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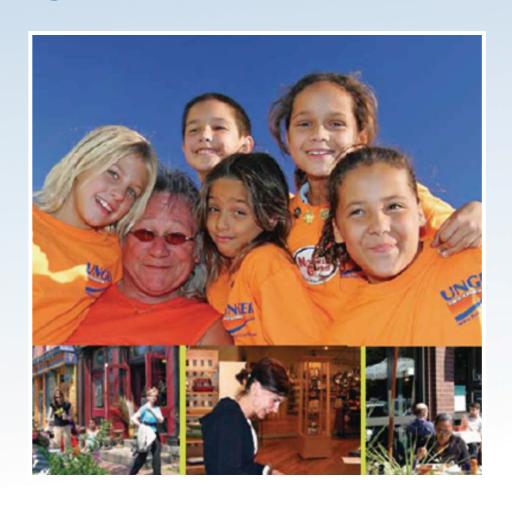
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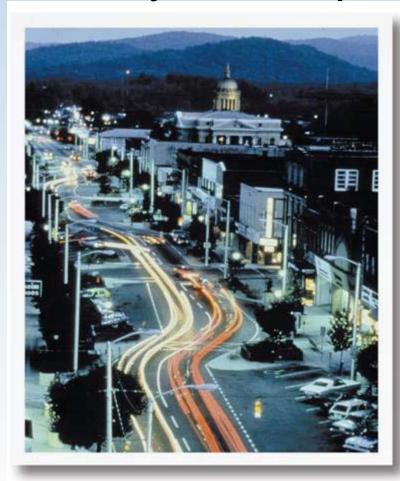


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Improving Access to Fresh Produce in Communities: Impact of Government Assistance Payment Options at On-Site Business Farmers Markets



Healthy Environments • Healthy Choices • Healthy People

"No relationships to disclose."

Presented by: Avtar Nijjer-Sidhu, PhD, RD

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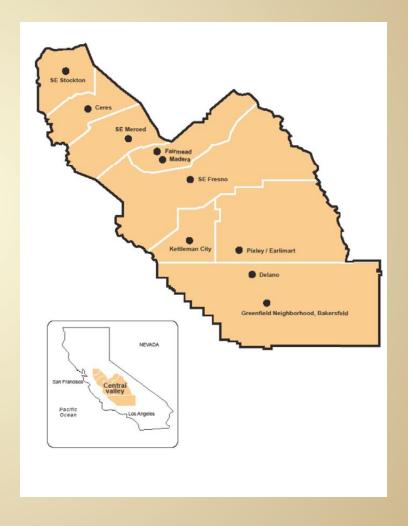
Widespread social injustice issues exist among healthy food access.

About Us

- •The Central California Regional Obesity Prevention Program (CCROPP) is a program that works across eight counties to improve access to healthy, affordable food and physical activity resources through policy and environmental change.
- •The Kern County Public Health Services Division is a partner of CCROPP, working to help inform and influence policy and environmental changes that need to take place to promote healthier communities.



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Changing the Face of Public Health

- Limited access to grocery stores and an abundance of fast food restaurants and convenience stores
- "Change" was coming
- The 1st public health department in California to operate an on-site farmer's market

Purpose

- Question "Why organize a farmer's market?"
- Reality "In an agricultural hub such as Delano, we have too many residents with limited access to healthy foods."

Starting the discussion with the Planning Department

- policies, ordinances, zoning requirements
- conditional use permits



Process



- Start up cost \$1,000
- Step 1 Obtain "buy-in" from the Public Health Director.
- Step 2 Scout out a farmer's market manager willing to start a new market site.
- Step 3 Obtain all of the necessary paper work from agencies.
- Step 4 Coordinate farmers market schedules with your local WIC agency.

Process Continues

"It doesn't even compare to the grocery store."

- Marcello Rodriguez, fruit vendor



Alexas, left, and Annabel Lopez are ready to haul away a watermelon their family purchased at the Farmer's Market sponsored by the Kern County Public Health Department. The Farmer's Market is open to county employees, WIC families and community members. It is held 3-6 p.m. Wednesdays at 1800 Mt. Vernon Ave.

Healthier choices

Farmer's market offers juicy, nutritious fresh produce

Californian staff writer

ounty employee Rudy Cordero spends every Wednesday buying locally grown fresh produce during his afternoon break. And he doesn't even have to leave work.

The Kern County Department of Public Health holds a farmer's market for the general public every Wednesday from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. on the lawn outside of the Juvenile Justice Center Building

Cordero, a public health aide, says he likes the market because it's convenient. He usually buys fruit, and his kids eat most of it the Leng Xiong arranges vegetables in his same night he brings it home.



stand for his customers at the Health De-Please see MARKET / A3 partment farmers' market.

Step 5 – It's not just about the location but PROMOTION! **PROMOTION! PROMOTION!**

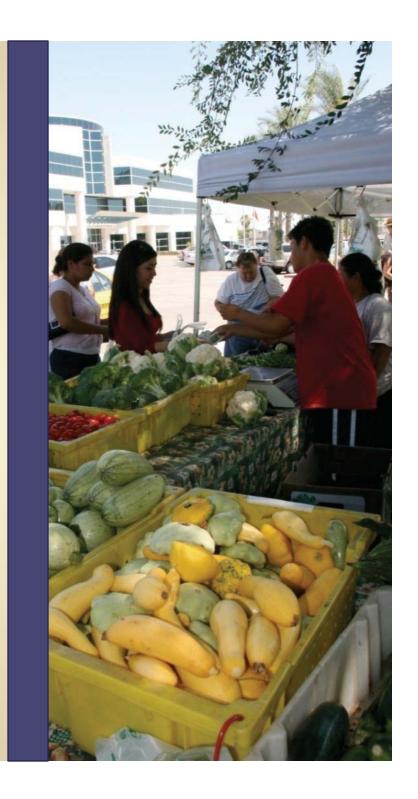
Process Continued



- Step 6 Develop a logistics plan for traffic control, parking, space and for additional vendors.
- Step 7 Remember to have fun, greet customers, share recipes, and learn about new produce.

Reaching Within the Community

- 30% increase in redemption of WIC Farmers Market Nutrition Program (FMNP) vouchers
- Shopped heavily by community residents
- Providing technical support
- Four farmer's market in 2010



Our Success

- Communities view the Public Health Department differently
- Mission to initiate farmer's markets in areas where there is limited access to produce

Promotion! Promotion! Promotion!

