



DVRPC Food System
Stakeholder Committee

Meeting
Tuesday, September 29, 2009
10:00am – 12:00pm
Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission

Meeting Highlights

Welcome and Introductions

Richard Bickel, Planning Division Director, DVRPC, welcomed participants to the meeting and shared his own experience with food system issues and the increasing need to incorporate food, health and other areas into planning efforts. Attendees also introduced themselves and their organizations.

Introduction to DVRPC's Food System Plan

Alison Hastings, Senior Environmental Planner, DVRPC gave brief background on DVRPC as an organization and it's involvement with the food system. She also summarized key findings from the Greater Philadelphia Food System Study, which is currently being prepared for publication. She outlined the planning process that the project will now embark on and introduced Kate Clancy, the featured speaker.

"What Are We Talking About When We Talk About Local and Regional Food Systems?"

Kate Clancy is a Food Systems Consultant and Senior Fellow with Minnesota Institute for Sustainable Agriculture. She presented the common misconceptions or confusion about the words food system, regional, local, sustainable and expressed the need for thinking of transitional models, being clear about values and understanding terms. She also provided some considerations for determining the size and scope of food system planning efforts.

Identifying Our Values for a More Sustainable and Resilient Food System

Amanda Wagner, Food Systems Associate, DVRPC, provided direction for the small group component, including an explanation of ground rules for discussion and a clarification of the meaning of "values."

Small Group Discussions

DVRPC Food System Planning Team led attendees in a small group exercise exploring the values and meanings of local, sustainable, regional and resilient. Specifically, groups were asked to think about the similarities and differences between local and regional and between sustainable and resilient. When the large group reconvened, spokespeople were asked to report on the top values or themes that emerged for each of the four words (local, regional, sustainable, resilient).



Next Steps

Alison Hastings outlined the next steps for the planning process, which will include drafting goals based on the values that emerged from this discussion, conducting additional analysis as needed, identifying indicators and reviewing both indicators and recommendations at a later meeting (tentatively December 4, 2009).

One Minute Reports

Members of the Stakeholder Committee took turns providing updates and announcements that would be relevant to others present including:

Meeting Attendees

Name	Affiliation
Laurie Actman	City of Philadelphia, Mayor's Office
Rob Amsterdam	A.P.E. Produce
Claire Baker	Pennsylvania Horticultural Society
Beverlee Barnes	Delaware County Planning Department
Ann Brady	Delaware Valley College
Megan Braley	University of the Arts
Dr. Joseph Brosnan	Delaware Valley College
Dennis Burton	Schuylkill Center
John Byrnes	PSU - Philadelphia Cooperative Extension
Kate Clancy	Guest Speaker
Lily Cope	GPTMC
Cliff David	Heritage Conservancy
Donna Drewes	TCNJ - Municipal Land Use Center
Curt Fentress	GPTMC
Peter Forbes	Center for Whole Communities
Katherine Gajewski	City of Philadelphia, Mayor's Office
Dave Glenn	NOFA-NJ
Shelly Glenn	NOFA-NJ
Mami Hara	Wallace Roberts & Todd, LLC
Greg Heller	The Enterprise Center
Larry Hepner	Delaware Valley College
Ellen Holtzman	The Food Trust
Harriet Honigfeld	Monmouth County Farmland Preservation
Phil Hopkins	Select Greater Philadelphia
Jason Ingle	Greener Partners
Andrew Johnson	William Penn Foundation
Ann Karlen	Fair Food
Deenah Loeb	City Parks Association
Charles Lomax	Heritage Conservancy
Julie Lorch	e3bank
Lynn Mandarano	Temple University



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David Masur
Sean Metrick
Stacey McCormack
Bob Pierson
Annie Rojas
Johanna Rosen
Donna Schorr
Paul Steinke
Domenic Vitiello
Jeanne Waldowski
Mailee Walker
Judy Wicks

PennEnvironment
Montgomery County Planning Commission
NJ Department of Health - Nutrition, Physical Activity & Obesity
Farm to City
Fair Food
Mill Creek Urban Farm
GPTMC
Reading Terminal Market
Penn Design, Dept of City & Regional Planning
Philadelphia Water Department
Claneil Foundation
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Rich Bickel
Patty Elkis
Alison Hastings
Kim Korejko
Karen Lazarus
Alissa Mathews
Amy Miller
Elise Turner
Amanda Wagner

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Next Meetings

Tentative Friday, December 4th, 2:00pm to 4:30pm