

E.A.T. Local
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notes from the meeting
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I. Local Food Center

The Local Food Center group has put forth a draft to describe what the local food center might entail. The next meeting of that group will be Monday Jan 8 at noon at C'ville Coffee; contact for that group appears is Christine Gyovai at mcg4k@cms.mail.virginia.edu.

II. Urban CSA

On 12/12 members of the Urban CSA group met with the Charlottesville housing authority to tour prospective sites in the Friendship Court neighborhood; the most likely site is located at 6th Street and Monticello Ave. Overall the reception to this project in the community has been very warm, and (pending a proposal to the housing authority) it appears that this project will be underway this spring. Possible group activities include work and training days and a day in April devoted to seedlings.

III. Local Food Directory

Melissa Wiley of the Piedmont Environmental Council announced that the initial investigation phase of this project is drawing to a close, including solicitation of surveys from local producers. In January 2007 a community outreach campaign will begin, building up to a kickoff event on or around May 1, 2007. Opportunities for sponsorship exist (rather than advertising); the directory will be available for free and is likely to be included in Albemarle County's spring mailer to residents. The directory itself will be posted at PECVA.org

IV. Food Symposium

Ann Bedarf reported that plans are continuing for a symposium to support the formation of statewide food policy council. Additional information can be found at statefoodcouncil.org.

V. Standing Meeting Day and Date

It was decided that, lacking a clear majority to decide on a standing meeting day and date in 2007, we would try holding a meeting on Monday to include those folks who can't come on Wednesday.

The next E.A.T. Local meeting will be Monday January 8 from 7 to 9 PM. It will be held at the Albemarle County building at the intersection of 5th Street and Old Lynchburg Road - same location as the past few meetings, but we will be in a different room.