Central California REGIONAL OBESITY PREVENTION PROGRAM Healthy Environments • Healthy Choices • Healthy People

Kern County Farmers Market: Changing the Face of Public Health

ity Building Specialist for the Central California Regional Obesity Prevention Program (CCROPP) at the Kern County Department of Public Health, Dr. Avtar Nijjer-Sidhu had two ambitious goals: to tackle Kern County's growing obesity crisis, and to expand the reach of her county's health department deeper into the communities it serves. One of her solutions? Start a farmers market on the grounds of the Department of Public Health on Mount Vernon Avenue, where suc rounding low income community members, neighboring WIC participants, public health clients, and thousands of county workers could buy fresh fruits and vegetables nor mally hard to come by in this part of Bakersfield. This community in particular is designed in a way that limits opportunities to buy healthy food or enjoy physical activity. All of these environmental challenges have a negative influence on the health of communities and individuals

A New Vision
With this farmers market, "We're changing the face of public health." Nijjer-Sidhu explained, "It's not just about vaccinations and health

clinics, it's about changing the

environment and creating healthy communities. How better to suppor the health of the community than to support healthy diets by bringing fresh fruits and vegetables to people who don't have easy access

Any doubts that the Kern County to them?" Farmers Market had "arrived" were dispelled when The Bakersfield Californian featured the launch of its 2009 season on the front page of its Thursday, June 18 issue. "It's not easy to buy fruits and vegetables and sometimes it's expensive," Tania Guillen, a mother of three children ages 5, 4 and 3, told the newspaper reporter as she left the market with six bags of fresh produce. For others, it's a place to come, to gather, to get information as well as to shop.

The farmers market was established in April 2007 during "Public Health Week," and is the first farmers market to be certified in California on public health department grounds. "This was an area of Bakersfield with a high concentration of fast food outlets," Nijjer-Sidhu said. "It seemed like the right thing for a public health department to do.

But after an initial flurry of How They Did It interest, the market languished



from a shortage of vendors and diminishing public interest. For the 2008 market season, Nijjer-Sidhu once again secured approva from Kern County's former Director of Public Health, John Nilon, who made available a media specialist to promote the market through flyers, banners, radio and television spots and online publicity. "The promotional work was critical," Nijjer-Sidhu explained. "We were able to approach local farmers and tell them we had a rent-free space

SUCCESSSTORY

Buy Fresh Buy Local



Expanding Supplemental Nutrition Payment Options

- Received funding to initiate EBT at 4 sites
- Secured 2 separate
 grants totaling over
 \$78,000 for EBT initiation
- Another means of access for residents



Process for Replicating



Ordinance No. 2009-1205

- Purpose and Intent
- Definition
- Allowed Zone District
- Permit and Fees
- Parking Regulations
- Sign Regulations
- Regulations

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Many Flavors of U.S. Food Insecurity

Sustainability

- EnergyDependency
- Environmental Degradation
- Soil Depletion
- Mono-Culture

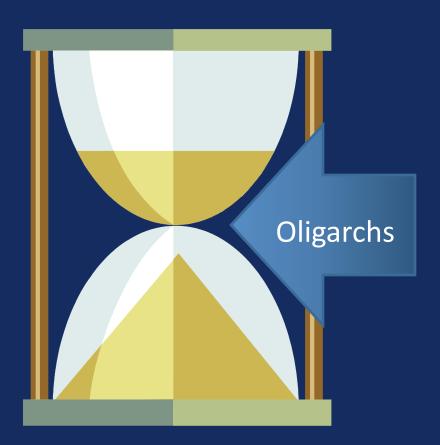
Viability

- Disappearing Farmers
- Food Safety
- SubsidyDependency

Equity

- EconomicConcentration
- Worker Justice
- Food Access

Economic Concentration



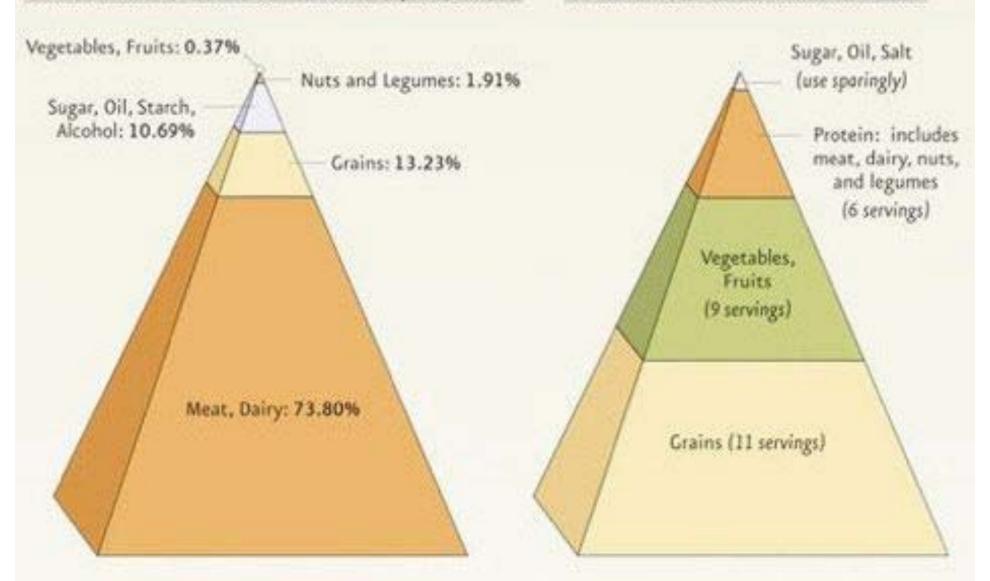
The Few are in Control:

| • | Seed Companies (2) | 60% |
|---|---------------------------|-----|
| • | Fluid Milk Production (1) | 70% |
| • | Pork Packing (4) | 64% |
| • | Beef Packing (4) | 83% |
| • | Flour Processing (4) | 63% |
| • | Wet Corn Milling (4) | 74% |
| • | Food Retailers (5) | 46% |

