

# Building Wealth in Our Health, Community and Economy: Developing a Local Food System in the Springfield Area



Springfield Area  
Local Food Task Force

January 2011

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- History
  - Steering Committee: Spring 2009
  - Public Meeting: July 2009
  - Meetings/Assessment: July 2009 – August 2010
  - Ken Meter Presentations: March 2010 and October 2010

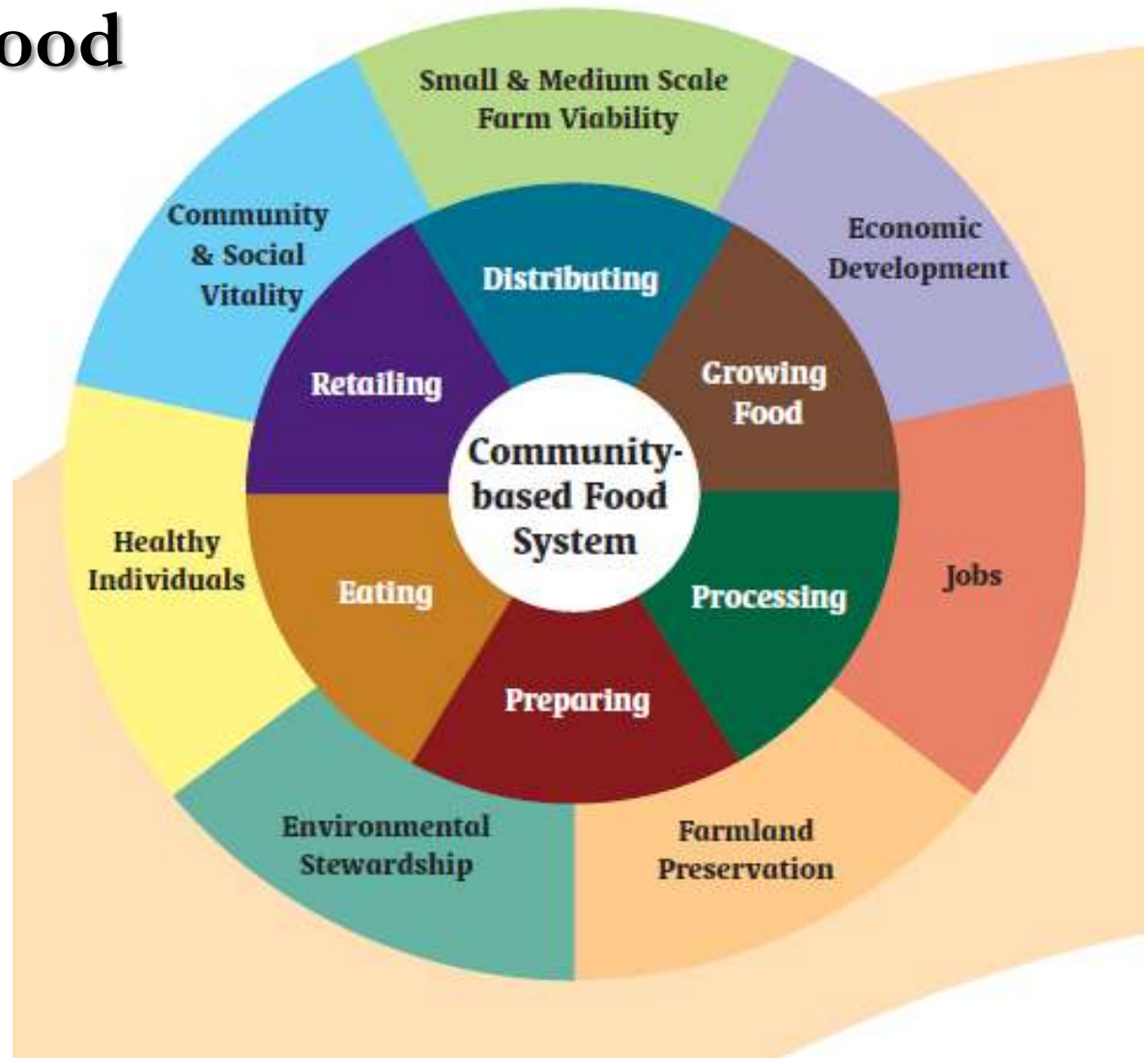
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The goals of the Task Force are:

- Conduct an assessment of the current food system
- Initiate dialogue about local food systems with key stakeholders in the area
- Write a comprehensive report providing recommendations to improve and strengthen local food systems

# What is a “Local Food System”?

## Why “Local Food Systems”?



# Assessing the Springfield Area Local Food System

- Group Meetings
- Farmer Focus Group
- Restaurant Survey
- Identified Existing Pertinent Programs & Initiatives
- Identified Barriers to Development
- Identified Opportunities to develop the local food systems through current as well as new programs and initiatives

# Community Programs & Initiatives

Farm-to-School  
Community  
Gardens

Access to  
Fresh  
Food

Production

# Barriers to Development

**Limited  
Access to  
Fresh  
Food**

**Infrastructure**

**Production**



**Moving Forward:**  
**Opportunities to Develop**  
**the Springfield Area Local**  
**Food System**



# Establish a Local Food Policy Council

- Evaluate
- Education
- Communicate
- Cooperate
- Shape Public Policy

# Provide Support for Existing Programs

- Local Food Access Programs
- Farmers Market Nutrition Program Clients
- Springfield Urban League
- Lincoln Land Community College
- Farm-to-school Initiatives

# Support Urban Agriculture

- Support community gardens and school gardens
- Urban land inventory
- Urban Agriculture Ordinances
  - “Honey & Egg” ordinance

# Integrate Local Food with Planning & Economic Development

- Incorporate local food and food security in:
  - Comprehensive Plans
  - Economic Development Plans
  - Natural Hazard Plans

# Streamline Food Safety Regulations

- Local Food & Farmers Market Food Safety Liaison:
  - Build Relationships
  - Consistent Voice
  - Best Practices
  - New Emerging Business Models

# Conduct and In-depth Community Food Security Assessment



# Develop an Educational Guide for Restaurants



# Happy & Healthy Eating



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