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MSU Center for Regional Food Systems’ Mission

To engage the people of Michigan, the United States, and the world in applied research, education and outreach to develop regionally integrated, sustainable food systems.
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Allen Neighborhood Center

Mission or Goal
To serve as a hub for neighborhood revitalization, and for activities that promote the health, safety, stability, and economic well-being of residents of Lansing’s east side, and other stakeholders.

Geographic Location
East side of Lansing, MI (zip code 48912) as well as programs which serve individuals from throughout the region.

Type of Work
- Community development
- Outreach/extension
- Provide food to low-income households

Topical Category
- Building networks across organizations
- Community food security
- Environmental and natural resources
- Food access for underserved families
- Food and agricultural entrepreneurship
- Food and health
- Food-based community & economic development
- Food policy, preparation & production
- Food system infrastructure & business development
- Leadership development
- Localizing/regionalizing food
- Youth & family food education

Program Examples
- Allen Street Farmers Market: Seasonal May-October market that just began its eighth season
- Hunter Park Garden House: Hub for growing initiatives, including Urban Gardener Certification Project, twice monthly workshops, year-round CSA, youth and children’s nutrition education and food awareness programming
- Restoration Works: Focusing on restoration of older housing stock with emphasis on energy efficiency upgrades (partnership with Lansing Community College)

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Neighborhood revitalization, place-making, neighborhood capacity-building, restoration and home improvement, healthy communities initiative

Audience
Elderly, environmental advocates, faith-based organizations, food business entrepreneurs, immigrants, low-income consumers, community development staff, policy makers, public health advocates, women, youth (K-12)
# Americana Foundation

**Mission or Goal**

To support educational and advocacy programs that address the preservation of American agriculture, the conservation of natural resources, and the protection and presentation of expressions of America’s heritage.

**Geographic Location**

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**Program Examples**

- American Heritage
- Tollgate Farm

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**Keywords**

Supports education and advocacy programs, preservation, conservation

**Audience**

Community-based organizations, environmental advocates, extension educators, planners/economic and community development staff, regulatory agency officials, rural landowners, scientific community
Blandford Nature Center

Mission or Goal
To provide fun and engaging learning experiences in the natural world.

Geographic Location
Kent County and the greater Grand Rapids community

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Program Examples

• Youth farm team summer program
• Community garden plot rental
• Blandford Nature Center Community Supported Agriculture
• Food and Farm educational workshops

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Keywords
CSA (community supported agriculture), youth, nature, organic farming

Audience
General community, youth (K-12)
Calvin College Food for Thought

Mission or Goal
To connect largely urban students with their source of food in the context of sustainability issues, to improve their sense of “ecological literacy,” and to the social justice issues associated with food.

Geographic Location
Kent County and Grand Rapids area

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Program Examples
• Biology 364: Farm interview case study
• Plaster Creek water quality assessment and restoration: Agricultural land is in the watershed and impacts water quality
• Urban health: Get the Lead Out, improved access to quality food

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Keywords
Food for Thought, ecological literacy, food justice issues

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Audience
College students, elderly, local elected or appointed government officials, rural landowners, youth (K-12 students)
Mission or Goal
To provide a long-term community-based mentoring program for at-risk youth. The overall goal is to increase young people’s opportunity to become productive citizens within their communities, through academic success, employment, social skills, decision making activities, and community support.

Geographic Location
Genesee County and the Flint area

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Program Examples

- Culinary class in training youth on how to properly prepare and cook their produce. Hired 67 youth in summer 2011 to train in urban gardening
- Supply senior citizens with fresh produce who cannot get out to farmers market by going to senior citizens’ complexes to offer fresh produce for sale

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Keywords
Mr. Rogers Youth Program

Audience
Community-based organizations, elderly, general community, low-income consumers, youth (K-12 students)
Mission or Goal
To advocate for people in Michigan who need help meeting their basic needs using legal experts, informed by the experiences of low income individuals, to monitor and improve public policy and access to governmental programs and services.

Geographic Location
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<td>• State-wide food and nutrition program helpline on government programs</td>
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Program Examples
• Statewide Food and Nutrition Program Helpline (1-800-481-4989) to provide eligibility screening, technical assistance on federal food programs, (www.foodstamphelp.)
• Summer Food Service Program and After School Supper Program outreach and expansion
• Training and support for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) outreach staff and volunteers connected with Food Bank Council of Michigan

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Keywords
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, food assistance program, Bridge Card, school meals, After School Supper Program, training, advocacy

Audience
Community-based organizations, elderly, faith-based organizations, immigrants/refugees, low-income consumers, policy makers, state agency partners, women, other advocates
Center for Community and Economic Development

**Mission or Goal**
To create, apply, and disseminate valued knowledge through responsive engagement, strategic partnerships, and collaborative learning while remaining dedicated to empowering communities to create sustainable prosperity and an equitable global knowledge economy.

**Geographic Location**
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• Research  
• Neighborhood Associations of Michigan  
• Michigan’s Urban Core Mayors | • Building communities across organizations  
• Community and economic development |

**Program Examples**
• Knowledge Economy Planning in Michigan  
• ARTSMARTS: Role of arts and culture in creativity and innovation as measured by businesses formed/patents generated  
• Michigan State University student practicum projects in planning and economic development  
• Assisting in exporting strategies in targeted Michigan regions

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**Keywords**
Collaborative learning, community & economic development, training, and direct assistance to increase the capabilities of community-based organizations

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**Audience**
## Mission or Goal
To engage the people of Michigan, the United States, and the world in applied research, education and outreach to develop regionally integrated, sustainable food systems.

## Geographic Location
Statewide

## Type of Work
- Community development
- Financial assistance
- Grant marketing
- Outreach/extension
- Provide access to food to low-income households
- Research
- Work groups
- Networks

## Topical Category
- Building communities across organization
- Community food security
- Farm to school and/or other institution
- Farm viability and capital access
- Food access for underserved families
- Food & agricultural entrepreneurship
- Food and health

## Program Examples
- Farm to institution
- Sustainable agriculture research and education
- Sustainable food business development
- Food hubs
- “Michigan Good Food Charter”

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Sustainable food systems, research and outreach, food access, food and health, food and economic development, food hubs

### Audience
Community-based organizations, extension educators, farmworkers, food business entrepreneurs, general community, immigrants, low-income consumers, policy makers
Mission or Goal
To develop and advance organizations and communities which promote economic viability, ecosystem integrity and social responsibility.

Geographic Location
The Great Lakes Region

Type of Work
• Business development/technical assistance
• Outreach/extension
• Research

Topical Category
• Building communities across organization
• Environment and natural resources
• Food-based community and economic development

Program Examples
• Center for Sustainability web site promoting sustainable business principles and practices (online community and information resource)
• Michigan Green Chemistry Clearinghouse
• Sustainable Business Professional Certificate Program (non-credit educational programming)

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Keywords
Center for Sustainability, sustainable business degrees

Audience
Community-based organizations, cooperative managers, economic development officials, environmental advocates, extension educators, faith-based organizations, general community
Mission or Goal
To provide gardening and nutrition exposure for children and youth through employment and programming

Geographic Location
Grand Boulevard, Highland Park, Linwood Ave.

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Program Examples
• Just PHRESH: A school-year program that trains high-school youth in nutrition and health information that they present to their peers
• Green Thumbs in da Hood: Summer job program for high-school youth to work in our gardens and orchard and learn early job skills
• Weekly garden/community work nights in our gardens and orchard

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Just PHRESH, Green Thumbs in da Hood, community gardens, orchard, youth, children, community development

Audience
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Community Economic Development Association of Michigan

**Mission or Goal**
To advance community-based economic development to revitalize and rebuild Michigan communities and neighborhoods.

**Geographic Location**
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**Program Examples**
- Michigan Rural Network
- Michigan Foreclosure Task Force
- Legislators Building Communities
- Michigan Earned Income Credit Coalition
- Microenterprise Network of Michigan

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**Keywords**
- Rebuilding communities
- Community economic development
- Membership
- Asset building
- Policy and advocacy
- Technical assistance and training
- Best practices

**Audience**
- Community-based organizations
- Economic development officials
- Local elected or appointed government officials
- Low-income consumers
- Planners/economic and community development staff
- Policy makers
- Public health advocates
- Regulatory agency officials
- State agency partners
Mission or Goal
To facilitate the development and ongoing support of community-grown food sources and related distribution systems to provide locally grown, donated fresh produce to county residents in need.

Geographic Location
Montcalm and Ionia counties

Type of Work
- Community development
- Outreach/extension
- Provide food to low-income households

Topical Category
- Building communities across organizations
- Community food security
- Food access for underserved families
- Food and health
- Food-based community and economic development
- Food distribution, aggregation, policy, preparation and production
- Leadership development
- Localizing/regionalizing food system
- Youth and family food education

Program Examples
- Community Gardens: assisting with the planning process, volunteer management, and tools for new community gardens
- Healthy Recipes Contest: annual competition to find healthy recipes suitable for kids, made with locally grown produce
- County-Wide Food Drive: working with community partners to share donations with all food pantries in Ionia County

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Keywords
Community gardens, food distribution resources, garden coordination, distribution needs, volunteer recruitment, educational planning

Audience
Agricultural service providers, community-based organizations, cooperative managers, elderly, environmental advocates, extension educators, faith-based organizations, farmers, farm workers, food businesses, low-income consumers, community/economic development staff, public health advocates, rural landowners
**Mission or Goal**
To mobilize leadership and resources to achieve stakeholders’ vision for the Eastern Market District and make the Eastern Market the undisputed center for fresh and nutritious food in southeast Michigan.

