Local Food Resources:
A Guide to Michigan Organizations and Programs Supporting
Local and Regional Food Systems

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MSU Center for Regional Food Systems’ Mission

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**Mission or Goal**
To serve as a hub for neighborhood revitalization, and for activities that promote the health, safety, stability, and economic well-being of residents of Lansing’s east side, and other stakeholders.

**Geographic Location**
East side of Lansing, MI (zip code 48912) as well as programs which serve individuals from throughout the region

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**Program Examples**
- Allen Street Farmers Market: Seasonal May-October market that just began its eighth season
- Hunter Park Garden House: Hub for growing initiatives, including Urban Gardener Certification Project, twice monthly workshops, year-round CSA, youth and children’s nutrition education and food awareness programming
- Restoration Works: Focusing on restoration of older housing stock with emphasis on energy efficiency upgrades (partnership with Lansing Community College)

**Keywords**
Neighborhood revitalization, place-making, neighborhood capacity-building, restoration and home improvement, healthy communities initiative

**Audience**
Elderly, environmental advocates, faith-based organizations, food business entrepreneurs, immigrants, low income consumers, community development staff, policy makers, public health advocates, women, youth (K-12)

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To support educational and advocacy programs that address the preservation of American agriculture, the conservation of natural resources, and the protection and presentation of expressions of America’s heritage.

Geographic Location
Statewide

Type of Work
• Financial assistance
• Grant marketing

Topical Category
• Environment and natural resources
• Farmland preservation
• Farm viability and capital access
• Land use and growth management

Program Examples
• American Heritage
• Tollgate Farm

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Contact 2

Keywords
Supports education and advocacy programs, preservation, conservation

Audience
Community-based organizations, environmental advocates, extension educators, planners/ economic and community development staff, regulatory agency officials, rural landowners, scientific community
Mission or Goal
To provide fun and engaging learning experiences in the natural world.

Geographic Location
Kent County and the greater Grand Rapids community

Type of Work
- Outreach/extension

Topical Category
- Environment & natural resources
- Food & agriculture entrepreneurship
- Food preparation & production
- Youth & family food education

Program Examples
- Youth farm team summer program
- Community garden plot rental
- Blandford Nature Center Community Supported Agriculture
- Food and Farm educational workshops

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Contact 2

Keywords
CSA (community supported agriculture), youth, nature, organic farming

Audience
General community, youth (K-12)
Calvin College Food for Thought

**Mission or Goal**
To connect largely urban students with their source of food in the context of sustainability issues, to improve their sense of “ecological literacy,” and to the social justice issues associated with food.

**Geographic Location**
Kent County and Grand Rapids area

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**Program Examples**

- Biology 364: Farm interview case study
- Plaster Creek water quality assessment and restoration: Agricultural land is in the watershed and impacts water quality
- Urban health: Get the Lead Out, improved access to quality food

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**Keywords**
Food for Thought, ecological literacy, food justice issues

**Audience**
College students, elderly, local elected or appointed government officials, rural landowners, youth (K-12 students)
Mission or Goal
To provide a long-term community-based mentoring program for at-risk youth. The overall goal is to increase young people’s opportunity to become productive citizens within their communities, through academic success, employment, social skills, decision making activities, and community support.

Geographic Location
Genesee County and the Flint area

Type of Work
- Community development
- Provide food to low-income households
- Training youth in urban gardening

Topical Category
- Building networks across organizations
- Farmland preservation
- Farm-to-school and/or institution
- Food access for under-served families
- Food & agricultural entrepreneurship
- Food and health
- Food preparation & production
- Localizing/regionalizing food system
- Youth & family food education

Program Examples
- Culinary class in training youth on how to properly prepare and cook their produce. Hired 67 youth in summer 2011 to train in urban gardening
- Supply senior citizens with fresh produce who cannot get out to farmers market by going by senior citizens’ complexes to offer fresh produce for sale

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Contact 2

Keywords
Mr. Rogers Youth Program

Audience
Community-based organizations, elderly, general community, low income consumers, youth (K-12 students)
# Mission or Goal

To create, apply, and disseminate valued knowledge through responsive engagement, strategic partnerships, and collaborative learning while remaining dedicated to empowering communities to create sustainable prosperity and an equitable global knowledge economy.

