

Northwest Colorado Food Coalition – 2016-2017 Goals

Production Goals

- 1) Create a Greenhouse Regulation Task Force by April 2016. Lead: Kim Brookes & Marsha Daughenbaugh

Tasks (by Sept 2016):

- Define greenhouse and hoop-house
- Increase size allowed without permit (20x30?)
- Streamline process for larger (permitted) greenhouses
- Create an education process for producers (similar to Local Food Producer Process)

Partners: Building Dept., Planning Dept., RC Assessor, CAA, CSU Extension, CMC Division of Water Resources

- 2) Investigate land exchange systems for production (Owner-Gardener "link") by January 2018. Lead: Todd Hagenbuch and Marsha Daughenbaugh

Tasks:

- Evaluate existing land share models
- Determine best model
- Talk to land owners to evaluate interest

Partners: CSU Extension, CAA, regional partners, CMC/Patrick Staib

Processing Goals

- 1) Provide an education workshop for producers on best practices and regulatory requirements by Jan 2017. Lead: Michele Meyer & Todd Hagenbuch

Tasks:

- Utilize CAA grant funds and resources/connections with CSU Extension
- Specific topics to include GAP for produce growers, and best practices for meat producers

Partners: CSU Extension, CAA

Distribution Goal

- 1) By December 2016 NCFC will map our local food system: how things are being collected and distributed in/out of our community. Lead: Karen Massey and Megan Walker

Tasks:

- Identify gaps or redundancy in Distribution system.
- Plan more efficient routing & collaboration to reduce traffic and fuel consumption/cost.
- Identify how much/what is being grown, produced, distributed and consumed here.

- Create a model that can provide a picture of our food system and help predict how future events might impact our food system.

Partners: Extension, John Sheehan CSU professor in dynamic systems modeling, CMC systems thinking course students?

2) There will be local market access for Routt County producers. Lead Michele Meyer

Consumption Goals:

1) By June 2018, advocate for redefining donation specifications to Food Pantries/Banks for tax credit (i.e., what is fit and wholesome) Lead: Barb Parnell

Tasks:

- work with governors alliance & state food coalition networks
- address legislative routes
- draft a support document from NCFC

Partners: NCFC, Community Support Committee (Lift-up)

2) By December 2016, there will be increased access to healthy food for the food insecure. Lead: Laura von Boecklin Schmidt

Tasks:

- Continue to market "grow a row".
- Continue to work with Food Bank of the Rockies' "produce push" program.
- Continue to work with local grocers to secure more produce donations.
- Continue to implement Liftup's Rocket Pack and after school snack programs.
- Develop and implement a plan with Liftup to promote produce donations.

Waste Goals

1) By January 2017, create a preliminary report that identifies composition of food waste stream to better understand our current system and identify data gaps and additional needs to inform future coalition goals. Lead: Sarah Jones

Tasks:

- Identify representative sources of food waste and help them develop a waste inventory (people, animals, compost)

Partners: Natural Grocers, Creekside, Council on Aging, YVSC, Future Pointe, CMC

- Identify organizations that receive donated food and determine their capacity

Partners: Lift-Up, Skate Church, Advocates, YVSC, Future Pointe, CMC

- 2) Assist three restaurants to become food recovery network partners.

Tasks:

- Identify interested restaurants
- Help find funding for the restaurants to complete training and application
- Coordinate training, application, and tracking of data

Partners: CMC and YVSC

Additional “overarching” Goals

- 1) By June 2016, NCFC will have developed and implemented a communication plan to inform partners and the community of ongoing work and needs.
 - Send out a communication survey to determine what communication outlets are already used by our NCFC partners. Lead: Andy Kennedy
 - Create a NCFC Google Community that will serve as a communication portal for NCFC members to discuss goals and share resources/updates. Lead: Karen Massey
 - Enlist members of the Coalition to write monthly articles that discuss food system issues for Northwest Colorado. Lead: Barb Parnell
- 2) NCFC will become a member of the Colorado Food Policy Network.