the gap, and an intended outcome.

Some of the best practices that I pulled from your report are: 1) next steps in a project gives the reader the sense of the relevance of the research; 2) multiplier effect in the banking example. You also had some great examples of the important role that Extension plays in community/economic development. I've read a variety of project descriptions along these lines that need more publicity. Educating the lending community is a project that should have significant payoffs down the road. I was excited to see the canning project and think there are significant environmental benefits to extension resurrecting this program nationwide. Whether they can be measured or not is another question!

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