## Geographic Location

Statewide

## Type of Work

- Community development
- Outreach/extension
- Research
- Neighborhood Associations of Michigan
- Michigan’s Urban Core Mayors

## Topical Category

- Building communities across organizations
- Community and economic development

## Program Examples

- Knowledge Economy Planning in Michigan
- ARTSMARTS: Role of arts and culture in creativity and innovation as measured by businesses formed/patents generated
- Michigan State University student practicum projects in planning and economic development
- Assisting in exporting strategies in targeted Michigan regions

## Keywords

Collaborative learning, community & economic development, training, and direct assistance to increase the capabilities of community-based organizations

## Audience

Statewide

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Keywords
## Mission or Goal
To engage the people of Michigan, the United States, and the world in applied research, education and outreach to develop regionally integrated, sustainable food systems.

## Geographic Location
Statewide

### Type of Work
- Community development
- Financial assistance
- Grant marketing
- Outreach/extension
- Provide access to food to low income households
- Research

### Topical Category
- Building communities across organization
- Community food security
- Farm to school and/or other institution
- Farm viability and capital access
- Food access for underserved families
- Food & agricultural entrepreneurship
- Food and health
- Food-based community and economic development
- Food distribution and aggregation
- Food policy, preparation and production
- Food system equity
- Healthy school meals
- Family and youth education
- Leadership development

### Program Examples
- Farm to institution
- Sustainable agriculture research and education
- Sustainable food business development
- Food hubs
- “Michigan Good Food Charter”

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## Audience
Community-based organizations, extension educators, farmworkers, food business entrepreneurs, general community, immigrants, low income consumers, policy makers

## Keywords
Sustainable food systems, research and outreach, food access, food and health, food and economic development, food hubs
### Mission or Goal
To develop and advance organizations and communities which promote economic viability, ecosystem integrity and social responsibility.

### Geographic Location
The Great Lakes Region

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### Program Examples
- Center for Sustainability web site promoting sustainable business principles and practices (online community and information resource)
- Michigan Green Chemistry Clearinghouse
- Sustainable Business Professional Certificate Program (non-credit educational programming)

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### Keywords
Center for Sustainability, sustainable business degrees

### Audience
Community-based organizations, cooperative managers, economic development officials, environmental advocates, extension educators, faith-based organizations, general community
Community Economic Development Association of Michigan

**Mission or Goal**
To advance community-based economic development to revitalize and rebuild Michigan communities and neighborhoods.

**Geographic Location**
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• Leadership development |

**Program Examples**
- Michigan Rural Network
- Michigan Foreclosure Task Force
- Legislators Building Communities
- Michigan Earned Income Credit Coalition
- Microenterprise Network of Michigan

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**Keywords**
Rebuilding communities, community economic development, membership, asset building, policy and advocacy, technical assistance and training, best practices

**Audience**
Community-based organizations, economic development officials, local elected or appointed government officials, low income consumers, planners/economic and community development staff, policy makers, public health advocates, regulatory agency officials, state agency partners
Mission or Goal
To mobilize leadership and resources to achieve stakeholders’ vision for the Eastern Market District and make the Eastern Market the undisputed center for fresh and nutritious food in southeast Michigan.

Geographic Location
Southeast Michigan

Type of Work
- Business development/technical assistance
- Community development
- Financial assistance
- Grant marketing
- Outreach/extension
- Provide food to low-income households

Topical Category
- Building communities across organization
- Community food security
- Food access for under-served families
- Food and agricultural entrepreneurship
- Food and health
- Food distribution and aggregation
- Food policy
- Food preparation
- Food system infrastructure and business development
- Healthy school meals
- Localizing/regionalizing food system
- Youth and family food education

Program Examples

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Contact 2

Keywords

Audience
Community-based organizations, cooperative managers, economic development officials, elderly, environmental advocates, extension educators, faith-based organizations, state agency officials, general community, local government officials, low income consumers, policy makers, youth (K-12 students)
Detroit Economic Growth Corporation

Mission or Goal
To support existing businesses and to bring new companies and investments to the city of Detroit.