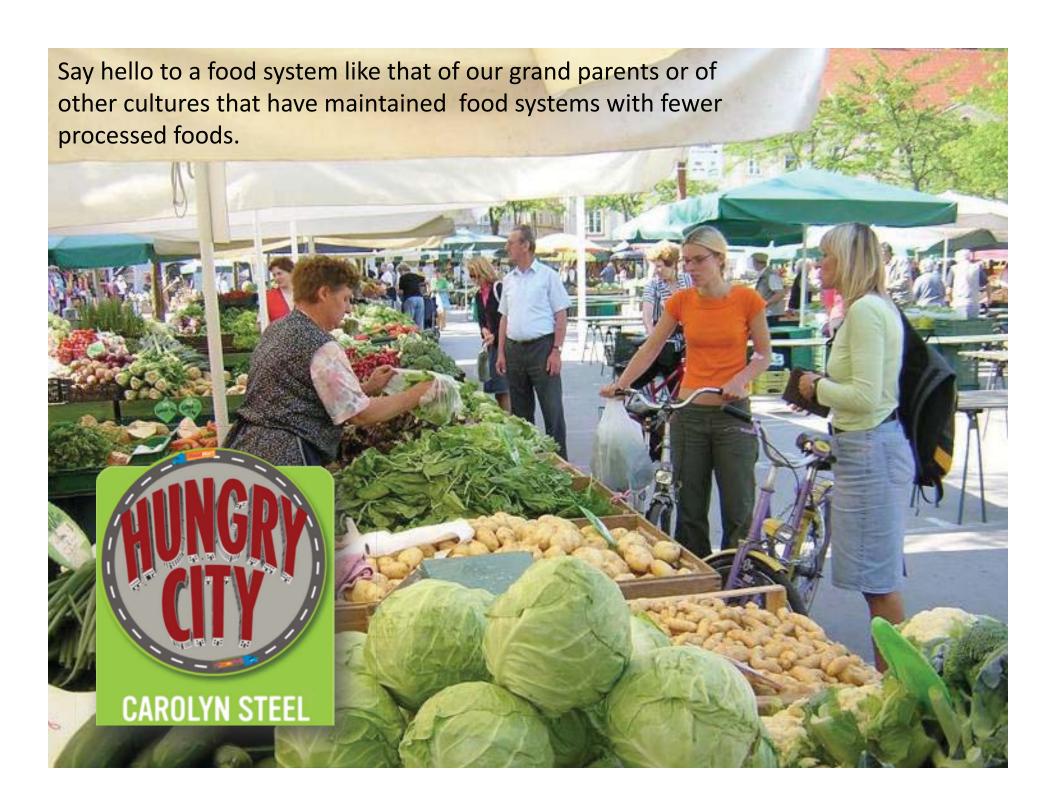
Why Does a Salad Cost More Than a Big Mac?