**Geographic Location**
Southeast Michigan

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Audience
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Detroit Economic Growth Corporation

Mission or Goal
To support existing businesses and to bring new companies and investments to the city of Detroit.

Geographic Location
Detroit, MI

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Program Examples
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• I-94 Industrial Park
• Lower Woodward Improvement Program

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Keywords
Support existing businesses, new companies and investments in Detroit

Audience
Community-based organizations, economic development officials, planners/economic and community development staff, policy makers, processors, public health advocates, state agency partners
**Mission or Goal**
To nurture the development and maintenance of a sustainable, localized food system and a food-secure city of Detroit in which all of its residents are hunger-free, healthy and benefit economically from the food system.

**Geographic Location**
Detroit, MI

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**Program Examples**

- Powering Up the Local Food System Summit
- Annual Report on the Detroit Food System
- Work groups including: Healthy Food Access, Community Food Justice, Schools and Institutions and Urban Agricultural Advocates

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**Keywords**
Food security, food justice, food sovereignty, urban agriculture, urban land use, composting, emergency food providers, Detroit food system

**Audience**
Community-based organizations, extension educators, faith-based organizations, general community, local government officials, low income consumers, planners/economic and community development staff
Mission or Goal
To develop and implement strategies that will help support the viability and sustainability of Eastern Upper Peninsula agriculture and food production.

Geographic Location
The three eastern Upper Peninsula counties of Chippewa, Luce and Mackinac; also linked to the Upper Peninsula Local Food Network

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Program Examples

• Coordinate annual local food summit
• Coordinating education opportunities for farmers and purchasers regarding items such as GAP certification
• Providing technical assistance to development of infrastructure projects for the food hub

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Keywords
Food hub, aggregation, storage, distribution, Good Agricultural Practices

Audience
Agricultural service providers, community-based organizations, cooperative managers, economic development officials, farmers, food businesses, policy makers, processors, regulatory agency officials, rural landowners, state agency partners
**Mission or Goal**
To provide eye-catching, high quality marketing materials promoting locally produced, farm-friendly, natural, organic and healthy foods.

**Geographic Location**
Statewide

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| • Business and non-profit marketing and promotion | • Youth and family food education  
• Farm marketing tools and educational materials |

**Program Examples**
- Michigan Farm to School website, purchasing and marketing guides and related promotional materials
- Eat Local Food Fruits and Veggies A to Z educational posters and banners for classrooms
- City of Lathrup Village Community Foundation and Farmers Market promotional materials

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**Audience**
Community-based organizations, economic development officials, extension educators, faith-based organizations, food businesses, pre-K, public health advocates, state agency partners, youth (K-12)
Eat Local West Michigan

Mission or Goal
To share all the local food and drink resources that we have in West Michigan - from cooking classes to farms to microbreweries to wineries to great restaurants.

Geographic Location
West Michigan

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Program Examples
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• Eat Local Challenge

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Keywords
Local food resource, locavore, food education

Audience
Food businesses and entrepreneurs, general community
Mission or Goal
To promote and encourage cooperation with other individuals, groups, organizations, or agencies in an organized effort to conserve and improve the natural resources in Eaton County.

Geographic Location
Eaton County, while delivering the MAEAP program for Eaton and Ingham Counties

Type of Work
- Business development/technical assistance
- Community development
- Outreach/extension

Topical Category
- Environmental and natural resources
- Farmland preservation
- Food and agricultural entrepreneurship
- Food production
- Localizing/regionalizing food system

Program Examples
- Michigan Agriculture Environmental Assurance Program (MAEAP) provides technical assistance to farms and greenhouses. Encourage adoption of Best Management Practices (BMPs) for pollution prevention and environmental stewardship. Farms have the option to become environmentally verified through the state. Non-regulatory, free and confidential.
- Eaton Good Food. Developing and implementing community based local food programs.
- Farm Bill program access. Assistance and outreach for Farm Bill Conservation programs offered by USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service.

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Keywords
Michigan Agricultural Environmental Assurance Program (MAEAP), USDA Farm Bill, Arbor Day, conservation

Audience
Agricultural service providers, community-based organizations, cooperative managers, environmental advocates, extension educators, farmers, food businesses, policy makers, local government officials, public health advocates, agency partners, youth (K-12)
Mission or Goal
To work at the local, state, and national levels for clean production, healthy communities, environmental justice, and a sustainable future.

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Program Examples
• Healthy Food in Health Care program
• Healthier Foods, Healthier Future Project

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Keywords
Healthy food in health care, Health Care Without Harm

Audience
Environmental advocates, farmers (established), food businesses and entrepreneurs, processors, public health advocates, hospitals, health professionals
Mission or Goal
To support Flint residents in growing and accessing healthy food in order to reconnect with the land and each other.

Geographic Location
Flint, MI and Genesee County

Type of Work
- Business development/technical assistance
- Community development
- Outreach/extension

Topical Category
- Building networks across organization
- Community food security
- Environment and natural resources
- Food access for underserved families
- Food and agricultural entrepreneurship
- Food and health
- Food-based community and economic development
- Food production
- Leadership development
- Localizing/regionalizing food system
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Program Examples
- Edible Flint
- Garden Starters
- Farmer’s Market Cooperative
- Food Garden Tour

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Keywords
Flint Urban Agriculture, local food systems

Audience
Community-based organizations, environmental advocates, faith-based organizations, farm workers, food businesses, general community, local government officials, low-income consumers, policy makers
Mission or Goal
To provide professional planning and GIS services to communities, educational institutions and other organizations.

Geographic Location
Statewide

Type of Work
- Community development
- Research

Topical Category
- Farmland preservation
- Food-based community and economic development
- Food policy
- Localizing/regionalizing local food system

Program Examples
- Municipal approvals for Washtenaw County Food Hub
- Advisor to Food Innovation District Toolkit for the Northwest Michigan Council of Governments

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Keywords
Community planning, zoning, municipal permitting

Audience
Community-based organizations, economic development officials, environmental advocates, farmers, food businesses and entrepreneurs, local elected or appointed government officials, planners/economic and community development staff
Mission or Goal
To build, educate and advocate to support local food throughout Southwest Michigan. To help improve community health, empower women, support small businesses, fight obesity and diabetes, alleviate hunger, prevent racism, foster youth development and increase academic achievement through local food.

Geographic Location
Primarily Kalamazoo County, with expansion in to the neighboring counties

Type of Work
- Business development/technical assistance
- Community development
- Outreach/extension
- Education

Topical Category
- Building networks across organizations
- Community food security
- Farm to school/institution
- Food access to underserved families
- Food and agricultural entrepreneurship
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- Food-based community and economic development
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Program Examples
- The Growing Matters Garden is an urban garden program for children and adults, and includes the Woodward School Garden, a school-based educational garden
- The Can-Do Kitchen is the region’s only licensed commercial kitchen/business incubator
- The Douglass Farmers’ Market serves residents in Kalamazoo’s north and east side neighborhoods

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Keywords

Audience
Agricultural service providers, community organizations, cooperative managers/directors, economic development officials, extension educators, farm workers, food businesses and entrepreneurs, public health advocates
**Mission or Goal**
To build a more just and sustainable food system. We work at the intersection of food systems, sustainability, and social equity to guarantee access to healthy, fresh and sustainably grown food.

**Geographic Location**
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**Program Examples**
- Double Up Food Bucks - doubles SNAP expenditures at participating Michigan farmers’ markets, improving access to and affordability of fresh produce to underserved populations.
- Fair Food Fund - invests in enterprises that connect sustainable Northeast farms with the growing demand for local/regional, sustainably-produced food.
- Detroit Grocery Incubator - an intensive training program that supports Detroit-area entrepreneurs to establish an independently-owned grocery store, creating sustainable, affordable inner-city groceries, stimulating neighborhood growth, and creating new jobs.

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**Keywords**
Agriculture, food policy, nutrition policy

**Audience**
Processors, community-based organizations, food businesses, public health advocates, development officials, government officials, state agency partners, low-income consumers, policy makers, farmers
## Food Bank Council of Michigan

### Mission or Goal
To provide statewide leadership to members in their efforts to alleviate hunger through the distribution of surplus food to those in need.

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### Program Examples
- Michigan Farm to Food Bank
- Food Assistance Program Outreach
- Michigan Agricultural Surplus System

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### Keywords
- Food bank, food assistance program outreach, food stamp outreach, food security, food bank association

### Audience
- Low-income consumers
FoodCorps

Mission or Goal
To give all youth an enduring relationship with healthy food.

