

Health, Wellness, Hunger and Food Access Subcommittee
of the NC Sustainable Local Food Advisory Council
Thursday, July 12, 2012 from 3:00-5:00 p.m.
4300 Reedy Creek Road, Raleigh NC 27607
The call-in number for this meeting is 919-850-2292

Meeting Agenda

Meeting Objectives:

1. Decide on mission and charge of subcommittee
2. Assess the implementation of current SLFAC recommendations
3. Identify and prioritize potential recommendations for the next report
4. Establish sub-committees as needed

Notetaker(s) established: Kristen Baughman

Approval of the June 1, 2012 HWHFA Subcommittee Minutes and Review of Action Items

Update and discussion of action items from last meeting

Discuss mission and charge of subcommittee

Review of timeline for 2012 report and recommendations

Review, update, and discussion of the current SLFAC recommendations specific to the HWHFA subcommittee

Review draft recommendations from our committee for consideration of the Full Council for October 1, 2012 report to the GA

Discuss/decide on any subcommittees needed for report writing and implementing existing recommendations

Wrap Up and Next Steps

Next Full Council Meeting Scheduled: July 26, 2012, 1pm to 4pm

Location: Martin Building, State Fairgrounds, Raleigh

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NC Sustainable Local Food Advisory Council**

Condensed list of relevant interests and work of the 4/26/12 meeting attendees

- Explore ways to leverage SNAP funding (SNAP-Ed; SNAP at Farmers Markets, etc)
- Land use
 - In urban areas
 - To support healthy foods and healthy food access
 - Licensing
- Accessibility
 - Organic foods
 - Market based approaches to access for underserved
 - Hunger and food insecurity - research with Food Banks
 - Expand the number of feeding sites and participation in summer feeding programs
- Food safety
 - Leafy greens
 - Clarity of rules and how to apply them to various programs
 - GAP barriers
- Schools
 - Serving school garden foods/local foods in cafeteria or classroom
 - Fresh fruits and veggie program
 - Time available for school lunch
 - Increasing participation in breakfasts and summer meal programs
 - Revenue stream for school meal funding
- Youth policy council
- Policy
 - Public policy change to impact cardiovascular health
 - Policy change related to tobacco control and obesity prevention
 - House Bill 503
 - Soda tax

**NORTH CAROLINA SUSTAINABLE LOCAL FOOD ADVISORY COUNCIL 2011 ANNUAL REPORT
NCSLFAC FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS
Submitted October 1, 2011 to the NC General Assembly**

Abbreviated version; view <http://www.ncagr.gov/localfood/> for the entire report

Recommendations

1. Recommend that the General Assembly extend the expiration of G.S. 106-833 until July 31, 2017.
2. Recommend that the General Assembly appropriate \$100,000 per annum to provide for one permanent position in the NCDA&CS that will serve as staff for the Council and to provide for recurring costs of Council activities.
3. Recommend that the General Assembly approve the designation of one representative of the Conservation Trust for North Carolina (CTNC) as an appointment by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and delete the appointment of one representative of the North Carolina Farm Transition Network, Inc.
4. Recommend that the General Assembly appropriate \$ 55,000 to NCDA&CS for a consumer level survey of local food interests. USDA-NASS, the NCDA&CS, the NCCES and other agencies and organizations, as applicable, will develop a comprehensive study of the elements of the local food system to promote growth and investment in the development of the local food economy.
5. Recommend that the Council and other stakeholders review the results of the General Assembly's 2011 Regulatory Listening Sessions and host additional listening sessions for farmers, fisherman, and local foods businesses to identify and document the regulatory and market barriers that prevent these entities from supplying their products to local markets and/or expanding their businesses to meet consumer demand for local foods.
6. Recommend that the General Assembly increase institutional purchasing of local food by adopting legislation that includes one or more of the following:
 - a. Establish state government purchasing goals for local foods (e.g. 20% by 2020)
 - b. Establish a government purchase preference for North Carolina products over non-North Carolina products when prices are equal or within 5% of the bid price
 - c. Create a vendor list that indicates state/country of origin
 - d. Establish that NC vendors are given the opportunity to match lowest/winning bid for government purchases
7. Recommend that the General Assembly establish by statute and the NC Utilities Commission Institute by rule protections that ensure public and private utility extensions are installed with minimal negative impacts on agricultural land.

8. Recommend that the General Assembly provide that agricultural land is to be given the greatest protection possible in condemnation proceedings.
9. Recommend that an interagency collaboration between NC Department of Public Instruction, NC Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, NC Department of Environment & Natural Resources, NC Department of Public Health, NC State University, NC A&T State University/NC Cooperative Extension Service, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, and any stakeholders who may have an interest be established to create and disseminate best management practices, resources and educational materials regarding the safe production, harvest and consumption of school and community garden food.
10. Recommend that the General Assembly establish a new member on the NC Sustainable Communities Task Force to include an appointment of a member of the North Carolina Sustainable Local Food Advisory Council.
11. Recommend that the General Assembly provide supplemental funds for the Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) Cost Share Program within the NC Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.
12. Recommend that the General Assembly appropriate funds to increase the storage and preparation facilities in those schools lacking the equipment necessary to participate in the farm to school programs.
13. Respectfully request that the Governor encourage that the Division of Social Services (DSS) and its SNAP-Ed Advisory Committee work closely with the NC Sustainable Local Food Advisory Council's Health, Wellness, Hunger, and Food Access Subcommittee to consider a statewide coordinated approach to funding that encourages the use of locally produced food by SNAP participants given potential increases in funding available for SNAP-Ed based on state level SNAP participation and high levels of participation in North Carolina.