Geographic Location
Detroit, MI

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Program Examples

- East Riverfront District
- I-94 Industrial Park
- Lower Woodward Improvement Program

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Keywords
Support existing businesses, new companies and investments in Detroit

Audience
Community-based organizations, economic development officials, planners/economic and community development staff, policy makers, processors, public health advocates, state agency partners
**Mission or Goal**
To nurture the development and maintenance of a sustainable, localized food system and a food-secure city of Detroit in which all of its residents are hunger-free, healthy and benefit economically from the food system.

**Geographic Location**
Detroit, MI

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**Program Examples**
- Powering Up the Local Food System Summit
- Annual Report on the Detroit Food System
- Work groups including: Healthy Food Access, Community Food Justice, Schools and Institutions and Urban

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**Keywords**
Food security, food justice, food sovereignty, urban agriculture, urban land use, composting, emergency food providers, Detroit food system

**Contact 2**

**Audience**
Community-based organizations, extension educators, faith-based organizations, general community, local government officials, low income consumers, planners/economic and community development staff
**Mission or Goal**
To share all the local food and drink resources that we have in West Michigan - from cooking classes to farms to microbreweries to wineries to great restaurants.

**Geographic Location**
West Michigan

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**Program Examples**
- The Local Cook
- Eat Local Challenge

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**Contact 2**

**Keywords**
Local food resource, locavore, food education

**Audience**
Food businesses and entrepreneurs, general community
### Mission or Goal
To work at the local, state, and national levels for clean production, healthy communities, environmental justice, and a sustainable future.

### Geographic Location
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### Program Examples
- Healthy Food in Health Care program
- Healthier Foods, Healthier Future Project

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### Keywords
Healthy food in health care, Health Care Without Harm

### Contact 2

### Audience
Environmental advocates, farmers (established), food businesses and entrepreneurs, processors, public health advocates, hospitals, health professionals
# Edible Flint

## Mission or Goal
To support Flint residents in growing and accessing healthy food in order to reconnect with the land and each other.

## Geographic Location
Flint, MI and Genessee County

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## Program Examples
- Edible Flint
- Garden Starters
- Farmer's Market Cooperative
- Food Garden Tour

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## Keywords
Flint Urban Agriculture, local food systems

## Audience
Community-based organizations, environmental advocates, faith-based organizations, farm workers, food businesses, general community, local government officials, low income consumers, policy makers
Mission or Goal
To build, educate and advocate to support local food throughout Southwest Michigan. To help improve community health, empower women, support small businesses, fight obesity and diabetes, alleviate hunger, prevent racism, foster youth development and increase academic achievement through local food.

Geographic Location
Primarily Kalamazoo County, with expansion in to the neighboring regions

Type of Work
- Business development/technical assistance
- Community development
- Outreach/extension
- Education

Topical Category
- Building networks across organizations
- Community food security
- Farm to school/institution
- Food access to under-served families
- Food and agricultural entrepreneurship
- Food and health
- Food-based community and economic development
- Food policy
- Food preparation
- Food system infrastructure and business development
- Healthy school meals
- Leadership development
- Localizing/regionalizing food system
- Youth and family food education

Program Examples
- The Growing Matters Garden is an urban garden program for children and adults, and includes the Woodward School Garden, a school-based educational garden
- The Can-Do Kitchen is the region’s only licensed commercial kitchen/business incubator
- The Douglass Farmers’ Market serves residents in Kalamazoo’s north and east side neighborhoods

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Keywords
Audience
Agricultural service providers, community organizations, cooperative managers/directors, economic development officials, extension educators, farm workers, food businesses and entrepreneurs, public health advocates
Mission or Goal
To provide statewide leadership to members in their efforts to alleviate hunger through the distribution of surplus food to those in need.

Geographic Location
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Program Examples
• Michigan Farm to Food Bank
• Food Assistance Program Outreach
• Michigan Agricultural Surplus System

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Keywords
Food bank, food assistance program outreach, food stamp outreach, food security, food bank association

Audience
Low income consumers
Food System Economic Partnership

Mission or Goal
To catalyze change that results in vibrant and sustainable food economies in communities across southeast Michigan.

Geographic Location
Southeast Michigan

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Program Examples

• Farm to institution
• Agriculture business development services
• Food policy

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Keywords
Agriculture economic development

Audience
Agricultural service providers, community-based organizations, cooperative managers/directors, economic development officials, environmental advocates, extension educators, farm workers, food businesses and entrepreneurs, low income consumers, policy makers, state agency partners
Mission or Goal
To relieve hunger in the Detroit metropolitan community by rescuing surplus, prepared and perishable food and donating it to emergency food providers.