Geographic Location
Locations throughout Flint, Detroit, Grand Rapids, and Traverse City

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Program Examples

• Building five new school gardens in Flint
• Sourcing local produce for school cafeterias in Traverse City
• Teaching nutrition and wellness education in Detroit

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Keywords
Youth development, school gardens, Farm to School, nutrition education

Audience
Pre-K, youth (K-12)
# Food System Economic Partnership

## Mission or Goal
To catalyze change that results in vibrant and sustainable food economies in communities across southeast Michigan.

## Geographic Location
Southeast Michigan

## Type of Work
- Business development/technical assistance
- Community development
- Outreach/extension

## Topical Category
- Building networks across organizations
- Community food security
- Farm to school/institution
- Farm viability and capital access
- Food access for underserved families
- Food and agricultural entrepreneurship
- Food and health
- Food-based community and economic development
- Food distribution and aggregation
- Food policy
- Food system infrastructure and business development
- Healthy school meals
- Localizing/regionalizing food system

## Program Examples
- Farm to institution
- Agriculture business development services
- Food policy

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## Keywords
Agricultural economic development

## Audience
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# Mission or Goal
To create access to safe, healthy, and affordable food for everyone.

## Geographic Location
Greater Lansing region

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## Program Examples
- An annual regional food systems conference with the express goal of connecting sectors and examining food justice in our region
- Food Fest 2012, an event that ties World Food Day, National Food Day and local food-related activities into a connected community event
- Developing accessible and accurate food system data for our region

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## Audience
Mission or Goal
To relieve hunger in the Detroit metropolitan community by rescuing surplus, prepared and perishable food and donating it to emergency food providers.

Geographic Location
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Program Examples
• Daily Bread
• Harvest for Hunger
• Million Meal Challenge
• Hunger-Free Summer

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Keywords
Food distribution, hunger alleviation, community food security

Audience
Community-based organizations, faith-based organizations, general community, low-income consumers, youth (K - 12 students)
**Mission or Goal**
To educate youth about gardening, introducing them to healthy foods and teaching kids that healthy can also be fast and easy.

**Geographic Location**
Genesee County

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**Program Examples**
- Truck Farm: A portable garden with an hour-long horticulture/gardening program for kids ages 3-17
- Growing Gardeners: Continuing garden education classes for kids ages 7-12
- Junior Master Gardeners: A six-week course that educates children ages 6-12 in gardening basics and also includes a volunteer hour requirement

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**Keywords**
Children's gardens

**Audience**
Pre-K, youth (K-12)
Mission or Goal
To provide donated and purchased food to people in need, reduce reliance on the emergency food system, and fight hunger in southeastern Michigan.

Geographic Location
Southeast Michigan

Type of Work
- Community development
- Outreach/extension
- Provide food to low-income households

Topical Category
- Community food security
- Food access for underserved families
- Food and health
- Food distribution and aggregation
- Food system infrastructure and development
- Localizing/regionalizing food system
- Youth and family food education

Program Examples
- Food drives
- Share Our Strength’s Cooking Matters nutrition education program
- Detroit Food and Fitness Collaborative

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Keywords
Food distribution, food security

Audience
Community-based organizations, elderly, extension educators, faith-based organizations, food businesses and entrepreneurs, low-income consumers, public health advocates, women, youth (K-12)
Mission or Goal
The Grand Traverse Conservation District inspires exploration, appreciation and conservation of our natural world.

Geographic Location
Antrim, Benzie, Grand Traverse and Leelanau Counties

Type of Work
• Business development/technical assistance
• Community development
• Outreach/extension

Topical Category
• Environmental and natural resources
• Farmland preservation
• Food and agricultural entrepreneurship
• Food production
• Localizing/regionalizing food system

Program Examples
• Michigan Agriculture Environmental Assurance Program (MAEAP) provides technical assistance to farms of all types. Encourage adoption of Best Management Practices (BMPs) for pollution prevention and environmental stewardship. Encourage use of Generally Accepted Agriculture Management Practices (GAAMPs) for Right to Farm Protection.
• Michigan Safe Food Risk Assessment educates farmers about Good Agricultural Practices (GAPs) which minimize the risk of microbial contamination of fruits and vegetables.
• Farm Bill program access. Assistance and outreach for Farm Bill Conservation programs offered by the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service.

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Keywords
Michigan Agricultural Environmental Assurance Program (MAEAP), USDA, Farm Bill, conservation, sustainability

Audience
Agricultural service providers, community-based organizations, cooperative managers, development officials, extension educators, farmers, food businesses, local government officials, policy makers, processors, public health advocates, rural landowners
Mission or Goal
To protect significant natural, scenic and farm lands, and to advance stewardship, now and for the future.

Geographic Location
Grand Traverse County, Manistee County, Benzie County, Antrim County, Kalkaska County

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Program Examples
• Implementing Acme Township farmland preservation program
• Designing tools to stabilize farmland resources in US-31 corridor
• Assisting Peninsula Township with farmland preservation program making land affordable for farming at Arcadia Dunes Preserve
• Dry Hill Farms

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Protecting farmland, aiding farm families to keep land in agriculture, affordability of farmland, capital investment, public goods from land protection, intergenerational transfer of land, estate planning for farmland

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Audience
Agricultural service providers, community-based organizations, economic development officials, environmental advocates, farmers, local government officials, planners/economic development staff, policy makers, processors, rural landowners, state agency partners
Grand Valley State University Sustainable Agriculture

Mission or Goal
To provide a forum for education, discussion and practice of the environmental, social and economic aspects of food systems, focusing on the importance of consuming local and organic foods.

Geographic Location
The Allendale and greater Grand Rapids communities

Type of Work
- Community development
- Outreach/extension
- Research

Topical Category
- Environment and natural resources
- Food and agricultural entrepreneurship
- Food-based community and economic development
- Food production
- Localizing/regionalizing food system

Program Examples
- Community Supported Agriculture
- Campus Farm Stand
- K-12 College Sustainable Agriculture Education

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Keywords
Sustainable foods, organic, education

Audience
Extension educators, farm workers, general community, planners/economic and community development staff, public health advocates
Greater Grand Rapids Food Systems Council

Mission or Goal
Restoring connections to food, place and community.

Geographic Location
West Michigan

Type of Work
- Community development
- Outreach/extension
- Provide food to low-income households
- Referrals
- Analysis

Topical Category
- Building communities across organization
- Community food security
- Food access for underserved families
- Food and health
- Food-based community and economic development
- Food policy
- Food system infrastructure and business development
- Localizing/regionalizing food system

Program Examples
- Urban Ag/Community Gardens mapping and support
- West Michigan FRESH Guide to Local Food
- South East Area Farmer’s Market

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Keywords
Community-based, alternative food system

Audience
Community-based organizations, economic development officials, environmental educators, food businesses and entrepreneurs, local government officials, low-income consumers, policy makers, state agency partners
Greater Lansing Food Bank: The Garden Project

Mission or Goal
To develop a healthier food system in the Greater Lansing Area through gardening, gleaning and community development.

Geographic Location
Seven Michigan counties: Ingham, Eaton, Clinton, Shiawassee, Gratiot, Isabella, and Clare

Type of Work
- Community development
- Provide food to low-income households

Topical Category
- Community food security
- Food access for underserved families
- Food and agricultural entrepreneurship
- Food-based community and economic development

Program Examples
- Facilitate a network of community gardens
- In 2013, will be opening an incubator farm and training program called Lansing Roots
- Provide resources, such as seeds, plants and tool lending, to home and community gardeners on a budget

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Audience
Mission or Goal
To promote the business success of our customers and the rural community by being the best at providing credit and financial services.

Geographic Location
Statewide

Type of Work
- Financial assistance/loans

Topical Category
- Farm viability and capital access
- Food and agricultural entrepreneurship

Program Examples
- Agricultural Leaders of Michigan
- Michigan Ag Council
- Breakfast on the Farm
- Farm Credit System

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Farmland, recreational land, real estate, country living, home loans, rural, farm, financial services, crop insurance, appraisals, life insurance, farm cash management, operating loans, lines of credit, construction, trade credit

Audience
Farmers, farm workers, food businesses and entrepreneurs, general community, rural landowners, women, youth (K - 12 students), minority groups
Harvest Michigan, Inc.

Mission or Goal
To be an integral part of the rejuvenation of regional food system - “Bringing the best of Michigan to you.”

Geographic Location
Southeast Michigan

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Program Examples
• Local buying club
• Neighborhood market

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Keywords
Your local source for Michigan products, localvore, Michivore, Michigan products, local food system, regional food system

Audience
Farmers, food businesses and entrepreneurs, general community, planners/economic and community development staff
Healthy Kent 2020

Mission or Goal
To improve the health and well being of Kent County residents through assessing community health needs and assets, activating a community health plan, and following progress of community action.

Geographic Location
Kent County

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Program Examples
• Kent Steps Up
• Community Health Indicators Report

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Keywords
Community health, health promotion, disease prevention

Audience
Community-based organizations, faith-based organizations, general community, local government officials, policy makers, public health advocates, scientific community, state agency partners, women, youth (K-12)
Mission or Goal
To generate, disseminate, and apply knowledge to serve the needs of Latino communities in the Midwest and across the nation.

