

**E.A.T. Local**  
*Everyone at the Table*

**January 8, 2007**  
**Albemarle County Building**

Lisa Reeder led the meeting. Fourteen people were in attendance.

**I. Committee Reports:**

**•Directory:**

- Progress is being made on the directory. A group called Design for Social Impact is helping to create a logo for EAT Local. The logo will circulate when available for preview by all.
- In addition, the directory needs sponsorship. All information will also be available on a website. We need to start thinking about this website and decide if it will only feature the food guide or incorporate EAT Local information as well.
- EAT Local would like to hold a kickoff party when the directory is due out at the end of April/ May. The Urban CSA group has a scheduled planting day on April 28<sup>th</sup>, which could be combined with a kickoff party.

**•Food Center**

- A draft of the food center proposal has been sent out the listserve. The group received good feedback from all. Copies are available for anyone who has not seen this or would like it.
- The group is sending out surveys to producers, growers, and the food product list for more input.
- The next meeting will be held Monday, February 5<sup>th</sup> 12:00 noon at Cville Coffee

**•Urban CSA**

- Urban CSA hasn't met since the last meeting. They are looking to identify a sight for planting. Possibilities include Friendship Court, up to 3 acres and 1 acre across the street. They are discussing how to run the CSA and hoping to create job descriptions at a later date.

**• Farm to School**

- Currently, this group is not active, although a project was underway last summer at Charlottesville High School. Members are hoping to get contacts and have a group up and running again. Maybe students from Tanya's spring class will be interested in leading projects.

**• Bio Remediation**

- This group is still continuing projects. For additional information contact Christine Gyovai.

**II. New Business**

- It is 95% sure that UVA (and possibly VA Tech) will help sponsor a Statewide Food Security Summit on Friday, May 11, 2007. The goal is to bring all players together for a big picture of the Virginia food system. Tanya is looking for

- speakers to talk about any aspect of the food system on a big level. Think of ideas!! This could also be a good time to hold a kickoff event for the directory.
- The county is still hoping to create a full-time position for rural area support. Lisa Reeder will be writing a letter on behalf of EAT Local to outline what should be included in the position.
  - At the end of the meeting, members tossed around the idea of holding a farmer appreciation day in the fall, sponsored by EAT Local. Feast may be interested in holding something one Saturday after market.
  - The Virginia Association for Biological Farming will be holding their annual conference in February. For more information, check out the website at [www.vabf.org](http://www.vabf.org).

**The next meeting will be held on a WEDNESDAY. EAT members have decided to alternate days for the next few meetings to try to accommodate different schedules. Please join us the first Wednesday of the month: February 7<sup>th</sup> at the Albemarle County Office Building from 6-8pm. Potluck.**