

**Topic:** Urban Garden, Food policy

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**Discussion Summary:**

- How many initiatives already exist? There is a consumers' and producers' side. Interested in becoming producers, choosing avenue for fulfilling this task. (Univer. of Mo. Extension) series of workshops offering internships. Learning opportunities.
- Community gardens - allows production for what they desire. Not relying on others to produce those things and marketing for the community. Food Co-Ops. CSA- Community Supportive Agriculture, options for the programs, Hen House allows those options for swapping. KC Food Circle. Urban Farming, inner-city land, distribution of the food. Markets in dense areas, supplementing income and get what you need vs. what's already bagged.
- Land Trust- Jackson County , \$350.00 parcels of land. Change rules for the Land Trust - Update and modify CODES. HOA – Home Owners association, Lack of education for these options.
- What do we want to create with the food systems within 30 years, those that can afford vs. those who cannot, this doesn't work toward an area of sustainability. How not to leave out? High-quality, locally grown, at competitive prices. There are barriers that don't allow local producers to sell to the community at large.
- The Greater KC food initiative. KC Healthy Kids. The demand far exceeds what's available. Gardens not meeting the scale. How it affects jobs ... There is nowhere for people to work. Urban Gardens allow for options for employment. How to get people to have a vested interest. How do we maximize what is already in existence? How do we increase the awareness? Ensuring that they are successful and help sustain them.
- Local-neighborhood, regional- to meet the scale, outlets for people to channel the food. Need for micro financing. Sounds like a need for agricultural business to chime in, going back to KC as an agricultural base. Business modeling, distribution models. Commercial aspects - local food banks. Empty shelves, and the need for more food banks. The responsibility falls back on the producers to give back. Programs for gleaning. Social responsibility to reroute surplus.
- Local Gov't needs to step-up to supply the land for local gardens to give back to the community. Food not lawns: fruit trees, using turf grass for community gardens. Organizations – county extensions, shift to teach in the inner city for their benefit. Family and community education. Community education to go into the schools to teach gardening. Grant programs - central city schools. (KCMO) teach good new nutrition. Does it allow the food to go back into the school? School gardens with goal of using the output in the cafeteria.
- KC Community gardens, teaching. Connection – Metropolitan recycling taking canning resources to others. Coordination of diverse programs. 20-30 years, stop wasting resources, what organizations doing what? Create a system of food policy and implementation. Regional policy, overall mission or goal. What portion of KC food grown is grown in a certain mile radius?
- Pesticides, fertilizers, soil preservation. Family set a radius of 100 miles. Forming networks with other growers. What is the vision? Even if the food is grown and the outlets to sell it, what to do during the time of the year where it's not grown; eating seasonally. It's food, not just produce.
- Education is key. Good socially and economically. Tax policy – incentives for not wasting. Charitable contributions. Tax levy on land used. Tax burden on agriculture vs. business? Processing picks up the slack of the tax burden. Distribution, education. Land Trust options, for a "true" trust for the benefit of the community.

**Meeting time:** Session 2: 10:30 a.m.

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