Geographic Location
Statewide, north central region, and nationwide

Type of Work
- Business development/technical assistance
- Outreach/extension
- Research

Topical Category
- Building communities across organization
- Community food security
- Farm viability and capital access
- Food and agricultural entrepreneurship
- Food-based community and economic development
- Food system equity/farm worker conditions/fair wages

Program Examples
- Latinos in Michigan
- Research reports
- Community development

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Keywords
Latino communities, development of Hispanic human capital, Latino policy development

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Audience
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**Kalamazoo Loaves & Fishes**

**Mission or Goal**
To feed hungry people and engage our community in the fight to end hunger.

**Geographic Location**
Kalamazoo County

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**Program Examples**

• Supplying and supporting 26 grocery pantry programs across Kalamazoo County
• Partnering with others to advocate for a hunger-free community
• Partnering with others to make sure that low-income households have access to enough food for a healthy, productive life

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**Keywords**
Emergency food relief, food security advocacy

**Audience**
Community-based organizations, elderly, faith-based organizations, local government officials, low-income consumers, policy makers, women, youth (K - 12 students)
Mission or Goal
To inspire people to care for the environment by providing experiences that lead them to understand their connection to the natural world.

Geographic Location
Statewide, though the community supported agriculture program only operates within a one hour radius of its location.

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Program Examples

- Providing community supported agriculture (CSA) to our community. Shareholders support the farm by purchasing a share and stop in once a week from late May to October to pick up their produce.
- Surplus produce is donated to local food banks and food pantries.
- Farm education programming is offered to CSA shareholders, general public, school groups, and children attending day camps.

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Keywords
Fresh produce, market style, community supported agriculture, best methods, farm fresh, farm to school, farm education, visiting chefs, healthy food, children, families, nature, maple sugar festival, land management

Audience
Community-based organizations, cooperative directors, elderly, environmental advocates, extension educators, farmers, low-income consumers, pre-K, rural landowners, scientific community, youth (K-12), general community, faith-based organizations
Kent County Essential Needs Task Force: Food & Nutrition Coalition

Mission or Goal
To ensure that all people of Kent County have access to safe, affordable, and nutritious food.

Geographic Location
Kent County

Type of Work
• Provide food to low-income households
• Ensure food access and nutrition education for all

Topical Category
• Building communities across organizations
• Community food security
• Food access for underserved families
• Food and health
• Food policy
• Youth and family food education

Program Examples
• Mapping area “food deserts”
• Creating directory of nutrition education resources
• Devising measures for community-wide evaluation

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Keywords
Coalition, food assistance, nutrition education

Audience
Community-based organizations, extension educators, faith-based organizations, general community, planners/economic and community development staff, policy makers, public health advocates, state agency partners
Mission or Goal
To ensure that children do not go to bed hungry.

Geographic Location
Greater Grand Rapids

Type of Work
- Community development
- Outreach/extension
- Provide food to low income households

Topical Category
- Community food security
- Food access for underserved families
- Food distribution and aggregation
- Food preparation
- Leadership development

Program Examples
- Sack supper program provides take home evening meals to elementary age children who otherwise would have lunch as the last meal of the day
- Volunteer program utilizes 150 community volunteers each day, seven days a week to allow for sack supper production
- Kids Helping Kids is the youth portion of our volunteer program and makes up 25% of the volunteer hours

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Keywords
Childhood hunger, sack supper, youth volunteerism, evening meal

Audience
Community-based organizations, English as a second language, faith-based organizations, general community, immigrants/refugees, low income consumers, pre-K, youth (K - 12 students)
Mission or Goal
To resource policy makers at the federal, state, and local level with science-based tools and solutions that help build a better quality of life, strengthen the economy, and protect the environment in ways that are fair to all.

Geographic Location
Statewide

Type of Work
- Community development
- Outreach/extension
- Research

Topical Category
- Building communities across organization
- Environment and natural resources
- Farmland preservation
- Food and agricultural entrepreneurship
- Food policy

Program Examples
- People and Land (PAL) Program
- Entrepreneurial Communities Program
- Michigan Prosperity Initiative

Keywords
Renewable energy, Michigan prosperity, strategic growth, place-making, regionalism, planning

Audience
Community-based organizations, economic development officials, environmental educators, extension educators, food business and entrepreneurs, general community, local government officials, planners/economic and community development staff, policy makers

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To facilitate our movement toward a peaceful, ecologically grounded culture. To provide educational, facilitative and consultative services in organic agriculture, season extension, community based food systems and holistic management.

## Geographic Location
Northern Michigan and eastern Upper Peninsula

### Type of Work
- Business development/technical assistance
- Community development
- Outreach/extension

### Topical Category
- Building communities across organizations
- Community food security
- Farmland preservation
- Food and agricultural entrepreneurship
- Food-based community and economic development
- Food distribution and aggregation
- Localizing/regionalizing food system

## Program Examples
- Facilitating the Local Food Alliance of Northern Michigan
- Offering educational programs through North Central Michigan College
- Building low and high tunnels and a hoop house with two northern Michigan Tribes

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## Keywords
Cover crops, hoop house construction and management, organic weed and pest management

## Audience
Community-based organizations, farmers, food businesses, general community, beginning and potential farmers
Local First

Mission or Goal
To encourage the development of a vibrant, sustainable West Michigan economy by promoting local business ownership, social equity, and environmental stewardship through education, support and collaboration.

Geographic Location
Kent County and bordering counties

Type of Work
- Business development/technical assistance
- Co-marketing
- Economic research

Topical Category
- Building networks across organizations
- Food and agricultural entrepreneurship
- Food-based community and economic development
- Localizing/regionalizing food system

Program Examples
- Create/manage directory of locally-owned businesses (includes farmers, producers, retailers, restauranuers, etc.)
- Run annual eat local challenge (to connect food related businesses to each other and to consumers)
- Advocacy for locally-owned businesses

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Keywords
Local, buy local, eat local, local first, farm to table, economic development, local living economy, new economy

Audience
Community-based organizations, economic development officials, environmental advocates, food businesses and entrepreneurs, general community, local government officials, planners/economic and community development staff
Marquette Food Co-op

Mission or Goal
To provide access to organic and wholesome products as well as the benefits of a healthy, diverse, educated and sustainable community to our owners, customers and community as a whole.

Geographic Location
Michigan’s Upper Peninsula

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Program Examples
• Working with partners, such as Michigan State University, to create an Upper Peninsula-wide food hub
• Organize and promote tours of local farms
• Coordinate a directory of farms in the Upper Peninsula

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Keywords
Organic, authentic, community-owned

Audience
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Mission or Goal
To strengthen Michigan’s Conservation Districts through leadership, information and representation.

Geographic Location
Statewide

Type of Work
- Community development
- Outreach/extension

Topical Category
- Building networks across organizations
- Environment and natural resources
- Farm viability and capital access
- Leadership development

Program Examples
- Non-industrial private landowner information and assistance
- Training events including the MACD Summer Conference and MACD Convention and Michigan Envirothon

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Keywords
Michigan natural resources, agriculture, natural resource conservation, conservation education and leadership, ecosystems approach

Audience
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Mission or Goal
To protect, promote and preserve the food, agricultural, environmental and economic interests of the people of Michigan.

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Program Examples

• MI Upper Hand
• Farm to Food & Downtown Infrastructure Grants
• Ag-Related Business Development
• Pure Michigan
• Michigan Food Policy Council

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Keywords
Agricultural preservation, environmental and economic preservation, food safety

Audience
Agricultural service providers, community-based organizations, economic development officials, environmental advocates, farm workers, food businesses and entrepreneurs, planners/economic and community development staff, policy makers, public health advocates
Mission or Goal
To protect, preserve, and promote the health and safety of the people of Michigan with particular attention to providing for the needs of vulnerable and underserved populations.

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Program Examples
• Fostering the development of Local Food Policy Councils for Michigan communities
• Grants to local health departments for policy, environmental and system changes around healthy lifestyles - specifically focusing on healthy eating, physical activity, and tobacco-free communities
• Technical assistance and training, including evaluation, on policy, environmental and system changes for local health departments and their coalitions

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Keywords
Healthy communities, built environment, food policy councils

Audience
General community, local government officials, low-income consumers, planners/economic and community development staff, policy makers, public health advocates
Mission or Goal
To help advance the state of Michigan’s economic development through strengthening the relationships, leveraging the assets and improving the flow of communication and project management.

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Program Examples
• Access to Capital
• Community Development & Assistance
• Michigan Shifting Gears Webinar

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Keywords
Grow your business, economic development, access to capital

Audience
Community-based organizations, cooperative managers, economic development officials, environmental advocates, food businesses and entrepreneurs, general community, local government officials, planners/economic and community development staff, policy makers
**Mission or Goal**
To guide communities toward being more energy efficient and sustainable through our expertise, our programs and our effect on decision makers, business leaders, and residents of Michigan.

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**Program Examples**
- Educational seminars with topics on edible & ecological landscaping, vermicomposting and energy savings.
- Tours of Energy Demonstration Center including Sustainable Site Education Garden
- Commercial and residential energy assessments and services

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Keywords
Education, energy efficiency, renewable energy, sustainability, LEED Certification, sustainable and edible landscaping

Audience
Community-based organizations, general community, planners/economic and community development staff, youth (K-12)
Mission or Goal
To lead Michigan’s environmental movement in achieving positive change through the political process, and to promote public policies to ensure that Michigan families will enjoy healthy communities for years to come.