Federal Subsidies for Food Production, 1995-2005°

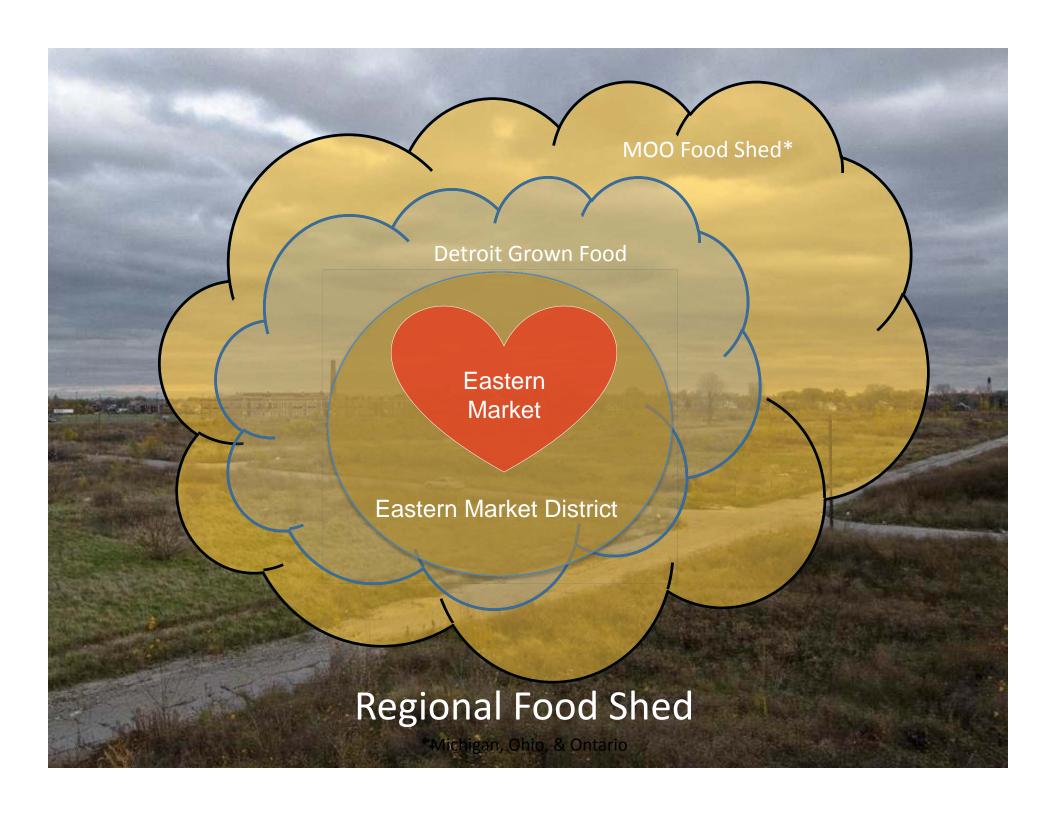
Federal Nutrition Recommendations

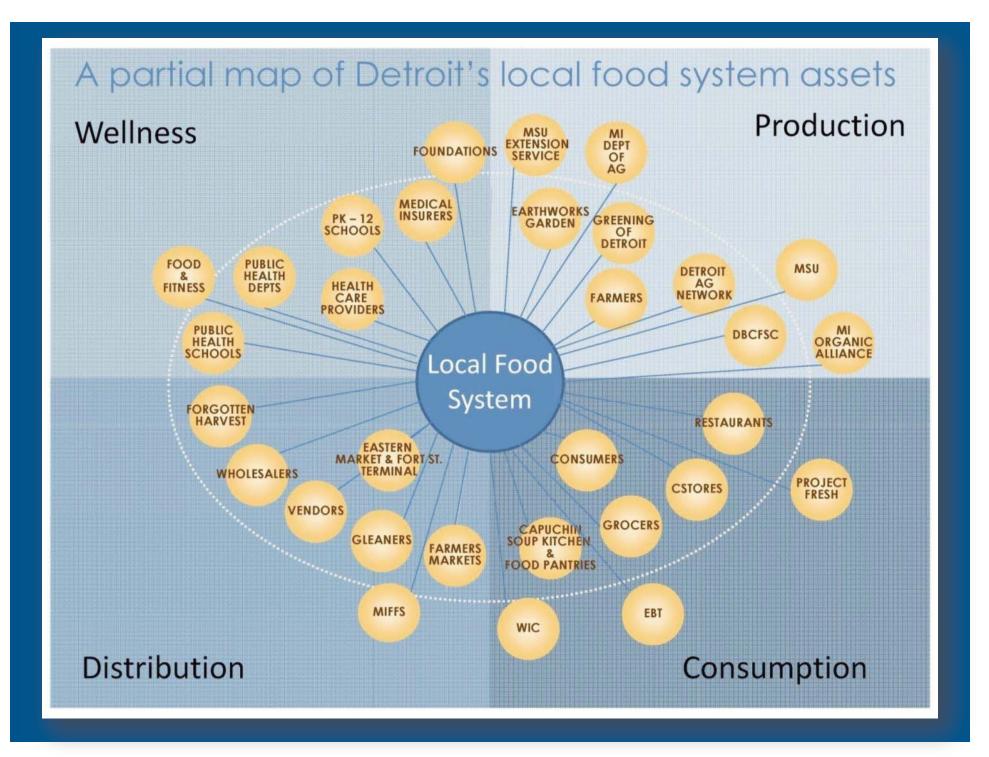








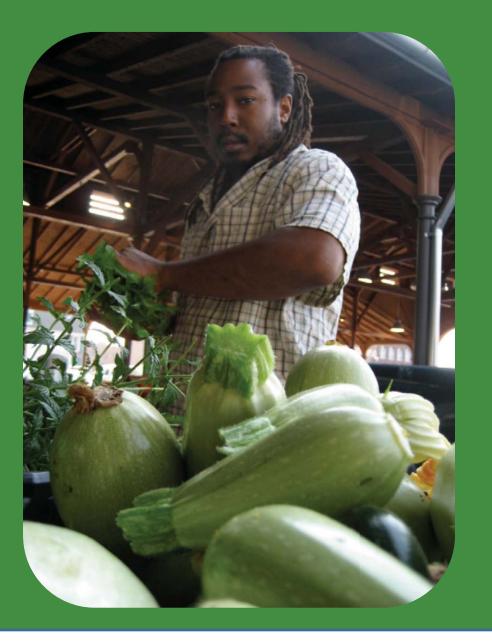


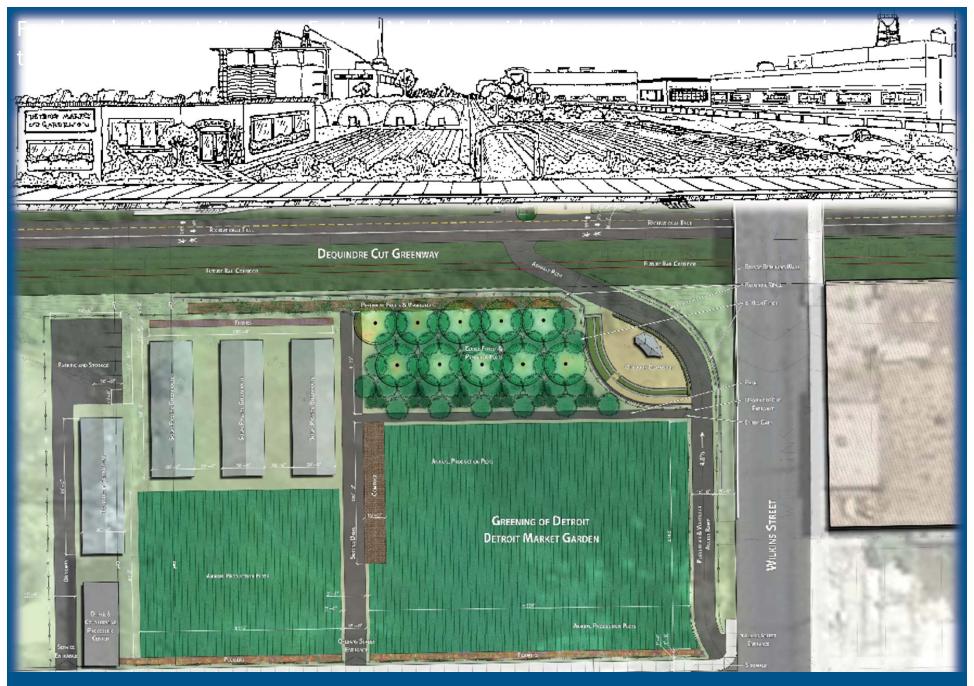




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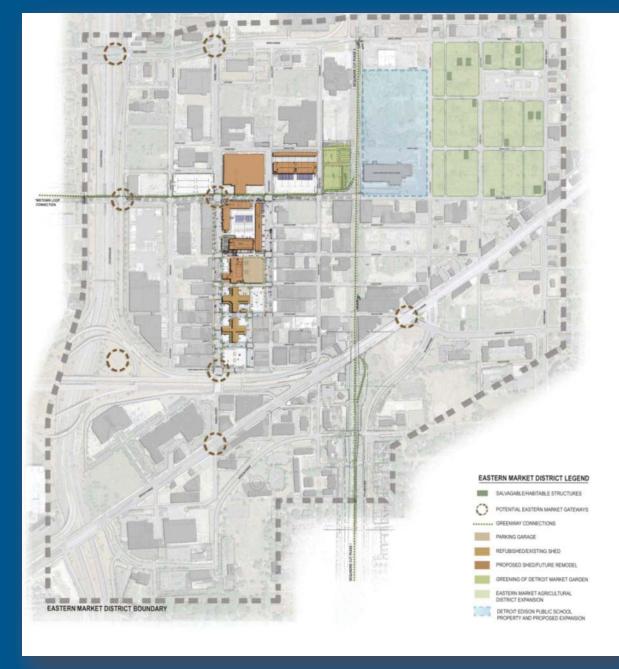
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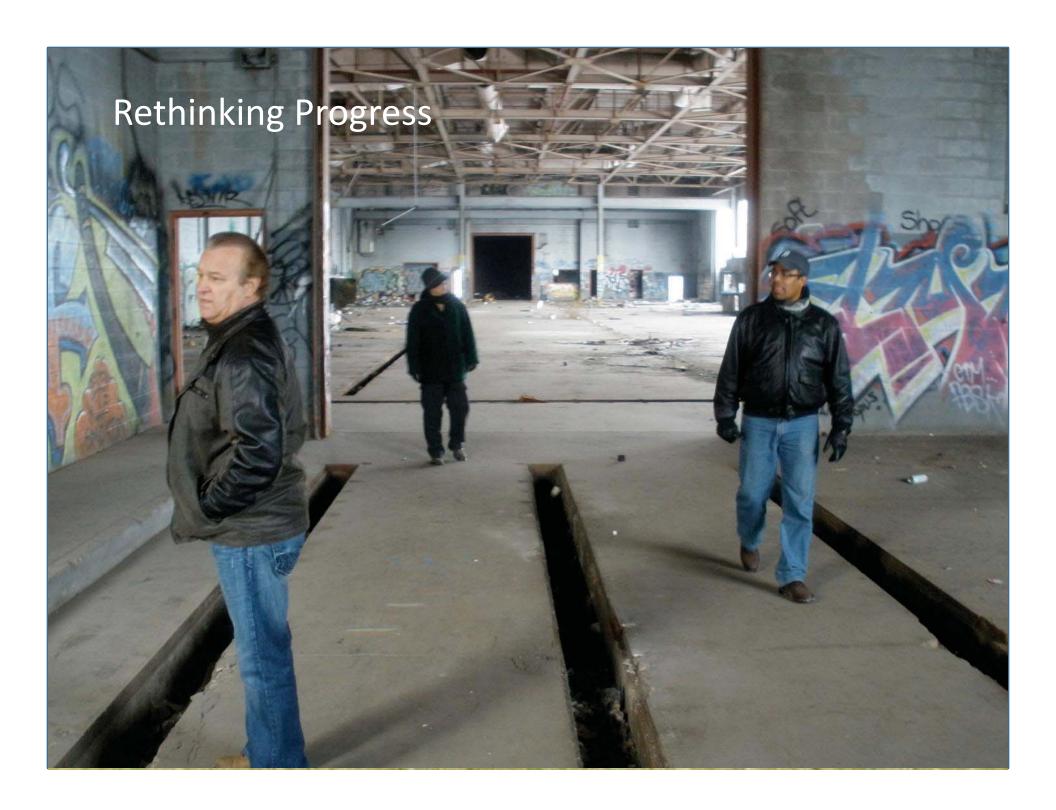


