

Session #5: Next Steps Discussion

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Questions/discussions during session:

What were you able to discover together? Any important observations or next steps?

- Community collaboration
- Grants/money for program needs
- Educational materials
- Community webpage on all services available
- City of Brighton involvement
- Better access to information services, programs available
- Brighton Shares The Harvest and Sakata Farms discussed possibility of purchase of onions of food pantries
- Cooperative procession plant-- high cost, not practical

What are immediate opportunities to work better together to develop a more cohesive and coordinated system for local foods?

- 27J to work on small, simple steps
 - Get local produce into FFVP at north and south elementary schools
 - Work with Bondadosa for transporting FFV
- Find more farmers to take SNAP
- Guide with contact info to distribute (food pantries, all programs)
- Sharing pallets, storage, transportation (school district, food pantries, etc.)
 - Increase access to food
- Dashboard for farmers to list surplus items so food providers can see what what is available
 - CO market maker
 - Organizations that can distribute will pick up and distribute to smaller organizations
 - Gleaning
- Food rescue- we don't waste
- Coordination and collaboration to increase capacity
- Find a delivery/destination day and location for many organizations to share receiving goods
- Mainline distributors (empty trucks to help distribute)
- Organizing ongoing events
- Paying attention to specific details that make a difference
- Finding out who is doing this, in different aspects and avenues
- Making connections today
- Ongoing committee and resource list
 - Projects, grants, contact list
 - Listserve
- Ability to connect the beginning user with the end user
- Tapping into immediate markets available
- Changing individual habits
 - Buying local, eating healthy, etc.
- Being positive about current efforts
- "Vote with our dollars"

What would be the results of having the system we want? (e.g. Who would benefit? What would happen?)

- More fruits and vegetables into kids who might not otherwise have it
 - Decreases chronic disease
 - Decreased healthcare costs
- More healthy food to hungry people
- Less waste
- Sharing between pantries
- Solving hunger
- Supporting local economy/farmers
- The food system becomes a natural part of life
- Local residents and businesses/organizations have a connection to the farmers
 - Percentage of local foods consumed
- Determining how to measure
- Being able to map out all points in the food system
- Being able to see the big picture

What would that system look like? (e.g. Who would be a part of it that isn't now? What support would be available?)

- It would be the norm to buy local
- Growth through the growing economy and investors
- Co-ops