Geographic Location
Statewide

Type of Work
- Community development
- Outreach/extension

Topical Category
- Building networks across organizations
- Environment and natural resources
- Food and health
- Food policy
- Leadership development
- Localizing/regionalizing food system

Program Examples
- Agriculture
- Food policy
- Legislation

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Keywords
Environmental movement, political process, public policies

Audience
Community-based organizations, economic development officials, environmental advocates, faith-based organizations, farmers, food businesses and entrepreneurs, general community, local government officials, low-income consumers, policy makers, public health advocates, rural landowners
Michigan Farmers Market Association

Mission or Goal
To advance farmers markets to create a thriving marketplace for local food and farm products. Our vision is to place farmers markets at the forefront of the local food movement.

Geographic Location
Statewide

Type of Work
• Business development/technical assistance
• Community development
• Outreach/extension
• Provide food to low-income households

Topical Category
• Building networks across organizations
• Farm viability and capital access
• Food access for underserved families
• Food and agricultural entrepreneurship
• Food and health
• Food system infrastructure and business development
• Leadership development
• Localizing/regionalizing food system

Program Examples
• Market manager certificate program
• On-farm food safety field days
• Increasing food assistance benefits redeemed at farmers markets

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Farmers, farmers markets, direct marketing

Audience
Agricultural service providers, community-based organizations, economic development officials, elderly, English as a second language, extension educators, faith-based organizations, farmers, farm workers, immigrants/refugees, low-income consumers, public health advocates
# Michigan Fitness Foundation

## Mission or Goal
To create a physically educated population with the knowledge and skills to enjoy a healthy, vigorous, and safe lifestyle in communities designed to support physical activity.

## Geographic Location
Statewide, with extra connection with low-income citizens

### Type of Work
- Business development/technical assistance
- Community development
- Grant making
- Outreach/extension
- Research

### Topical Category
- Building networks across organizations
- Community food security
- Farm to school and/or institution
- Food access for underserved families
- Food and health
- Food-based community and economic development
- Food policy
- Food preparation
- Leadership development
- Youth and family food education

## Program Examples
- Nutrition education and physical activity promotion
- Statewide evaluation consultation group and establishment of performance indicators and validated tools
- Standards-based physical education curriculum development and training

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### Keywords
Active communities, physical education, nutrition education, physical activity promotion, SNAP-Ed, evaluation of health outcomes, increasing fruit and vegetable consumption, evidence based programming, training, health curricula, EPEC, PE-Nut

### Contact 2

### Audience
Community-based organizations, elderly, English as a second language, faith-based organizations, general community, immigrants/refugees, local government officials, low-income consumers, planners/economic and community development staff, policy makers, youth
### Mission or Goal
To help small and medium-sized farms operate profitably, produce healthy food for all people and protect the environment for future generations.

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### Program Examples
- Risk Management Assistance & Training - farm planning, record keeping, etc.
- Supply & Demand Assistance
- Food Safety, Extended Season, and Value-added strategizing

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### Keywords
Multicultural, limited resource farmers; farm focused educational programming; risk management; farm planning; family farms conference

### Audience
Cooperative managers and directors, English as a second language, farmers (established), food business and entrepreneurs, rural landowners, women
### Mission or Goal
To increase learning, innovation and profitability of food hubs; expand food hub access to technical and financial resources; improve access to healthy food in underserved communities; foster collaboration across food hubs; and identify the best practices for food hubs.

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### Program Examples
- Michigan Food Hub Learning and Innovation Network is a project of the MSU Center for Regional Food Systems in association with Morse Marketing Connections, LLC
- Statewide network learning meetings
- Local network meetings
- Webinars, food hub listserv, food hub case studies

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### Keywords
Food hubs, food aggregation, food distribution, Michigan Good Food Charter, communities of practice, learning community

### Audience
Agricultural service providers, cooperative directors, extension educators, farmers, farm workers, food businesses, local government officials, community development staff, women, processors, regulatory agency officials, rural landowners, scientific community
Michigan Food Policy Council

Mission or Goal
The Michigan Food Policy Council cultivates a safe, healthy and available food supply for all residents while building on the state’s agricultural diversity to enhance economic growth.

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Program Examples

• Defining and measuring statewide healthy food access
• Exploring the creation of a healthy food financing initiative
• Creating a statewide local food policy council network

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Statewide food policy

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Audience
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### Mission or Goal
To provide for research, education and the promotion of the Michigan wine grape and wine industry, stimulating value-added, sustainable agriculture.

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### Program Examples
- Promote Michigan wine to consumers and the trade (restaurants and retailers)
- Fund research on production practices for premium quality wine grapes and wine
- Professional development for members of the Michigan wine industry

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Mission or Goal
To advocate for hospitals and the patients they serve.

Geographic Location
Statewide, but work most closely with hospitals

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Program Examples

• Educational Offerings
• Legal Services
• Patient Quality & Safety
• Data Support Services

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Keywords
Health care advocacy, policy and financial analysis, education

Audience
General community, public health advocates, scientific community, state agency partners
## Michigan Land Use Institute

### Mission or Goal
To advocate for healthy, walkable communities, local food, renewable energy, and clean water strategies that build local economies by making Michigan a great place to be.

### Geographic Location
Northwestern portion of lower peninsula, with emphasis in Manistee and Wexford Counties

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• Food-based community and economic development  
• Food policy  
• Food system infrastructure and business development  
• Healthy school meals  
• Localizing/regionalizing food system |

### Program Examples
• Double Up Food Bucks, increasing access to good food by SNAP beneficiaries while increasing farmers’ market revenues  
• Taste the Local Difference guide to the region’s local food and farms  
• Farm Entrepreneur Fund, a program of micro-loans, very small grants, and Ag IDA (Individual Development Account) matched savings plan

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### Keywords
Get Farming project, Taste the Local Difference, Food and Farming Network

### Audience
Agricultural service providers, economic development officials, farmers, food businesses and entrepreneurs, low-income consumers, new or prospective farmers
# Michigan Meat Association

## Mission or Goal
To provide timely information exchange, and opportunities to enhance productivity and technology to maintain the viability of the meat industry.

## Geographic Location
Statewide

## Type of Work
- Business development/technical assistance
- Outreach/extension

## Topical Category
- Food and agricultural entrepreneurship
- Food-based community and economic development
- Food policy
- Food system infrastructure and business development
- Localizing/regionalizing food system

## Program Examples
- Annual convention
- Educational and training sessions
- Regulatory issues

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## Keywords

## Audience
Food businesses and entrepreneurs, processors
Michigan Organic Food & Farm Alliance

Mission or Goal
To promote organic agriculture and the support and development of food systems that revitalize and sustain local communities.

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Program Examples

- Organic Conference
- USDA Organic Cost Share Program
- 2012 Farm Bill

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Decentralized food systems, sustainable food system, organic resource(s), farming/grower education, national and local agricultural policy

Audience
Agricultural service providers, community-based organizations, cooperative managers, food businesses and entrepreneurs, environmental advocates, extension educators, farm workers, general community, local government officials, policy makers, rural landowners
Michigan Restaurant Association

Mission or Goal
To provide essential services to the food service community.

Geographic Location
Statewide

Type of Work
• Business development/technical assistance
• Advocacy

Topical Category
• Community food security
• Food and agricultural entrepreneurship
• Food and health
• Food-based community and economic development
• Food preparation and production
• Food safety

Program Examples
• michiganfoodsafety.com website
• ServSafe Certification
• Employee Training

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Keywords
Food safety training, allergy awareness, resources

Audience
Economic development officials, extension educators, food businesses and entrepreneurs, local government officials, public health advocates, regulatory agency officials, state agency partners, youth (K-12)
Mission or Goal
To enhance the lives of Michigan citizens through an educational process.

Geographic Location
Southeast Michigan, mid-Michigan, West Michigan, Northwest Michigan, Eastern Upper Peninsula

Type of Work
- Community development
- Outreach/extension

Topical Category
- Building networks across organizations
- Farm to school and/or other institution
- Food and agricultural entrepreneurship
- Leadership development
- Localizing/regionalizing food system
- Youth and family food education

Program Examples
- MSUE staff are integral partners in the Edible Flint community food systems project
- MSUE staff, in cooperation with campus faculty and local partners, are assisting communities throughout Michigan to develop coordinated food systems

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Education, community, development, technical assistance

Audience
Community-based organizations, policy makers, economic development officials, elderly, faith-based organizations, food businesses and entrepreneurs, low-income consumers, rural landowners, state agency partners, planners/ economic and community development staff
**Mission or Goal**
To improve economic opportunities in the Michigan agriculture, food, natural resource, and bioeconomy sectors; to assess the developmental phase of your business/product, identify markets, innovate new products, help you make critical decisions, and guide you from market to start-up.