Detroit Market Garden- Growing Laboratory and Business Model

Market
Garden
Subdivision
14 city
farmsteads
1.5 – 2.5
acres











Different markets at Eastern Market



✓ Year Round Saturday Retail Market



✓ The AM Market or Wholesale Market

✓ Cluster of 80 Adjacent Food Businesses

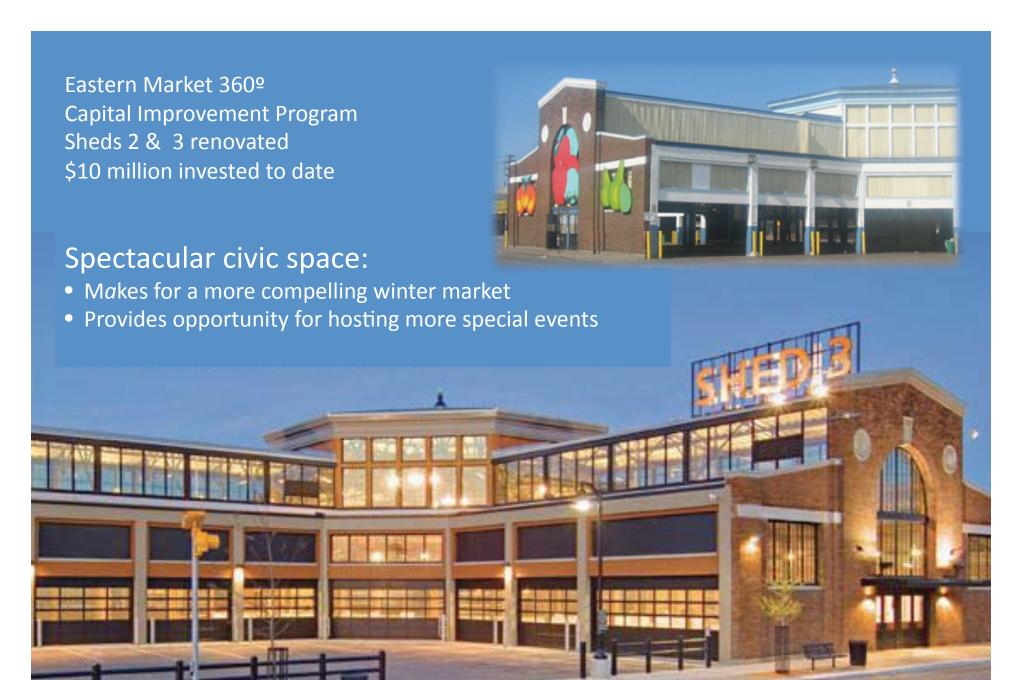


✓ Plants & Flowers



✓ Special Events

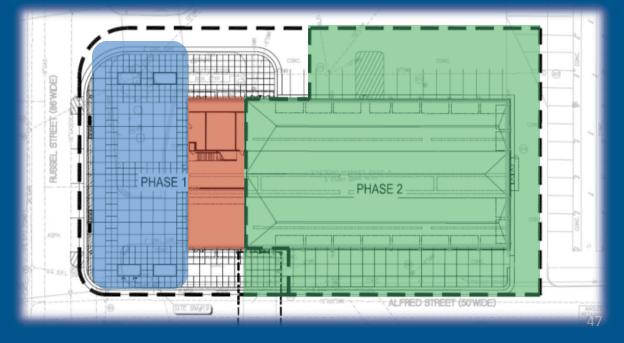




- Shed 5 will be renovated in 2011.
- The heart of the market's Plant & Flower sales.
- Community
 Kitchen to
 incubate and
 educate
- Expand Plaza towards Russell
 Street to larger gathering space.



Eastern Market 360°



- ✓ Plant and Flower Center
- ✓ Community Kitchen
- ✓ Artisan Plaza



Inspirational packaging for healthy eating around Detroit





City-Wide Community Kitchen Network



Using Existing Kitchens in DPS Schools

Increasing *supply* of healthy food in sustainable facilities

The Eastern Market Riddle: Building every day traffic counts



Shed 4

Planned Market Hall & Education Center



- ✓ Food hall, demonstration kitchen, and destination restaurant on ground level
- ✓ Education center and teaching kitchens on second level
- ✓ Fully integrated into the existing parking deck

Facilities to help increase the demand for healthy food



Education Center

- Second floor classroom complex that can be configured into one room accommodating 150 - 200 people or divided for smaller meetings.
- Teaching Kitchens for a wide variety of learning opportunities and community building around good, local food.

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A Road Runs Through Eastern Market



Shed One



Conversion of Gratiot Central Market into a healthier market hall. Five Hundred Feet of Meat needs a better selection of other grocery items and integration of healthy eating messaging.

