



# LOCAL FOOD ACTION PLAN

CITY OF COLUMBUS & FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO



Franklin County  
Board of Commissioners

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
& PLANNING**



THE CITY OF  
**COLUMBUS**  
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# Meeting Objectives



- Approve 7/12/2019 Meeting Minutes \*
- Amend by-laws \*
- Project Team discussion and creation \*

*\* Item requiring vote*

# Administrative Tasks



- July 12, 2019 Meeting Minutes
  - Additions, Corrections, Approval
- Proposed amendment to bylaws for Board re-appointments
- Proposed change to meeting time/length

# B-12 Project Team Formation



*“Support the expansion of nutrition and food system education in pre-K-12 curricula”*

- Identified as a priority action in late 2016
- Franklin County Public Health’s USDA Farm to School proposal has been funded

**Recommended Board Action:** Support the formation of a LFAP Project Team and assign LFB Co-Sponsors to support grant implementation and:

1. Identify opportunities to leverage existing grant deliverables to support implementation of Action B12
2. Describe gaps and needs for Action B12 that will not be met through implementation of the current USDA grant
3. Provide guidance and support for additional supportive resources and programming

# Board Member Presentation



**Anne Geggie**

Vice President of Lending, Finance Fund



Finance Fund and FCAP simplify the complexities of the financing process to help good ideas come to life – ideas that change systems, create jobs, address community needs and improve the quality of life for people.

# WHO WE ARE

Finance Fund Capital Corporation (FCAP) is a nonprofit certified Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI)

Mission to connect underserved communities with public and private capital



# WHAT WE DO

- Flexible loans to for-profit businesses and community-based nonprofit organizations
- Grants for community-based nonprofits
- Support for economic development projects in low-income, high-distress areas via federal and Ohio New Markets Tax Credit programs
- Create permanent, private sector jobs



# HEALTHY FOOD FOR OHIO

- Food retail focus in Food Deserts
  - Acquisition, construction, renovations
  - Equipment, working capital (inventory)
- Loans and few “small dollar” grants
- Existing and non-traditional food retailers
- Strongly encourage SNAP & WIC



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# Updates



## Franklin County Local Food Council



# Civic Agriculture Project Team Updates



## Policies & Regulations

- Code Review
  - On-site sales
  - Composting
- Long-term land access
  - Identifying lots
- Affordable access to potable water
- Soil Testing

## Funding & Education

- Community grant initiatives
- Webpage launched
- Coordinated grower education & technical assistance
- Increased acceptance of growing food in urban areas
  - Sustainable Steps
  - GreenSpot

# Business Portal Project Team Updates



- Franklin County Data Center has built out the design and functionality of the website in consultation with Local Food Team
- Local Food Team has been developing the specific content that will be available on the portal
- Current timeline will have the business portal available online to the public by early 2020

# Farmers Market Collaborative Project Team Updates



The Ohio Farmer's Market Network has:

- Released the Grow Eat Ohio Local Food Guide.
- Completed Rapid Market Assessments throughout the region.
- Provided technical assistance to markets in Columbus and will provide post-season support for planning.
- Will offer a professional development training opportunity for Farmers Market Managers in November 2019.
  - City Council provided funding will cover the registration costs for 1 market representative from each market within the City to attend this training.

# 2019 Annual Report Planning



## **Key Accomplishments (Team/Board led)**

- Civic Agriculture Efforts (guidance, webpage, code, grant)
- Launch of B12
- COFWI Food Waste Awareness Campaign Launch
- Farmers Market Collaborative Launch
- Local Food focus for Sustainable Columbus
- Local Food Mapping Resources



# 2019 Annual Report Planning



## **Progress Snapshots (e.g. Community Led)**

- Local Matters Veggie Van
- Saraga International at Northern Lights
- OSU Extension at Waterman Farms
- Kroger Innovation Fund inaugural cohort of innovators
- FCPH USDA Farm to School grant
- ECDI Food Fort 2.0

## **New for 2019**

- Local Food Champion Award Winners

# Next Steps and Closing



- Upcoming LFB officer election
- Updated resume needed from City appointees
- Next Meeting - Friday, January 10, 2019
  - 9:30am-11:30am, Columbus Public Health (Board Room)
- Reminder - 2020 Board Meeting Schedule
- Follow up calls beginning late October



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