

CHAMPAIGN COUNTY LOCAL FOODS POLICY COUNCIL

AGENDA

AUGUST 8, 2012, 5:45 P.M.
BROOKENS CENTER, 1776 E. WASHINGTON ST. URBANA, IL
JENNIFER PUTMAN ROOM

1. Call to Order
2. Additions/Corrections to the Agenda
3. Approval of Minutes
4. Public Participation
5. Edible Economy Project Presentation by Terra Brockman
6. Discussion of Champaign County LESA
 - a. A Resolution Encouraging the Protection of Agricultural Parcels in Champaign County, Illinois that are Suitable for Local Food Production
7. Discussion of Local Food Producers Inventory
8. Discussion of Local Food Producers Survey
9. Announcements
10. Other Business
11. Adjourn

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RESOLUTION 2012 – 1

A RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING THE PROTECTION OF AGRICULTURAL PARCELS IN CHAMPAIGN COUNTY, ILLINOIS THAT ARE SUITABLE FOR LOCAL FOOD PRODUCTION

Whereas, the Illinois Food, Farm and Jobs Act of 2007 calls for “expanding and supporting a State local and organic food system” as well as “assessing and overcoming obstacles to an increase in locally grown food and local organic food production”; and,

Whereas, the Champaign County Board created the Champaign County Local Foods Policy Council to “encourage the offering of better and fresher food available locally” and to “encourage the efficient use of land, and preservation and conservation of agriculture”; and,

Whereas, the Champaign County Zoning Board of Appeals and the Champaign County Board are considering new guidelines that are designed to protect good agricultural land by updating the Champaign County Land Evaluation and Site Assessment System (LESA); and,

Whereas, good sites for farms that produce locally grown food may easily be less than 25 acres and it can be an advantage for them to be close to populous or urbanized areas for easy access to markets.

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Champaign County Local Foods Policy Council to encourage the Champaign County Zoning Board of Appeals and the Champaign County Board to design a mechanism, possibly by further revision to the LESA Update, that will protect not only large agricultural land parcels generally used for growing row crops, but also will protect agricultural land parcels that could be best suited for local food production.

Passed by the Champaign County Local Foods Policy Council this ____ day of August, 2012.

Tod Satterthwaite, Chair
Champaign County Local Foods Policy Council