Geographic Location
Southeast Michigan

Type of Work
• Community development
• Provide food to low income households

Topical Category
• Building communities across organization
• Community food security
• Food distribution and aggregation

Program Examples
• Daily Bread
• Harvest for Hunger
• Million Meal Challenge
• Hunger-Free Summer

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Keywords
Food distribution, hunger alleviation, community food security

Audience
Community-based organizations, faith-based organizations, general community, low income consumers, youth (K - 12 students)
## Greater Grand Rapids Food Systems

### Mission or Goal
Restoring connections to food, place and community.

### Geographic Location
West Michigan

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### Program Examples
- Urban Ag/Community Gardens mapping and support
- West Michigan FRESH Guide to Local Food
- South East Area Farmer’s Market

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### Keywords
Community-based, alternative food system

### Audience
Community-based organizations, economic development officials, environmental educators, food businesses and entrepreneurs, local government officials, low income consumers, policy makers, state agency partners
Mission or Goal
To provide donated and purchased food to people in need, reduce reliance on the emergency food system, and fight hunger in southeastern Michigan.

Geographic Location
Southeast Michigan

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Program Examples
• Food drives
• Share Our Strength’s Cooking Matters nutrition education program
• Detroit Food and Fitness Collaborative

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Keywords
Food distribution, food security

Audience
Community-based organizations, elderly, extension educators, faith-based organizations, food businesses and entrepreneurs, low income consumers, public health advocates, women, youth (K - 12)
## Mission or Goal
To protect significant natural, scenic and farm lands, and to advance stewardship, now and for the future.

## Geographic Location
Grand Traverse County, Manistee County, Benzie County, Antrim County, Kalkaska County

### Type of Work
- Farmland preservation

### Topical Category
- Community food security
- Farm land preservation
- Food-based community and economic development
- Food system infrastructure and business development
- Intergenerational farm transfers

## Program Examples
- Implementing Acme Township farmland preservation program designing tools to stabilize farmland resources in US-31 corridor assisting Peninsula Township with farmland preservation program making land affordable for farming at Arcadia Dunes Preserve
- Dry Hill Farms

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Protecting farmland, aiding farm families to keep land in agriculture, affordability of farmland, capital investment, public goods from land protection, intergenerational transfer of land, estate planning for farmland

## Audience
Agricultural service providers, community-based organizations, economic development officials, environmental advocates, farmers, local government officials, planners/economic development staff, policy makers, processors, rural landowners, state agency partners
Grand Valley State University Sustainable Agriculture

**Mission or Goal**
To provide a forum for education, discussion and practice of the environmental, social and economic aspects of food systems, focusing on the importance of consuming local and organic foods.

**Geographic Location**
The Allendale and greater Grand Rapids communities

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**Program Examples**
- Community Supported Agriculture
- Campus Farm Stand
- K-12 College Sustainable Agriculture Education

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**Keywords**
Sustainable foods, organic, education

**Contact 2**

**Audience**
Extension educators, farm workers, general community, planners/economic and community development staff, public health advocates
GreenStone Farm Credit Services

Mission or Goal
To promote the business success of our customers and the rural community by being the best at providing credit and financial services.

Geographic Location
Statewide

Type of Work
- Financial assistance/loans

Topical Category
- Farm viability and capital access
- Food and agricultural entrepreneurship

Program Examples
- Agricultural Leaders of Michigan
- Michigan Ag Council
- Breakfast on the Farm
- Farm Credit System

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Farmland, recreational land, real estate, country living, home loans, rural, farm, financial services, crop insurance, appraisals, life insurance, farm cash management, operating loans, lines of credit, construction, trade credit

Contact 2

Audience
Farmers, farm workers, food businesses and entrepreneurs, general community, rural landowners, women, youth (K - 12 students), minority groups
Harvest Michigan, Inc.

**Mission or Goal**
To be an integral part of the rejuvenation of regional food system - “Bringing the best of Michigan to you.”