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**Program Examples**
- High Impact Venture Action Team (HI-VAT) - assisting Tier 2 companies with business expansion MarketMaker-on line database linking customers to suppliers
- Making It In Michigan - annual trade show and educational programming for food processors

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**Keywords**
Innovation counselors and innovators, MSU Product Center, product development, food processing

**Audience**
Agricultural service providers, cooperative managers, economic development officials, extension educators, food businesses and entrepreneurs, planners/economic and community development staff, processors, state agency partners, regulatory agency officials
# MSU Student Organic Farm

## Mission or Goal
To cultivate knowledge and human capacity in organic and sustainable agriculture for students, farmers and educators.

## Geographic Location
Michigan and the Great Lakes region

## Type of Work
- Business development/technical assistance
- Outreach/extension
- New farmer training

## Topical Category
- Food and agricultural entrepreneurship
- Food production

## Program Examples
- Organic Farmer Training Program - intensive 9-month training program teaching students production and management skills needed to operate their own farm businesses.
- Urban Agriculture Technical assistance in year-round organic production in Flint and Detroit
- Vermicomposting of campus food wastes using hoop houses
- Part of Michigan State University Center for Regional Food Systems

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## Keywords
New farmer training, hoophouse, season extension, urban agriculture, workshops, tours, CSA, organic pork production, organic fruit, vegetable, cut flower production

## Audience
Extension educators, scientific community, new farmers, college students
### Mission or Goal
To enable undergraduate students to gain holistic and integrated competencies around four broad core content areas: aesthetic appreciation, ecological integrity, social equity, and economic vitality through civic engagement, systems thinking, critical thinking, and personal development.

### Geographic Location
Michigan State University

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### Program Examples
- • Introduction to Sustainability
- • Sustainability Practicum
- • Sustainability Portfolio Capstone

### Keywords
Ecological integrity, social equity, economic vitality, aesthetic understanding, civic engagement, systems thinking critical thinking, personal development, competency, assessment, curriculum

### Audience
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Mission or Goal
To implement financing for community and/or individually owned renewable energy systems such as wind, solar, geothermal, anaerobic digestion and combined heat and power.

Geographic Location
The eight “Cities of Hope” in Michigan: Detroit, Pontiac, Saginaw, Highland Park, Hamtramck, Muskegon Heights, Flint, and Benton Harbor

Type of Work
- Business development/technical assistance
- Community development
- Financial assistance
- Food access for under-served families
- Research

Topical Category
- Building communities across organizations
- Environment and natural resources
- Farmland preservation
- Farm viability and capital access
- Food access for underserved families
- Food and agricultural entrepreneurship
- Food-based community and economic development
- Food production
- Food system infrastructure and business development
- Healthy school meals
- Localizing/ regionalizing food system

Program Examples
- Urban farming model using vacant industrial and commercial buildings in older, urban neighborhoods
- Locally owned renewable energy projects that produce revenue for the community
- Developed a six-week training program for urban farming

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Keywords
Creative financing solutions for agribusiness, utilizing tax increment financing, grants, loan guarantee programs and crowd funding

Audience
Agricultural service providers, community organizations, environmental advocates, food businesses, extension educators, faith-based organizations, farmers, local government officials, planners/ economic and community development staff, policy makers
Mission or Goal
To develop and manage initiatives to increase the supply of regional produced food into the marketplace that includes capacity building for communities, farmers, supply chains, and food hubs.

Geographic Location
Statewide; the counties of Muskegon, Oceana, Newaygo; Chicago, IL

Type of Work
- Business development/technical assistance
- Community development
- Outreach/extension
- Network development

Topical Category
- Building communities across organizations
- Community food security
- Farm to school
- Farm viability and capital access
- Food access for underserved families
- Food and agricultural entrepreneurship
- Food and health
- Food-based community and economic development
- Food distribution and aggregation
- Food system infrastructure and business development
- Localizing/regionalizing food system

Program Examples
- Healthy Muskegon (healthy eating and access, local teams helping youth)
- Michigan Food Hub Learning and Innovation Network
- National Good Food Network Food Hub Collaboration
- National Good Food Network Field Guide Collaboration
- Washington Park Farms - Chicago, IL

Keywords
Capacity building, communities, farmers, supply chains, food hubs, networking, regional food to communities, urban/rural partnerships, farmer access to capital

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Audience
Agricultural service providers, community-based organizations, economic development officials, extension educators, faith-based organizations, farmers, food businesses, local elected government officials, low-income consumers, community development staff
**Mission or Goal**
To assist schools and farms develop strong, sustainable farm-to-school programs.

**Geographic Location**
Southwest Michigan

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**Program Examples**

- Farm-to-school foraging agent: Help to connect farmers to schools by helping them get fresh, local fruits and vegetables into their cafeterias

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**Keywords**
Farm-to-school program development, foraging agent

**Audience**
Farmers, food businesses and entrepreneurs, public health advocates, youth (K-12)
**New Dawn Gardenscapes**

**Mission or Goal**
To provide meaningful guidance for those seeking to lead a permaculture lifestyle.

**Geographic Location**
Statewide

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**Program Examples**
- Annual internship program through garden projects at Ferndale Farm
- 48 programs that design for horticulture and equestrian therapy garden and permaculture

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**Keywords**
Permaculture, design, internship

**Audience**
Community-based organizations, farmers, food businesses, general community
**Mission or Goal**
To advance—to the whole of American agriculture—innovations that improve profitability, stewardship and quality of life by investing in groundbreaking research and education.

**Geographic Location**
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**Program Examples**
- Scaling up Local Foods Initiative
- Sustainable Invasive Pest Management
- Practical Farm Sustainable Economic Analysis

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**Keywords**
Sustainable agriculture, professional development

**Audience**
Community-based organizations, economic development officials, environmental advocates, extension educators, farm workers, food businesses and entrepreneurs, planners/economic and community development staff, processors, public health advocates, youth
Northern Initiatives

Mission or Goal
To build a more diverse and resilient rural economy in Northern Michigan.

Geographic Location
The Upper Peninsula of Michigan

Type of Work
• Financial assistance/loans

Topical Category
• Food and agricultural entrepreneurship

Program Examples
• Loans to start up businesses
• Technical assistance and training of small businesses
• Regional strategies focused on cultural and nature tourism

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Keywords
Community development financial institution, microenterprise development organization

Audience
Community-based organizations, economic development officials, food businesses and entrepreneurs, policy makers, processors, state agency partners, women, banks
Mission or Goal
To provide resources to create and retain quality jobs in Antrim, Charlevoix, Cheboygan and Emmet Counties.

Geographic Location
Antrim, Charlevoix, Cheboygan and Emmet Counties

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Program Examples
• Business classes including Fundamentals of Starting a Business and FastTrac New Venture
• Instructor for MLUI’s Get Farming Classes
• Member of the Food and Farming Network

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Sustainable development, economic redevelopment

Audience
Agricultural service providers, community-based organizations, economic development officials, food businesses and entrepreneurs, local government officials, planners/economic and community development staff, regulatory agency officials, rural landowners
Northwest Initiatives

Mission or Goal
To advance the development of healthy, vibrant communities by building capacity to identify needs and formulate strategies to create change.

Geographic Location
Northwest Lansing

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Program Examples
• Garden-based nutrition education
• Food distribution
• Youth enrichment
• Westside Farmers’ Market
• SNAP-Ed

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Keywords
Social justice, non-profit, grassroots, health equity, food desert, Westside Farmers’ Market, Lansing, emergency food, SNAP-Ed

Audience
Community-based organizations, elderly, faith-based organizations, English as a second language, farmers, immigrants/refugees, low-income consumers, public health advocates, state agency partners, women, youth (K-12), general community
Northwest Michigan Food & Farming Network

**Mission or Goal**
To be a forum and provide opportunity for the region’s many food and farming interests to link and advance their work, and to be a structure through which many organizations and individuals can make progress together.

**Geographic Location**
Northwest Michigan

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**Program Examples**
- Scaling up the regional food supply
- Farm funding: Setting up a one-stop on resources for farm financing
- Regional food hub

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Regional food system, farm support, food system education

**Audience**
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**Originz, LLC**

**Mission or Goal**
To help clients create food systems for a healthier world that foster thriving agri-food ecology and economy that ensures all people can eat well and be satisfied.

**Geographic Location**
The United States and Canada

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**Program Examples**
- Consult to Fortune 500 food company on the development of a comprehensive agronomy program
- Conduct Feasibility Study, develop business plan, and VAPG grant writing for nurseryman (small business) extending new venture into the ‘green building’ sector
- Provide supply/value chain and procurement guidance to health-care buying group (27 institutions) interested in buying more local/regional foods

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food systems, scenario planning, feasibility study, business planning, strategic planning, project management, supply chain development, value chain development

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**Audience**
Cooperative managers, farmers, food businesses and entrepreneurs, processors, rural landowners, scientific community, state agency partners
Mission or Goal
To assist food and farm entrepreneurs through building strategic marketing communications efforts. To make economic, social and other impacts to benefit participants in food and farm communities.

