



# Detroit Food 2018

## It Takes a Village

### Reclaiming Our Power in the Food System

Thursday, March 8 – Friday, March 9  
Benson and Edith Ford Conference Center  
Taubman Center for Design Education, College for Creative Studies  
460 W. Baltimore Ave, Detroit, MI 48202

#### **THURSDAY, MARCH 8**

9:00 am

**Opening**

9:30 am

**Welcome**

*Sandra Turner-Handy, DFPC Chair; Winona Bynum, DFPC Executive Director*

9:40 am

**Detroit Food Policy Council Overview**

*Winona Bynum, DFPC Executive Director*

10:00 am

**Farm Bill 101**

*Panel*

The farm bill wields a lot of influence over the operation of state agricultural programs and local food policies. While the impact of this national legislation may not be directly or immediately apparent at the local level, our local community has a lot at stake in the update of the farm bill. Join us for a conversation about what matters most to community food systems, and the mechanisms by which to shape the contents of the farm bill.



10:55 am

**Healthier, Wealthier, Happier Detroit**

*Dan Carmody, Detroit Eastern Market*

Since 1891 Eastern Market has served as a center for the region’s food economy. Over the last ten years Eastern Market Corporation (EMC), the non-profit that manages and promotes the market on behalf of the City of Detroit, has sought to leverage its place in the food sector to help build a deliver healthier diets, greater entrepreneurial and employment opportunities, and increased social cohesion. Further, he will reveal deep thinking EMC has taken to ensure that the tsunami of real estate investment headed towards the market will not displace its food making authenticity or its role in being a place that welcomes everyone.

11:15 am

**Exploring the Village and the Power**

*Naim Edwards*

If "it takes a village", let's explore what that village looks like and how it works. Similarly, to reclaim power, we must understand where power has gone and how it was taken. Naim invites us to explore these questions together in order to strengthen the village and build our power.

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

Lunch

1:00 pm

Breakout Session 1

2:05 pm

Breakout Session 2

3:05 pm

**Detroit Food Metrics Report**

*Amy Kuras, Detroit Food Policy Council; Alex B. Hill, Detroit Health Department*

The Detroit Food Policy Council and the Detroit Health Department recently released the Detroit Food Metrics Report, a comprehensive look at the city food system and how well it is serving the community. The goal of the report is to set a benchmark to measure the progress of each aspect of the food system. Learn what the report tells us about our local food system, and how we can use this information to help build a more sustainable and equitable local food system.



3:35 pm

**The Detroit Healthy Grocer Initiative**

*DFPC Grocery Store Coalition*

The Healthy Grocer Initiative includes a score card for Detroit grocery stores, a healthy food marketing initiative within high performing grocery stores, and a community training initiative in collaboration with neighborhood groups to increase capacity to work with grocers. Learn about how the coalition will implement the initiative in Detroit grocery stores over the next year.

**FRIDAY, MARCH 9**

9:30 am

Welcome

9:45 am

**Food and Health in My Detroit Neighborhood: A Presentation by Youth**

*WSU Community Health Pipeline students*

Over the past five months, Detroit high school students participating in the Wayne State University Community Health Pipeline's Career and College Readiness Experience have been working in teams to identify and solve a food-related health issue in their community. Starting in October, teams of students conducted Photovoice analysis of their communities to identify barriers and resources to health. Once the issue was identified, students spent the next two months proposing interventions (policy/environmental, education, and clinical) to address the issue they identified. In February, student teams presented their findings to a panel of judges, who selected the top two teams to present today. This student driven work will allow you to see the next generation of agents of change in the realm of food systems and health in action.

10:15 am

**History of Black Farmers: Connecting the Past to the Present**

*Dr. Monica White, PhD*

11:30 am

Breakout Session 3

12:30 pm

Lunch

1:35 pm

Breakout Session 4



2:35 pm

**Food as Healing**

*Shane Bernardo and Guests*

As we transition from an extractive industrial food system to a more generative and abundant one, we are left to mitigate the lingering impacts on our health, labor and planet with very few resources. This leaves unanswered questions on how we continue to grow our movement while also being imposed upon. "Food as Healing" seeks to unearth how the cultivation, celebration and ritualization of food nourishes us emotionally, intellectually and spiritually in ways that conventional comfort foods cannot. Panelists will share how reclaiming our sense of tradition, culture, identity and ancestry can root our movements centered upon healing and increase our capacity to resist and push forward.

3:35 pm

**Closing**