



Food Security Forum 2010 Discussion Group Action Items



Arcata Local Food System & Policy

- Food in Schools:
 - Policy, access, school gardens, curriculum/standards, HSU involvement
 - Meetings with key players
 - ✓ Emily Sinkhorn, Carol Mone, Dana Silvernale, Suzanne Simpson, Roger Tuan
- Food Preservation/Processing Facility (for farmers, food producers, community members; ex: Food Works)
 - ✓ Steve Suttell
- Community Collaborative Gardens
 - Education, policy (ex: lawns to gardens project, community gardens)

Disaster Preparedness and Food Security

- Creating a community cannery—supplement/replace items on “List of 28”
 - ✓ Steve Suttell
- Create package of info on How to Start a Garden & provide seed starts for individual households
 - ✓ Andrew Newcomb, Michele Dulus, George Stevens
- Multiple agency collaboration to incorporate neighborhood level food preparedness promotion in existing disaster preparedness efforts
 - ✓ Linda Nellist, Andrew Newcomb, VOAD

Food Access for Low Income Community

- Increase EBT visibility at Farmers’ Market
 - ✓ Dave McCuish, Deborah Waxman
- Try to package tools/message: ‘Start your garden w/EBT’
 - ✓ Dave McCuish, Deborah Waxan, Michelle Postman, Danielle Stubblefield, George Stevens
- Build community support for local cannery
 - ✓ Steve Suttell

Farmers’ Issues & Land Use

- List of aspiring farmers—link new farmers to resources for mentorship, tools, land, etc
 - ✓ Kevin Cunningham, Deborah Giraud

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- General Plan: Articulate farmers' issues to community; encourage community to act.
 - ✓ Dan Primerano, Dan E., John LaBoyteaux
- Utilize social networking & digital communication
 - ✓ Kevin Cunningham, Deborah Giraud, Dan Primerano, Dan E. John LaBoyteaux, Michele Dules

Local Food Preparation: How to Do It Your Self

- Centralize information; facilitate communication
 - ✓ Portia Boni, Michele Dulas, Ann Anderson, Dian Bacigalupi, Lauren Sarabia, Suzanne Simpson
- Home gardening network
 - ✓ Suzanne Simpson, Michele Dulas, Dian Bacigalupi
- Identify existing processing facilities and equipment
 - ✓ Ann Anderson, Martha Haynes
- Identify gaps in local products and potential business opportunities
 - ✓ Portia Boni, Mark Dubrow
- Creation of distribution hub
- Agri-tourism, farm tours
 - ✓ Deborah Giraud, Portia Boni, Dian Bacigalupi
- School gardens
 - ✓ Michele Dulas, Andy Sehic, Suzanne Simpson

Distribution & Coordination in New Local System

- Research farmer focus group and shared resource equipment
 - ✓ Melanie Patrick, Chris Wisner, George Stevens, Claudia, Abbott-Barish, Jessica Dunoway, Melanie Olstad
- Create community cooperation (cooperative corporation?)--owned by shareholders--to look for money and plan for distribution hub
 - Paid position to coordinate farmers and increase volume; models rural development with food hub (need agreement that this is what farmers want)
 - Price out pieces of machinery
 - Truck to travel distribution hub
 - ✓ Steve Salzman, David Lippman, Claudia Abbott-Barish, Helen Love

Steps to Achieve Co-op Strategic Plan

- Offer classes on how food is grown and how to grow our own food as part of cooking classes
- Support the establishment of distribution and processing facility



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- Establish a kids' program so they can learn how their food is grown and where it comes from
- Create a resource network on what resources/organizations are doing related to food security/nutrition
- Continue involvement in forums/panels such as this