**Geographic Location**
Southeast Michigan

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**Program Examples**
- Local buying club
- Neighborhood market

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**Keywords**
Your local source for Michigan products, localvore, Michivore, Michigan products, local food system, regional food system

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**Audience**
Farmers, food businesses and entrepreneurs, general community, planners/economic and community development staff
Mission or Goal
To improve the health and well being of Kent County residents through assessing community health needs and assets, activating a community health plan, and following progress of community action.

Geographic Location
Kent County

Type of Work
- Community development
- Outreach/extension

Topical Category
- Building communities across organization
- Food and health

Program Examples
- Kent Steps Up
- Community Health Indicators Report

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Keywords
Community health, health promotion, disease prevention

Audience
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Julian Samora Research Institute

Mission or Goal
To generate, disseminate, and apply knowledge to serve the needs of Latino communities in the Midwest and across the nation.

Geographic Location
Statewide, north central region, and nationwide

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Program Examples
• Latinos in Michigan
• Research reports
• Community development

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Keywords
Latino communities, development of Hispanic human capital, Latino policy development

Audience
Community-based organizations, economic development officials, faith-based organizations, farm workers, planners/economic and community development staff, policy makers, public health advocates, scientific community
Kalamazoo Loaves & Fishes

Mission or Goal
To feed hungry people and engage our community in the fight to end hunger.

Geographic Location
Kalamazoo County

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Program Examples
• Supplying and supporting 26 grocery pantry programs across Kalamazoo County
• Partnering with others to advocate for a hunger-free community
• Partnering with others to make sure that low income households have access to enough food for a healthy, productive life

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Keywords
Emergency food relief, food security advocacy

Audience
Community-based organizations, elderly, faith-based organizations, local government officials, low income consumers, policy makers, women, youth (K - 12 students)
Kent County Essential Needs Task Force Food & Nutrition Coalition

**Mission or Goal**
To ensure that all people of Kent County have access to safe, affordable, and nutritious food.

**Geographic Location**
Kent County

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**Program Examples**
• Mapping area “food deserts”
• Creating directory of nutrition education resources
• Devising measures for community-wide evaluation

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**Keywords**
Coalition, food assistance, nutrition education

**Audience**
Community-based organizations, extension educators, faith-based organizations, general community, planners/economic and community development staff, policy makers, public health advocates, state agency partners
# Kids’ Food Basket

## Mission or Goal
To ensure that children do not go to bed hungry.

## Geographic Location
Greater Grand Rapids

## Type of Work
- Community development
- Outreach/extension
- Provide food to low income households

## Topical Category
- Community food security
- Food access for under-served families
- Food distribution and aggregation
- Food preparation
- Leadership development

## Program Examples
- Sack supper program provides take home evening meals to elementary age children who otherwise would have lunch as the last meal of the day
- Volunteer program utilizes 150 community volunteers each day, seven days a week to allow for sack supper production
- Kids Helping Kids is the youth portion of our volunteer program and makes up 25% of the volunteer hours

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## Keywords
Childhood hunger, sack supper, youth volunteerism, evening meal

## Audience
Community-based organizations, English as a second language, faith-based organizations, general community, immigrants/refugees, low income consumers, pre-K, youth (K - 12 students)
Land Policy Institute at MSU

Mission or Goal
To resource policy makers at the federal, state, and local level with science-based tools and solutions that help build a better quality of life, strengthen the economy, and protect the environment in ways that are fair to all.

Geographic Location
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Program Examples
• People and Land (PAL) Program
• Entrepreneurial Communities Program
• Michigan Prosperity Initiative

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Keywords
Renewable energy, Michigan prosperity, strategic growth, place-making, regionalism, planning

Audience
Community-based organizations, economic development officials, environmental educators, extension educators, food business and entrepreneurs, general community, local government officials, planners/economic and community development staff, policy makers
**Mission or Goal**
To encourage the development of a vibrant, sustainable West Michigan economy by promoting local business ownership, social equity, and environmental stewardship through education, support and collaboration.

**Geographic Location**
Kent County and bordering counties

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**Program Examples**
- Create/manage directory of locally-owned businesses (includes farmers, producers, retailers, restaurants, etc.)
- Run annual eat local challenge (to connect food related businesses to each other and to consumers)
- Advocacy for locally-owned businesses

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**Keywords**
Local, buy local, eat local, local first, farm to table, economic development, local living economy, new economy

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**Audience**
Community-based organizations, economic development officials, environmental advocates, food businesses and entrepreneurs, general community, local government officials, planners/economic and community development staff
**Mission or Goal**
To strengthen Michigan’s Conservation Districts through leadership, information and representation.