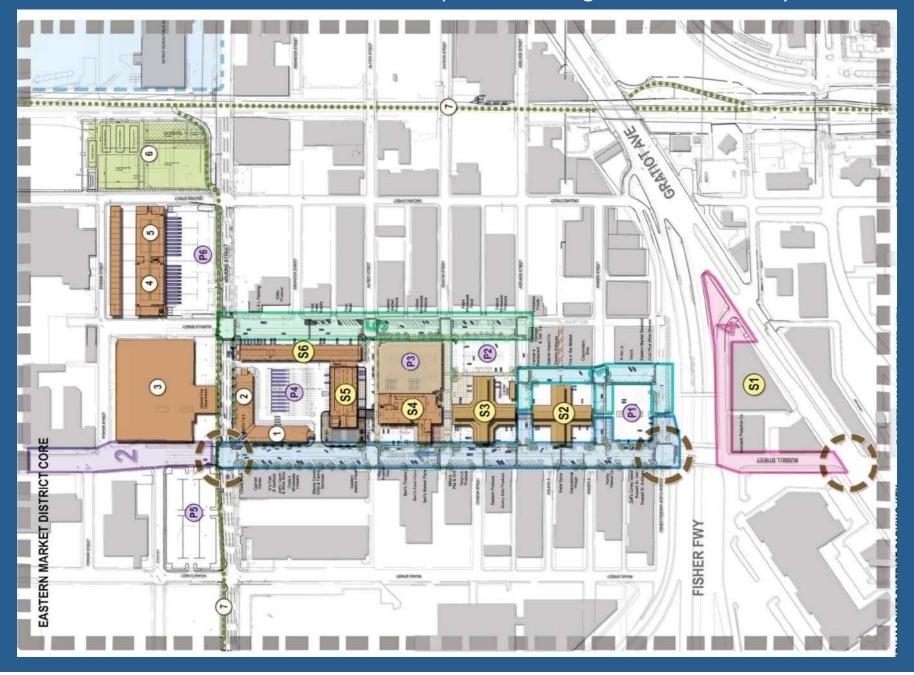


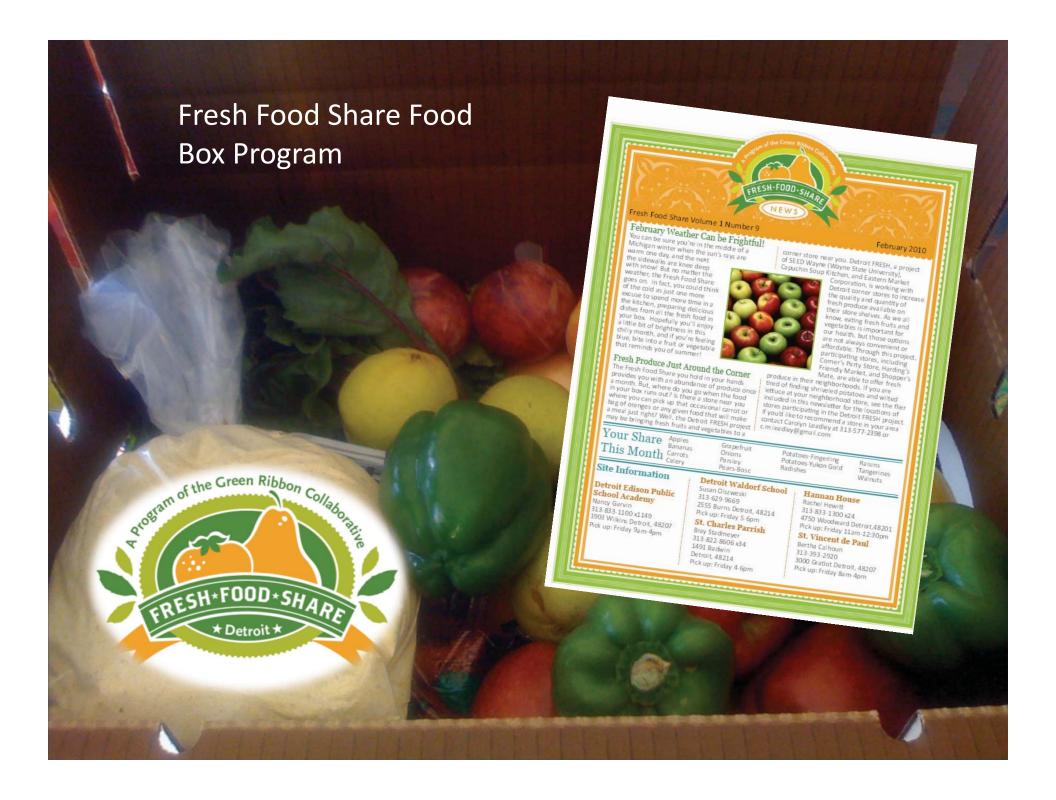
Eastern Market Commissary

To support mobile food operators and street food vendors



Eastern Market 360º refinements in response to emergence of local food system







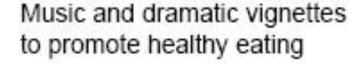


Enhanced Health Programming

at Eastern Market & Neighborhood Markets











Expand Eastern Market Cooking Demonstrations and take them on the road.



Bridge Card
Program at
Eastern Market
closing in on
\$500,000 in sales
since 2007

Eastern Market Bridge Card Sales Calendar Year Totals

| 2010 TOTALS SALES TRANSACTIONS | \$ | 246,791 11,816 | 118% 122% | increase over 2009 |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|--------------|---------------------|
| 2009 TOTALS SALES TRANSACTIONS | \$ | 113,302 5,327 | 78% 69% | increase over 2008 |
| 2008 TOTALS SALES TRANSACTIONS | \$ | 63,586 3,156 | 371% 308% | increase over 2007* |
| 2007 TOTALS* SALES TRANSACTIONS | \$ | 13,495 773 | | |
| GROSS TOTAL GROSS TRANSACTIONS | \$ 437,174 21,072 | | | |

^{*}Program started July 14, 2007



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HOW IT WORKS

When a person eligible for SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) uses his or her SNAP Bridge Card to shop for food at a farmers' market, the amount of money that he or she spends is matched with Double Up Food Bucks bonus tokens. The tokens can then be exchanged for Michigan-grown fruits and vegetables.



Shoppers use their SNAP Bridge Cards to purchase fresh food at participating farmers' markets.



For every \$2 spent, shoppers receive \$2 worth of bonus tokens. Shoppers receive up to \$20 in tokens per visit.



