

Draft Recommendations from the Health Wellness, Hunger, and Food Access (HWHFA) Subcommittee

The North Carolina Sustainable Local Food Advisory Council supports:

(#1 was approved by the Council at our last meeting)

1) The exploration of an interagency collaboration to create and disseminate guidelines, resources and educational materials for school stakeholders (administration, child nutritionists, parent/community groups, etc) regarding the safe production, harvest and use of school garden foods in schools. *May add something about applying this to community gardens as well.*

2) Efforts to streamline and facilitate GAP certification procedures so that all NC Farmers can participate in Farm to School and other marketing opportunities requiring this certification.

3) Efforts by the HWHFA Subcommittee to explore opportunities and funding to develop and test a variety of local food aggregation and distribution systems (including gleaning) that increase affordable access to healthy food in lower income communities and create new market opportunities for local farmers.

4) Efforts to increase the number of schools participating in the NCDA Farm to School program by increasing awareness of the program and reducing barriers to participation. *Exact wording would depend of what was learned from the recent survey.*

5) Explore opportunities and challenges for expanding USDA benefit programs (EBT/SNAP, WIC FMNP, Senior FMNP) at farmers markets.