**Geographic Location**
Statewide

**Type of Work**
- Community development
- Outreach/extension

**Topical Category**
- Building networks across organization
- Environment and natural resources
- Farm viability and capital access
- Leadership development

**Program Examples**
- Non-industrial private landowner information and assistance
- Training events including the MACD Summer Conference and MACD
- Convention and Michigan Envirothon

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**Keywords**
Michigan natural resources, agriculture, natural resource conservation, conservation education and leadership, ecosystems approach

**Audience**
Community-based organizations, environmental educators, extension educators, general community, local government officials, policy makers, regulatory agency officials, rural landowners, state agency partners
Mission or Goal
To protect, promote and preserve the food, agricultural, environmental and economic interests of the people of Michigan.

Geographic Location
Statewide

Type of Work
- Business development/technical assistance
- Community development
- Outreach/extension

Topical Category
- Environment and natural resources
- Farmland preservation
- Farm viability and capital access
- Food and agricultural entrepreneurship
- Food and health
- Food-based community and economic development
- Food policy
- Food system infrastructure and business development

Program Examples
- MI Upper Hand
- Farm to Food & Downtown Infrastructure Grants
- Ag-Related Business Development
- Pure Michigan
- Michigan Food Policy Council

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Keywords
Agricultural preservation, environmental and economic preservation, food safety

Audience
Agricultural service providers, community-based organizations, economic development officials, environmental advocates, farm workers, food businesses and entrepreneurs, planners/economic and community development staff, policy makers, public health advocates
Mission or Goal
To protect, preserve, and promote the health and safety of the people of Michigan with particular attention to providing for the needs of vulnerable and underserved populations.

Geographic Location
Statewide

Type of Work
• Grant making
• Outreach/extension

Topical Category
• Building networks across organizations
• Food access for under-served families
• Food and health
• Food policy
• Healthy school meals
• Leadership development
• Youth and family food education
• Local community coalitions

Program Examples
• Fostering the development of Local Food Policy Councils for Michigan communities
• Grants to local health departments for policy, environmental and system changes around healthy lifestyles - specifically focusing on healthy eating, physical activity, and tobacco-free communities
• Technical assistance and training, including evaluation, on policy, environmental and system changes for local health departments and their coalitions

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Keywords
Healthy communities, built environment, food policy councils

Audience
General community, local government officials, low income consumers, planners/economic and community development staff, policy makers, public health advocates
Mission or Goal
To help advance the state of Michigan’s economic development through strengthening the relationships, leveraging the assets and improving the flow of communication and project management.

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Program Examples
• Access to Capital
• Community Development & Assistance
• Michigan Shifting Gears Webinar

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Keywords
Grow your business, economic development, access to capital

Audience
Community-based organizations, cooperative managers, economic development officials, environmental advocates, food businesses and entrepreneurs, general community, local government officials, planners/economic and community development staff, policy makers
Mission or Goal
To lead Michigan’s environmental movement in achieving positive change through the political process, and to promote public policies to ensure that Michigan families will enjoy healthy communities for years to come.

Geographic Location
Statewide

Type of Work
- Community development
- Outreach/extension

Topical Category
- Building networks across organization
- Environment and natural resources
- Food and health
- Food policy
- Leadership development
- Localizing/regionalizing food system

Program Examples
- Agriculture
- Food policy
- Legislation

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Keywords
Environmental movement, political process, public policies

Audience
Community-based organizations, economic development officials, environmental advocates, faith-based organizations, farmers, food businesses and entrepreneurs, general community, local government officials, low income consumers, policy makers, public health advocates, rural landowners
Mission or Goal
To advance farmers markets to create a thriving marketplace for local food and farm products. Our vision is to place farmers markets at the forefront of the local food movement.

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Program Examples
- Market manager certificate program
- On-farm food safety field days
- Increasing food assistance benefits redeemed at farmers markets

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Farmers, farmers markets, direct marketing

Audience
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Mission or Goal
To create a physically educated population with the knowledge and skills to enjoy a healthy, vigorous, and safe lifestyle in communities designed to support physical activity.

