



Detroit Food 2018

Workshop Schedule

Breakout Session 1, Thursday, March 8, 1:05-2:00 pm

Growing Farmers in Detroit

This panel explores the role small businesses play in increasing Detroit's consumption of locally grown food, and strategies to support those businesses.

Presenters: Ryan Anderson – ACRE; Jerry Hebron - Northend Christian CDC; Malik Yakini - Detroit Black Community Food Security Network; Carolyn Leadley - Rising Pheasant Farms

The Community Land Trust as a Model for Holding Urban Agriculture Land in Detroit Pt. I

This first of two workshops will introduce the community land trust model, and present examples of how CLTs have secured land for urban farms in the US. This will provide the foundation for a discussion on applying the CLT model in Detroit in the second workshop.

Presenter: Greg Rosenberg - Global Land Alliance

What's Compost got to do with Food Security and Sustainability?

You're invited to an interactive experience about the food we don't eat and how it can be an impactful resource in building healthy soil, using less water, improving the climate, and helping make us a more food secure, sustainable city. What you learn will equip you to take immediate action and become part of the emerging culture of community resourcefulness in Detroit Food. The experience includes viewing "The Compost Story" and "The Soil Story", and having an open conversation with Renee V. Wallace of FoodPLUS Detroit, and her special guests.

Presenters: Renee V. Wallace – FoodPLUS Detroit

Double Up Food Bucks

The Double Up Food Bucks programs allows households to get more fruits and vegetables when spending SNAP Bridge Card dollars at participating farmers markets and grocery stores. Learn about how the program works and how it is impacting families and produce retailers in our communities.

Presenters: Holly Parker – Fair Food Network; Rachael Dombrowski – WSU Center for Health and Community Impact

Local and State Food Policy Panel

Learn about current issues related to food at the state and local level from policymakers themselves as well as those who work with them. We'll look at legislative developments in the last year or so, what is currently in play, and what we can expect for the remainder of the state legislative session and from the city government for the remainder of 2018.

Breakout Session 2, Thursday, March 8, 2:05-3:00 pm

The Community Land Trust as a Model for Holding Urban Agriculture Land in Detroit Pt. II

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This second of two workshops will be a facilitated discussion centered on the community land trust model, and how it might serve as one tool for securing urban farmland on behalf of Detroit communities.

Presenters: Martin Bailkey - Global Land Alliance; Tefirah Rushdan – Keep Growing Detroit;



Invisible Workers: Slavery, Gender Violence and Poverty in Food Labor

Analyzing food labor in the United States through the historical lens of slavery, this workshop will explore modern labor practices in the food and restaurant industry.

Presenters: Jonathan Roberts – Restaurant Opportunity Center – Michigan

Crowdfunding for Small Farmers

This workshop provides practical advice on crowdfunding for small farm operations, with step-by-step instructions for planning and running successful donation and investment-based crowdfunding campaigns online.

Presenters: Ryan Anderson - ACRE

Improving Access to Healthy Food in Detroit

Many organizations in Detroit are focusing in improving the gap between supply and demand for healthy food and fresh produce in Detroit. Hear about many different programs are focusing on improving access to health food in Detroit's food retail sector.

Presenters: Kathy Beard – MOTION Coalition, Authority Health; Hannah Miller, Forgotten Harvest;

Policy Boot Camp

This fun, interactive session is meant for people who are new to advocating for policy with the local, state, and federal government. Learn about the basics of the legislative process and where in the process your voice can have the most impact. Quickly find out who your representatives are and how to easily reach their offices, as well as how to harness the power of technology to increase your ability to advocate.

Presenters: Amy Kuras – Detroit Food Policy Council; DeWayne Wells – Detroit Economic Justice Alliance of Michigan

Breakout Session 3, Friday, March 9, 11:30am-12:25 pm

Engaging Youth in Food Systems Work

Panelists from local organizations will provide insights from their experience working with youth. Participants will gain resources to help them host youth at their organization.

Reclaiming Community from Crisis: Urban Fill Clay to Fungi-ful Soil

Writer, story teller, agroecologist: Antonio Rafael will discuss his work in transforming abandoned city owned lots into a small urban farm. Participants will learn about Southwest Grows Urban farm's process of reclaiming land taken in the 2008 financial crisis and turning that into a viable farm with low cost inputs! Tapping on the knowledge in the room, Antonio will facilitate a conversation about soil biology, composting, how to reinvigorate poor soils, and begin an urban farm. Antonio is a very experienced farmer and ecologist who has studied organic farming, green and blue infrastructure, permaculture, and soil biology.

Presenters: Antonio Cosme - RaizUp Collective, SouthWest Bee Collective, SouthWest Grows

Detroit: A Water Resilient Great Lakes City

To be recognized as a Great Lakes City, Detroit must embrace water values as a central principle in sustainable urban design. The Alliance will highlight its local resilience planning and engage participants in a discussion to share ideas for achieving equitable, common-ground objectives for establishing citywide stormwater management policy.

Presenters: Khalil Ligon - Alliance for the Great Lakes

Wasted Food

More than 40 percent of all food grown goes to waste, which has huge impacts on the environment and on food security. But there are actions that can be taken throughout the food system to lessen or eliminate wasted food. Learn about local projects that are impacting wasted food and how you can get involved.



Power in Numbers: Inspiring Stories of Cooperatives

Each year, it gets incredibly tougher and tougher for small growers and food based businesses to maintain a foothold in an industry subsidized by the federal government for much larger businesses to flourish. This “too big to fail” model is not only unsustainable it’s obsolete. Learn how community based organizations, neighbors and individuals are looking to offset and spread out the risks and rewards through cooperation and collaboration.

Breakout Session 4, Friday, March 9, 1:35-2:30 pm

Changing the System from Within: Cultivating Student Leaders

Detroit Public Schools Community District high school students who have completed the 10 week Farm to School summer work training program will be presenting on their experience, learned skills, and education have directly correlated with their academic studies and made a positive impact on their own personal health development.

Presenters: Monica DeGarmo - Detroit Public Schools Community District, Office of School Nutrition

Sacred Roots: Reconnecting to Ancestors and the Earth

Sacred Roots food sovereignty project is reclaiming ancestral knowledge and empowering community to produce food that nourishes the whole person—body, mind, and spirit.

Presenters: Shiloh Maples – American Indian Health and Family Services

Detroit's Fresh Prescription Network

A clinician refers potential participants to the program. The potential participant is counseled on the requirements of the program and, if interested, receives a prescription to “eat more fruits and vegetables”. Patients “fill” their prescription at a partnering farm stand or market, where they also receive nutrition counseling, cooking demonstrations and other educational support.

Presented by Patrice Brown - Eastern Market; Denise Pike - CHASS Center; Barbara Blum-Alexander - Generation With Promise, Henry Ford Health System

Evaluation and Measurement in Food Retail Settings

Descriptions of effective methods for evaluating and assessing healthy food access programming in food retail settings will be discussed.

Presenters: Alex B. Hill – Detroit Health Department; Rachael Dombrowski – WSU Center for Health and Community Impact; Mariangela Pledl – Detroit Economic Growth Corporation