

E.A.T. Local
Everyone at the Table

October 4, 2006
6-8pm, Feast!

Tanya Denckla Cobb (Senior Associate, Institute for Environmental Negotiation) opened the meeting and gave some background for newcomers on how EAT Local began. Participants introduced themselves and their connection/interest in community food.

Announcements: Vintage Virginia Apples is hosting an Apple Harvest Festival at the Shelton Farm in North Garden on November 4th. For more information log onto their website at www.vintagevirginiaapples.com

Progress Reports:

*Note to all groups: please send out any meeting announcements to the list serve so that anyone interested may attend.

1. Local Food Center

- This is an open group. Group members have talked with the city market and would like to find a permanent place for the current market. Cooperation on the city council level is necessary to get this done. This group will meet immediately following to discuss next steps.

2. Urban CSA

- The group needs to find a neighborhood plot. Looking to build a model in a target neighborhood with volunteer gardening services starting in spring. Suggestions were made to look at the Frank IX Building; there is possibly a garden and/or rooftop garden.

3. Local Food Directory

- A grant has been received through the Piedmont Environmental Council (PEC) for an intern to work on the directory. PEC covers surveying in Albemarle, Greene, Fluvanna, Nelson and Louisa Counties as well as the City of Charlottesville.
- This group needs sources for printing.
- Madison County people would like to be included. Can anyone help do the research? How much extra will it cost? Will it be in a database so Madison can join online?

4. Compost

- Needs interested people to join! Maybe a pilot program could be started with a grocery store. Ex: Whole Foods could start on a smaller scale.

5. Farm to School

- Needs interested people to join! Some gardens are already underway in one school.

New Topics:

- 100 Mile Thanksgiving: Dept. of Environmental Planning Initiative/Students have taken on a commitment of organizing an event around the 100-mile diet. Group is looking for ideas for farmers, wine, and other things to eat.
- Adopt Proposal and Goals for EAT Local: a vote was made in favor of informally adopting the purpose and goals proposed at prior meetings.
- EAT Local will require a backup moderator at each meeting.
- Regional Land Link idea: for land that needs to be farmed. Will email list serve.
- Remember the One Seed At A Time project: a regional seed bank will document and make seeds available for public domain. Donations/support are needed. For more information: www.savingourseed.org.

Next Meeting
Wednesday, November 8th
6-8:30pm
Potluck!

New Space: Albemarle County Office Building (COB 5th) in Meeting Room A (on left as you enter).

DIRECTIONS:

>From the West:

Take Interstate 64 East to Charlottesville. Exit Interstate 64 onto 5th Street (Exit 120). Turn right onto 5th Street and go approximately 1 mile. Turn Left into the parking lot for COB-5th Street. Located at corner of Old Lynchburg Road and 5th Street.