Shoppers buy Michigan-grown fruits and vegetables with their Double Up Food Bucks tokens.



Growers who receive the Double Up Food Bucks tokens in exchange for their produce then return the tokens and are reimbursed with cash of an equal amount.

Food Voucher Programs

Voucher program to create an incentive for SNAP benefit recipients to eat fresh fruit and veggies while supporting local farmers.

In 2011 from Mid-June to Thanksgiving



Detroit Eastern Market 2934 Russell Street Detroit, MI 48207

Saturdays 5am – 5pm



East Warren Avenue Farmers' Market

NE corner of Bishop Avenue & East Warren Avenue Detroit, MI 48215 Saturdays 10am – 3pm



Peaches & Greens Store and Mobile Food Truck

8838 Third Avenue Detroit, MI 48201 Tuesday to Friday 10am – 7pm Saturdays 10am – 4pm



and the launch of the Metropolitan Agriculture Innoversity

28 - 30 September 2010 Van Nelle Fabriek Rotterdam, The Netherlands

An action-learning opportunity that explores how cities can use innovations in agriculture and food systems as a way to meet the varied and critical needs of their populations. Projects currently focus on:

- food production
- new supply chain models
- effective water and waste management
- retail sales and economic growth
- land use and blight reduction
- animal welfare and disease prevention
- the connection to nature and the environment



Regional Food Shed?

- 1. Detroit Flint Metro Ag
- Detroit Flint Toledo Cleveland
- 3. Detroit Chicago

Regional food system showcased in Torino

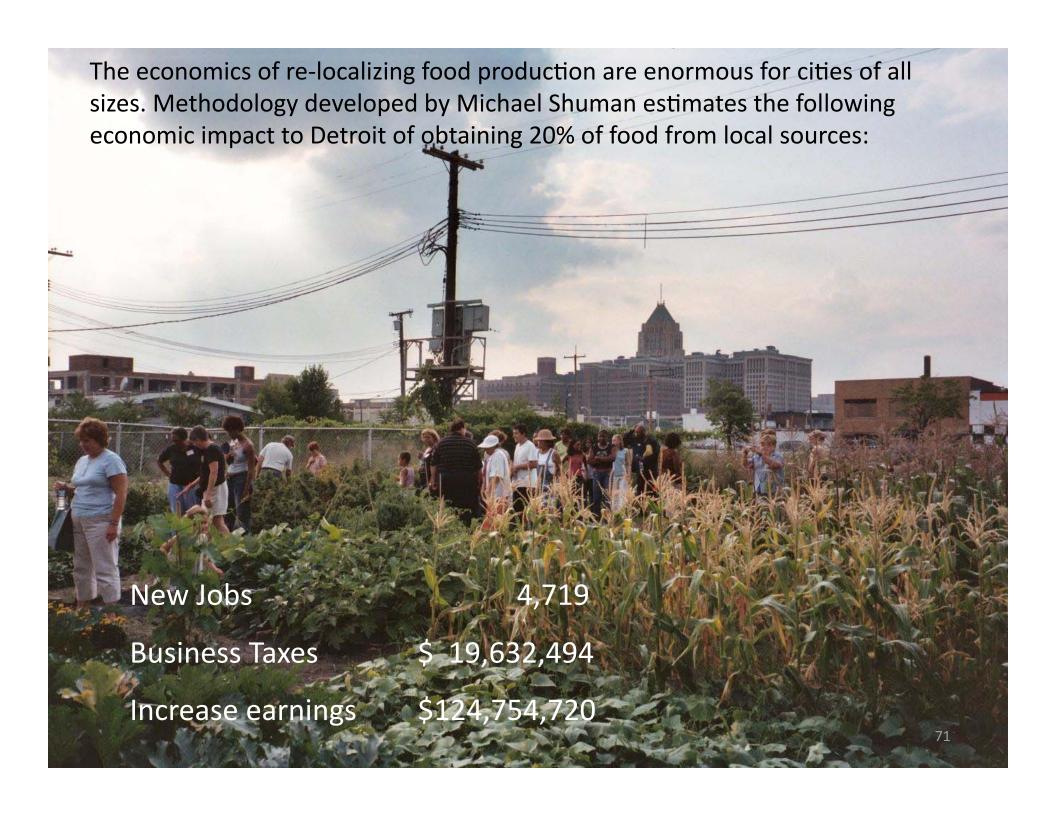


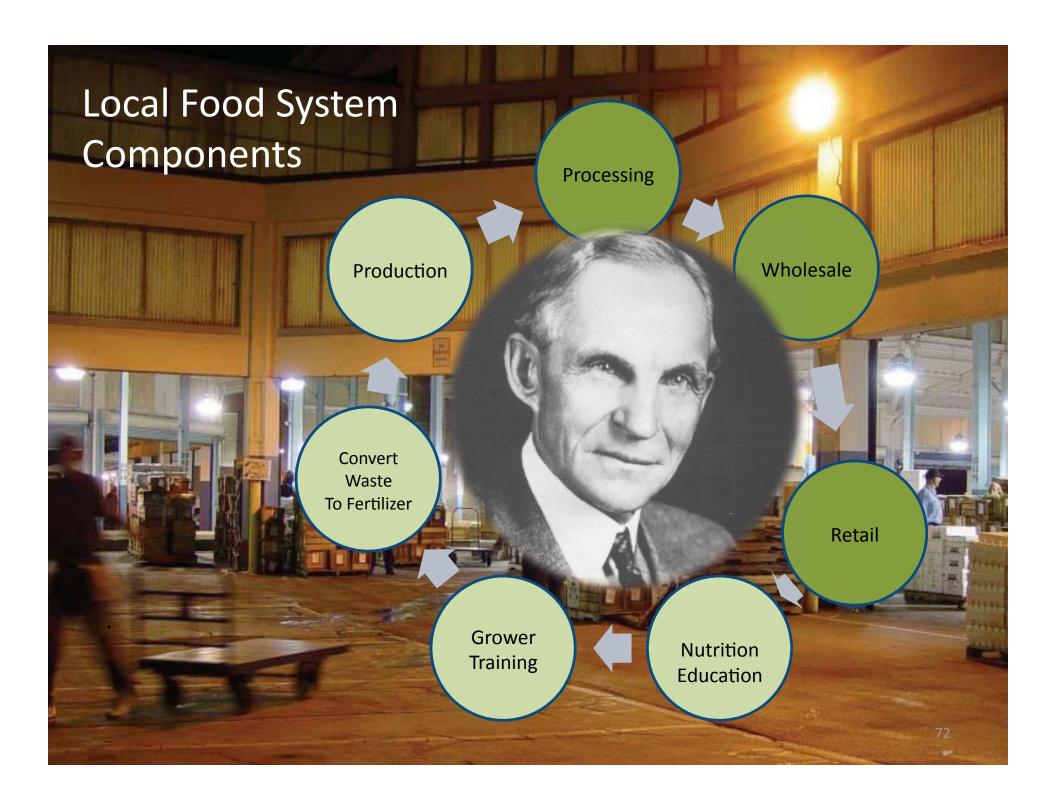
Food Systems to build regional collaboration