Geographic Location
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Program Examples
• Marketing efforts
• Strategic planning
• Food safety/risk communications

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Keywords
Marketing, brand development, advertising, communications, organization development

Audience
Processors, cooperative managers, community-based organizations, economic development officials, food businesses, farmers, policy makers, regulatory agency officials, local government officials
**Peaches & Greens Produce Market**

**Mission or Goal**
To provide access to fresh, low-cost fruits and vegetables through a produce truck and store, which are clean and safe, education through cooking demos, and community conversation about food and our health.

**Geographic Location**
City of Detroit, MI

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**Program Examples**
- Weekly produce deliveries to local liquor stores and community organizations
- The Double Up Food Bucks and Project Fresh and Senior Project Fresh Programs
- Summer jobs programs connected with local businesses called Fresh Corner Cafe

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**Keywords**
Fresh fruits and vegetables, food deserts, produce truck, Double Up Food Bucks, Project Fresh, Senior Project Fresh

**Audience**
Community-based organizations, elderly, English as a second language (ESL), low income consumers, immigrants, planners/economic development staff, pre-K, state agency partners, women, youth (K-12)
Pearl Partners, LLC

Mission or Goal
To help others find the energy to move toward success by creatively tapping the wisdom within each individual. To work with clients and other service providers to create energized plans and implementation strategies that will benefit all involved.

Geographic Location
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Program Examples
• Project L.E.A.D. - voluntary leadership initiative in Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development Food System Workgroup (Lansing Area)
• Community engagement process design & implementation
• Strategic Coaching for MIFMA (MI Farmers Market Association)

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Keywords
Strategic thinking, strategic coaching, meeting facilitation, board development, organizational development, project team facilitation

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Audience
Community-based organizations, food businesses and entrepreneurs, general community, planners/economic and community development staff, policy makers, public health advocates, regulatory agency officials, state agency partners
People’s Co-op of Kalamazoo

Mission or Goal
To create food that is healthy for people, land and the economy.

Geographic Location
Southwest Michigan

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Program Examples

• Weekly Farmers’ Market
• SNAP and Double Up Food Bucks administration for local farmers’ markets
• Retail establishment for local foods and produce

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Keywords
Co-operative grocery store

Audience
Community-based organizations, cooperative managers, elderly, farmers, food businesses, general community, low-income consumers, pre-K, processors, youth (K-12)
Mission or Goal
To enhance Michigan by emphasizing sustainable entrepreneurship, job growth, wealth creation, higher quality of life, equitable educational opportunities and a strong community identity.

Geographic Location
Statewide and beyond

Type of Work
- Business development/technical assistance

Topical Category
- Building networks across organizations
- Food production
- Leadership development

Program Examples
- The Moving Ideas to Market program promotes and supports entrepreneurship focusing on groups K-12, collegiate, and beyond
- The Iraq initiative seeks to enhance the trade relationship between Michigan and the Republic of Iraq
- The Customized Accelerated Recruitment and Training (CART) program meets the training needs of employers by bringing together the necessary partners for fast, customized training of employees

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Keywords
Community development, economic development, collaboration, innovation, talent

Audience
Community-based organizations, cooperative managers, economic development officials, extension educators, general community, local government officials, policy makers, planners/economic and community development staff, regulatory agency officials, Pre-K
Real Time Farms

Mission or Goal
To enable consumers to trace your food back to the farm it came from so you can find food you feel good about eating.

Geographic Location
Nationwide, but based out of Ann Arbor, MI

Type of Work
• Business development/technical assistance

Topical Category
• Environment and natural resources
• Food and agricultural entrepreneurship
• Food system infrastructure and business development
• Localizing/regionalizing food system

Program Examples
• Partnered with the nation’s only crowd-sourced and curated cooking site, Food52.com, to use our data to help home cooks find and share the source of their favorite ingredients
• Developed a curriculum for our Food Warrior Internship Program available to enable people nationwide to learn about and document their local food system for their own education
• Working with many national organizations (e.g. USDA, National Organic Program, American Grassfed Association) to gather and collect data on our nation’s farms and farmers markets in addition to the data submitted by the public.

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Keywords
Local food guide, farm database, farmers market database

Audience
General community
Mission or Goal
To help revitalize Detroit through innovative job creation projects benefitting those persons and communities in recovery. To create jobs through the development of an integrated cluster of food system companies undertaking growing, aggregating/processing, producing and/or distribution.

Geographic Location
Metropolitan Detroit

Type of Work
• Business development/technical assistance

Topical Category
• Farm to school or other institution
• Food and agricultural entrepreneurship
• Food-based community and economic development
• Food distribution and aggregation
• Food preparation and production
• Food system equity/farm worker conditions/fair wages
• Food system infrastructure and business development
• Localizing/regionalizing food system

Program Examples
• Detroit Center for Food System Development and Training
• Aquaculture
• Indoor Farming

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Keywords
Food entrepreneur, aquaculture, aquaponics

Audience
Agricultural service providers, economic development officials, extension educators, farm workers, food businesses, processors, state agency partners
# Regional Food Solutions, LLC

## Mission or Goal
To provide organizations and businesses with expert project development, writing, research, and facilitation.

## Geographic Location
Statewide, based in Benzie County

### Type of Work
- Business development/technical assistance
- Outreach/extension

### Topical Category
- Building networks across organizations
- Farm viability and capital access
- Food and agricultural entrepreneurship
- Food policy
- Food system infrastructure and business development
- Localizing/regionalizing food system

## Program Examples
- Financing for young, beginning, small farmers
- State and federal policy advocacy to support local, regional food system development
- Communications and outreach to food and agriculture businesses and stakeholders

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Mission or Goal
To educate and promote the economic, environmental and cultural significance of agriculture in western central Michigan.

Geographic Location
Four counties in western, central Michigan

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Program Examples
• Production of the Fruit Ridge Country Market Guide Website

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Keywords
Farm markets, Apples Ridge Country Market guide tours

Audience
Elderly, farmers, food businesses and entrepreneurs, general community, local government officials, public health advocates, women, youth
Mission or Goal
To collaboratively build sustainable food systems on the campus of Wayne State University and in Detroit neighborhoods.

Geographic Location
Wayne State University campus, east side neighborhoods of Detroit

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Program Examples
- Wayne State University Farmers Market
- Detroit FRESH: The healthy corner stores project
- Three campus vegetable and herb gardens

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University-community partnership, farmers market, healthy corner stores

Audience
Community-based organizations, economic development officials, elderly, faith-based organizations, food businesses and entrepreneurs, general community, low-income consumers, policy makers, public health advocates, scientific community, youth
Mission or Goal
To create dramatic and lasting change in our food system while protecting our planet. Our commitment to families in the Detroit area stems from our belief in the right for all people to have access to fresh, sustainable and locally produced food.

Geographic Location
Statewide

Type of Work
- Provide food to low-income households
- Community development

Topical Category
- Food and health
- Food system infrastructure and business development
- Community food security
- Food-based community and economic development
- Healthy school meals
- Food distribution, aggregation and policy
- Localizing/regionalizing food system
- Farm to school
- Youth and family food education
- Food production

Program Examples
- Nutrition and local/sustainable food education in area schools

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Food security, local food, local agriculture, farm to school, sustainable agriculture, regional food systems, organic food, fair trade, artisans, healthy school lunch, farm to table, organic agriculture, natural food, gardening, urban farming, farming, farmers

Audience
Local government officials, elderly, state agency partners, low-income consumers, women, environmental advocates, planners/economic and community development staff, youth (K-12), policy makers, faith-based organizations, pre-K, farmers
**Slow Food Huron Valley**

**Mission or Goal**
To strengthen our region’s food system, build community food security, and preserve our culinary heritage. We inspire a transformation in food policy, production practices and market forces so that they ensure equity, sustainability and pleasure in the food we eat.

**Geographic Location**
Southeast Michigan

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**Program Examples**
- HomeGrown Festival: Annual event celebrating local food, business and community
- Local Food Summit: A one-day conference for food system stakeholders in Washtenaw County
- Great Lakes Heirloom Seed Trial: Promoting community food security through cultivars known to thrive in our region of southeast Michigan

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Slow food, community food security, homegrown festival, local food summit, Good Clean and Fair, terra madre

**Audience**
Agricultural service providers, community-based organizations, cooperative directors, farmers, farm workers, food businesses, general community, low-income consumers, policy makers, economic and community development staff, public health advocates
Mission or Goal
To support and help cultivate a food system within the central west Michigan region that is healthy, affordable, accessible and fair, and to counter the disappearance of local food traditions and diversity, along with people’s dwindling interest in the food they eat and where it comes from, through our educational events, programming and support of other food sustainability organizations/businesses.

Geographic Location
Central West Michigan: From Muskegon to Greater Grand Rapids to Fennville.

Type of Work
• Outreach/extension
• Food system advocacy and education

Topical Category
• Food access for underserved families
• Food and health
• Food policy
• Food preparation
• Food system equity/farm worker conditions/fair wages
• Localizing/regionalizing food system
• Food system advocacy and awareness building

Program Examples
• Farm to table dinners at host restaurants or farms highlighting endangerment of our food diversity known as Slow Food’s Ark of Taste featuring foods and food traditions that are close to extinction and the implications of not sustaining food diversity, quality and access.
• Food production events: educating folks at host farms regarding sustainable farming methods and ways to harvest endangered heirloom foods like Michigan’s wild rice.
• Snail of Approval Recognition Program: We also publicly recognize the local food sustainability production and distribution of local food artisans, farmers, breweries, restaurants, markets, distributors, and the like.