Geographic Location
Statewide, with extra connection with low income citizens

Type of Work
• Business development/technical assistance
• Community development
• Grant making
• Outreach/extension
• Research

Topical Category
• Building networks across organization
• Community food security
• Farm to school and/or institution
• Food access for under-served families
• Food and health
• Food-based community and economic development
• Food policy
• Food preparation
• Leadership development
• Youth and family food education

Program Examples
• Nutrition education and physical activity promotion
• Statewide evaluation consultation group and establishment of performance indicators and validated tools
• Standards-based physical education curriculum development and training

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Active communities, physical education, nutrition education, physical activity promotion, SNAP-Ed, evaluation of health outcomes, increasing fruit and vegetable consumption, evidence based programming, training, health curricula, EPEC, PE-Nut

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Audience
Community-based organizations, elderly, English as a second language, faith-based organizations, general community, immigrants/refugees, local government officials, low income consumers, planners/economic and community development staff, policy makers, youth
Mission or Goal
To help small and medium-sized farms operate profitably, produce healthy food for all people and protect the environment for future generations.

Geographic Location
Statewide

Type of Work
- Business development/technical assistance
- Community development
- Grant making
- Outreach/extension

Topical Category
- Community food security
- Farmland preservation
- Food and agricultural entrepreneurship
- Food-based community and economic development
- Food production
- Localizing/regionalizing food system

Program Examples
- Risk Management Assistance & Training ~ farm planning, record keeping, etc.
- Supply & Demand Assistance
- Food Safety, Extended Season, and Value-added strategizing

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Keywords
Multicultural, limited resource farmers; farm focused educational programming; risk management; farm planning; family farms conference

Audience
Cooperative managers and directors, English as a second language, farmers (established), food business and entrepreneurs, rural landowners, women
Mission or Goal
To provide for research, education and the promotion of the Michigan wine grape and wine industry, stimulating value-added, sustainable agriculture.

Geographic Location
Statewide

Type of Work
- Business development/technical assistance
- Outreach/extension
- Research
- Promotion of Michigan wines

Topical Category
- Building networks across organization
- Food and agricultural entrepreneurship
- Localizing/regionalizing food system

Program Examples
- Coordinating the Michigan Culinary Tourism Alliance which brings people from several organizations from the food, beverage, hospitality and tourism industries together to work on common goals
- Funding research at Michigan State University to further knowledge of wine grape production in Michigan
- Promoting April as Michigan Wine Month, as declared by the Governor

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Wine industry business development, wine industry promotion, Michigan viticulture and enology research, wine competition, Grape and Wine Conference, Michigan Wine Country Magazine

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Audience
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Statewide
Michigan Health Hospital Association

Mission or Goal
To advocate for hospitals and the patients they serve.

Geographic Location
Statewide, but work most closely with hospitals

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Program Examples
• Educational Offerings
• Legal Services
• Patient Quality & Safety
• Data Support Services

Keywords
Health care advocacy, policy and financial analysis, education

Audience
General community, public health advocates, scientific community, state agency partners

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Michigan Land Use Institute

Mission or Goal
To advocate for healthy, walkable communities, local food, renewable energy, and clean water strategies that build local economies by making Michigan a great place to be.

Geographic Location
Northwestern portion of lower peninsula, with emphasis in Manistee and Wexford Counties

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Program Examples
• Double Up Food Bucks, increasing access to good food by SNAP beneficiaries while increasing farmers’ market revenues
• Taste the Local Difference guide to the region’s local food and farms
• Farm Entrepreneur Fund, a program of micro-loans, very small grants, and Ag IDA (Individual Development Account) matched saving plan

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Keywords
Get Farming project, Taste the Local Difference, Food and Farming Network

Audience
Agricultural service providers, economic development officials, farmers, food businesses and entrepreneurs, low income consumers, new or prospective farmers
**Mission or Goal**
To promote organic agriculture and the support and development of food systems that revitalize and sustain local communities.