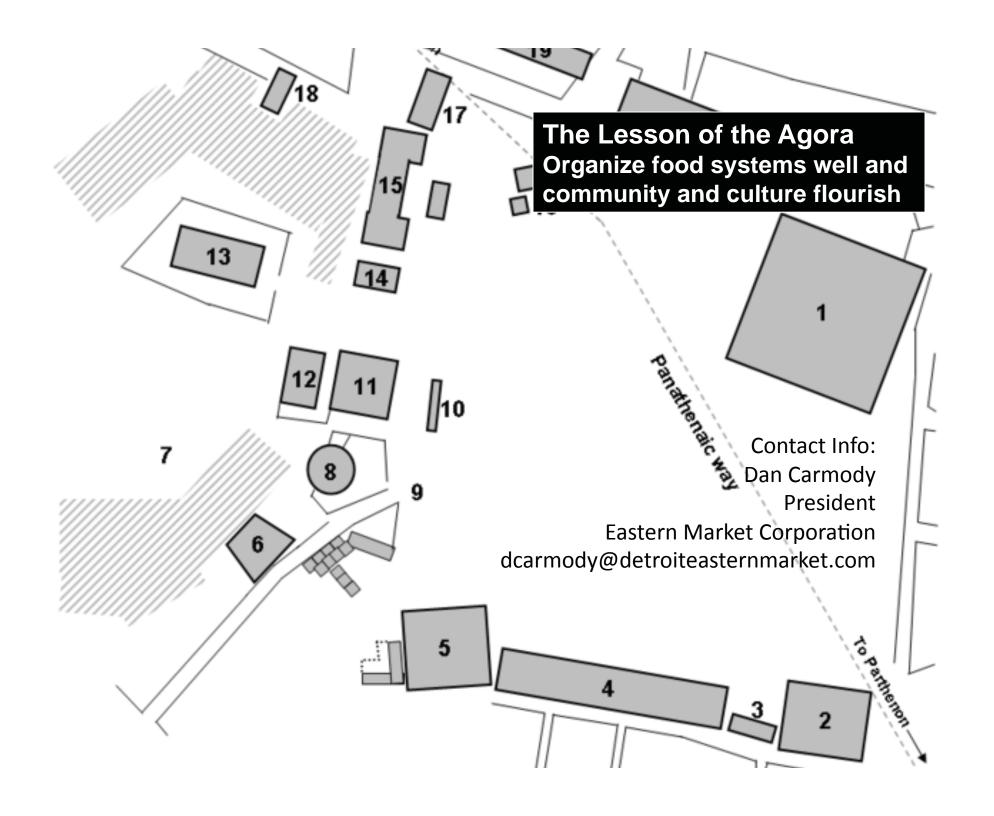


Without low cost energy inputs we need a different kind of ag to remain financially sustainable

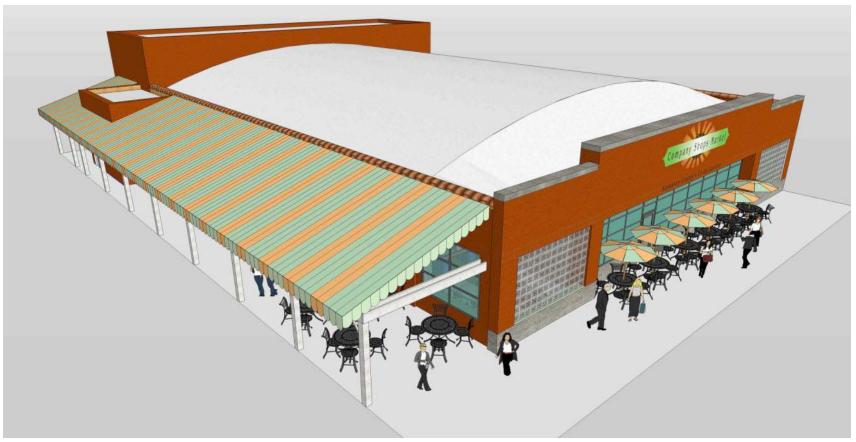








Burlington, North Carolina



10,000 sq. ft., full service grocery store to reconnect agriculture to our community



History



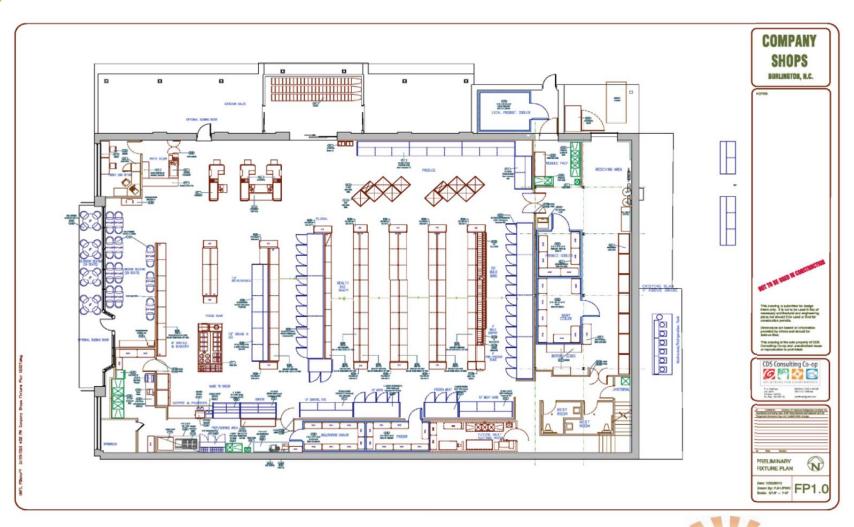
- Legal organization in 2007
- Acquired the A&P store: March, 2009
- Raising capital October 2009 to present
- Accepted the Fidelity loan: April, 2010
- Store opening: May



Why

- 23.5 million dollars of lost sales
- 98 million dollars economic potential
- Multiplier effect of local spending
- Revitalize downtown Burlington















Questions?



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