In February 2014, Imagining America: Artists and Scholars in Public Life announced a new initiative in partnership with the Charles F. Kettering Foundation, the Engagement Scholarship Consortium, Community-Campus Partnerships for Health, and the Art of the Rural organization. The initiative, titled "Extension Reconsidered", is engaging teams from 13 states in organizing a series of events that invite citizens to imagine and consider new ways for Cooperative Extension to serve as a vital resource for communities in the 21st century.

University of Minnesota is one of 13 land-grant universities participating in rethinking and envisioning cooperative extension's role and relevance across the whole of American higher education. University of Minnesota Extension has a vision of creating a stronger Minnesota by generating research, education and outreach in environment, agriculture, communities, food, families and youth. Extension in Minnesota provides practical education and science-based research to help people, businesses and communities solve problems, develop skills and build a better future.

University of Minnesota Extension, in partnership with colleagues from Design Thinking @ College of Design will develop and facilitate a series of meaningful and creative discussions for our state's Extension Reconsidered using Design Thinking.