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Slow food, organic, food system, farmers, farming, sustainability, local food, food access, food entrepreneurship, food education, food preparation, whole foods, heritage foods, heirloom foods, food traditions, ark of taste, food diversity, fair food, community gardens

Audience
Agricultural service providers, community-based organizations, cooperative managers and directors, environmental advocates, extension educators, farmers, food businesses, farm workers, low-income consumers, policy makers, women
Sprout Urban Farms

Mission or Goal
To share resources and educational opportunities with residents in the community, focusing on food access for all residents.

Geographic Location
Cities of Battle Creek and Springfield, MI

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Program Examples
• Bright Star Farm: Urban farms located minutes from downtown Battle Creek. This summer, it was the base for our youth internship program
• Fresh on Wheels: A mobile market program. Each week, our trailer is packed with fruits and vegetables and is taken to high-traffic areas in food deserts across the city.

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Audience
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Mission or Goal
To nurture the potential of every child and teen, improve the nation’s health and well-being, and support and serve our neighbors; to ensure that everyone has the opportunity to become healthier.

Geographic Location
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Program Examples
• Pioneering Healthy Communities: working with state level leaders toward developing standards and training for physical activity in early child care and learning centers
• Joint use agreements with public schools for physical activity opportunities
• Farmers market

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Healthy living, physical activity, health seeker, community partnerships

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Audience
General community, policy makers, pre-K, youth
# Steelcase Foundation

## Mission or Goal
To be a catalyst for partnerships and problem-solving across sectors -- non-profit, for-profit and government.

## Geographic Location
West Michigan

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## Program Examples
- Kids’ Food Basket (healthy take home suppers for kids)
- Fulton Street Market (capital campaign to improve the Fulton Street Market)
- Baxter Community Center (Greenhouse Initiative)

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### Keywords
Improving quality of life and encouraging community collaborations

### Audience
Community-based organizations, general community
### Mission or Goal
To help create a system of commerce for our partners that is simultaneously life affirming, value-based and ethically driven.

### Geographic Location
Statewide, Great Lakes Region

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### Program Examples
- Environmentally sustainable technology assessments
- Green product promotion
- Sustainable business development

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Sustainable economic development, consultant, measuring environmental impact, environmental health impacts

### Audience
Community organizations, cooperative managers, economic development officials, environmental advocates, farmers, food businesses and entrepreneurs, low-income consumers, planners/economic and community development staff, pre-K, processors, women
The Starting Block, Inc.

Mission or Goal
To incubate and support the entrepreneurial spirit, in the food systems and natural resources sector, by providing licensed commercial kitchen facilities, entrepreneurial education and peer-to-peer networking to new and expanding businesses in the food product or natural resource areas, into a profitable, local and wealth-creating business.

Geographic Location
West central Michigan

Type of Work
- Business development/technical assistance
- Outreach/extension

Topical Category
- Food and agricultural entrepreneurship
- Food-based community and economic development
- Food distribution and aggregation
- Food preparation
- Food production
- Food systems infrastructure and business development
- Localizing/regionlizing food system

Program Examples
- Kitchen rental to over thirty clients
- Food safety training classes
- FastTrac entrepreneurial training
- Youth entrepreneurial training

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Keywords
Kitchen incubator, commercial kitchen, business development

Audience
Economic development officials, extension educators, farmers, food businesses and entrepreneurs, processors, women, youth (K - 12 students)
# Tillers International

## Mission or Goal
To preserve, study, and exchange low-capital farming technologies that increase the sustainability and productivity of people in rural communities.

## Geographic Location
National and international

### Type of Work
- Business development/technical assistance
- Research
- Education

### Topical Category
- Community and food security
- Farm viability and capital access
- Food and agricultural entrepreneurship
- Food-based community and economic development

## Program Examples
- Animal traction training in Mozambique
- Training of U.S. and international interns at our farm in Scotts, MI, in traditional farming techniques
- Animal-powered farm incubator at our farm in Scotts, MI

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## Keywords
Animal power, agriculture, oxen, sustainable agriculture

## Audience
Farmers (new and established), general community, rural landowners
## Mission or Goal
To help young groups and businesses within the Michigan food system be successful

## Geographic Location
Statewide

### Type of Work
- Business development/technical assistance

### Topical Category
- Food and agricultural entrepreneurship
- Food and health
- Food distribution and aggregation
- Food production
- Food system infrastructure and business development
- Localizing/regionalizing food system

### Program Examples
- Washtenaw Food Policy Council
- Eat Local Eat Natural: Local food distributing company (part of growth team)
- Cornman Farms: Managing partner (multi-level farm production and retail service company)

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## Keywords
Organic food industry, pioneer new product formulation, production, and marketing

## Audience
Agricultural service providers, economic development officials, farmers, food businesses and entrepreneurs, processors
# University of Michigan Sustainable Food Program

## Mission or Goal
To foster collaborative leadership that empowers students to create a sustainable food system at the University of Michigan while becoming change agents for a vibrant planet.

## Geographic Location
University of Michigan - Ann Arbor campus system

## Type of Work
- Community development
- Outreach/extension

## Topical Category
- Building communities across organizations
- Farm to school
- Food production
- Localizing/regionalizing food system

## Program Examples
- Hosting a Harvest Festival in October for all students, staff, faculty, and community members
- Piloting a farm on University of Michigan Botanical Gardens property
- Connecting students with each other and the community on sustainable food topics

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## Keywords
Audience

Community-based organizations, cooperative managers, English as a second language, farmers, environmental advocates, farm workers, food businesses, local government officials, low-income consumers, policy makers, processors, public health advocates
Uptown Kitchen

Mission or Goal
To foster and grow the food culture in Grand Rapids by providing affordable commercial kitchen space, assistance, and access to market opportunities for small food-based businesses.

Geographic Location
Metro Grand Rapids and western Michigan

Type of Work
- Business development/technical assistance
- Outreach/extension

Topical Category
- Food and agricultural entrepreneurship
- Food-based community and economic development
- Food distribution and aggregation
- Food preparation and production
- Food system infrastructure
- Localizing/regionalizing food system

Program Examples

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Keywords
Commercial kitchen, kitchen incubator, business development

Audience
Community-based organizations, extension educators, farmers, food businesses, general community, pre-K, processors, women, youth (K-12)
**USDA Michigan Farm Service Agency**

**Mission or Goal**
To equitably serve all farmers, ranchers, and agricultural partners through the delivery of effective, efficient agricultural programs for all Americans.

**Geographic Location**
Statewide

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**Program Examples**

• Farm loan programs
• Conservation programs
• Disaster assistance programs

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**Keywords**
Sustaining agricultural communities, economic development

**Audience**
Agricultural service providers, environmental advocates, policy makers, processors, regulatory agency officials, rural landowners, state agency partners
Van Buren Conservation District

Mission or Goal
To promote the conservation of natural resources through partnerships; by providing public education, demonstrations and technical assistance, while working together for future generations.

Geographic Location
Van Buren County

Type of Work
- Business development/technical assistance
- Outreach/extension

Topical Category
- Building networks across organizations
- Environment and natural resources
- Farmland preservation
- Farm viability and capital access
- Food system infrastructure and business development
- Leadership development
- Localizing/regionalizing food system

Program Examples
- Local food & farm guide
- Farming for the Future
- Conservation Technical Assistance Initiative

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Keywords
Community development, local level conservation, agriculture education

Audience
Community-based organizations, environmental advocates, extension educators, farmers, food businesses and entrepreneurs, processors, rural landowners
Wayne County Community Action Agency

Mission or Goal
To empower low-income people and strengthen communities through diverse leadership, services and collaboration.

Geographic Location
Wayne County

Type of Work
- Community development
- Outreach/extension

Topical Category
- Community food security
- Food access to underserved families
- Youth and family food education

Program Examples
- The agency has hosted a Farmers Market at alternating locations within the City of Inkster to improve access to fresh, locally grown food.
- A new community development project in the City of Lincoln Park. Once completed in the Fall 2013, the project will provide 36 units of affordable housing and two retail spaces.
- Family educational program, LEAPS (Literacy, Education, and Parenting Success) to assist parents with GED Preparation, ESL Classes and Parenting Success Classes.

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Keywords
Food referrals, community gardens, farmers market(s), community action, human services, basic needs, youth and family educational programs

Audience
Community-based organizations, economic development officials, elderly, faith-based organizations, farmers, immigrants, local government officials, low-income consumers, policy makers, state agency partners, women
Mission or Goal
To put Christian principles into practice through programs that build healthy spirit, mind and body for all.

Geographic Location
Urban Grand Rapids

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Program Examples

• YMCA Healthy Living Hubs located in four vulnerable neighborhoods provide increased access to fresh produce and opportunities for physical activity
• Veggie Mobile delivers fresh produce every week to vulnerable residents in urban Grand Rapids who lack access
• The Healthy U program provides opportunities for physical activity and nutrition education during the school day, after school and in the summer for 6,000 vulnerable children annually

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