**Geographic Location**
Statewide

**Type of Work**
- Business development/technical assistance
- Community development
- Outreach/extension
- Food policy development

**Topical Category**
- Community food security
- Environmental and natural resources
- Farmland preservation
- Farm viability and capital access
- Food and agricultural entrepreneurship
- Food and health
- Food-based community and economic development
- Food policy
- Food preparation
- Food production
- Food system infrastructure and business development
- Food system equity/farm worker wages/fair wages
- Localizing/regionalizing food system

**Program Examples**
- Organic Conference
- USDA Organic Cost Share Program
- 2012 Farm Bill

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**Audience**
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Mission or Goal
To enhance the lives of Michigan citizens through an educational process.

Geographic Location
Southeast Michigan, mid-Michigan, West Michigan, Northwest Michigan, Eastern upper peninsula

Type of Work
- Community development
- Outreach/extension

Topical Category
- Building networks across organization
- Farm to school and/or other institution
- Food and agricultural entrepreneurship
- Leadership development
- Localizing/regionalizing food system
- Youth and family food education

Program Examples
- MSUE staff are integral partners in the Edible Flint community food systems project
- MSUE staff, in cooperation with campus faculty and local partners, are assisting communities throughout Michigan to develop coordinated food systems

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Audience
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Mission or Goal
To improve economic opportunities in the Michigan agriculture, food, natural resource, and bioeconomy sectors; to assess the developmental phase of your business/product, identify markets, innovate new products, help you make critical decisions, and guide you from market to start-up.

Geographic Location
Statewide

Type of Work
- Business development/Technical assistance
- Outreach/extension

Topical Category
- Environment and natural resources
- Food and agricultural entrepreneurship
- Food-based community and economic development
- Food distribution and aggregation
- Food preparation
- Food production
- Food system infrastructure and business development
- Leadership development

Program Examples
- High Impact Venture Action Team (HI-VAT) - assisting Tier 2 companies with business expansion MarketMaker-on line database linking customers to suppliers
- Making It In Michigan - annual trade show and educational programming for food processors

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Innovation counselors and innovators, MSU Product Center, product development, food processing

Audience
Agricultural service providers, cooperative managers, economic development officials, extension educators, food businesses and entrepreneurs, planners/economic and community development staff, processors, state agency partners, regulatory agency officials
# MSU Student Organic Farm

## Mission or Goal
To cultivate knowledge and human capacity in organic and sustainable agriculture for students, farmers and educators.

## Geographic Location
Michigan and the Great Lakes region

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## Program Examples
- Organic Farmer Training Program - intensive 9-month training program teaching students production and management skills needed to operate their own farm businesses.
- Urban Agriculture Technical assistance in year round organic production in Flint and Detroit
- Vermicomposting of campus food wastes using hoop houses
- Part of Michigan State University Center for Regional Food Systems

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New farmer training, Hoophouse, season extension, urban agriculture, workshops, tours, CSA, organic pork production, organic fruit, vegetable, cut flower production

### Audience
Extension educators, scientific community, new farmers, college students
# MSU Sustainability Specialization

## Mission or Goal
To enable undergraduate students to gain holistic and integrated competencies around four broad core content areas: aesthetic appreciation, ecological integrity, social equity, and economic vitality through civic engagement, systems thinking, critical thinking, and personal development.

## Geographic Location
Michigan State University

## Type of Work
- Education

## Topical Category
- Educational

## Program Examples
- Introduction to Sustainability
- Sustainability Practicum
- Sustainability Portfolio Capstone

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## Keywords
Ecological integrity, social equity, economic vitality, aesthetic understanding, civic engagement, systems thinking critical thinking, personal development, competency, assessment, curriculum

## Audience
University students
**Mission or Goal**
To advance—to the whole of American agriculture—innovations that improve profitability, stewardship and quality of life by investing in groundbreaking research and education.

**Geographic Location**
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**Program Examples**
- Scaling up Local Foods Initiative
- Sustainable Invasive Pest Management
- Practical Farm Sustainable Economic Analysis

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Sustainable agriculture, professional development

**Audience**
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Northern Initiatives

Mission or Goal
To build a more diverse and resilient rural economy in Northern Michigan.

Geographic Location
The upper peninsula of Michigan

Type of Work
• Financial assistance/loans

Topical Category
• Food and agricultural entrepreneurship

Program Examples
• Loans to start up businesses
• Technical assistance and training of small businesses
• Regional strategies focused on cultural and nature tourism

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Community development financial institution, microenterprise development organization

Audience
Community-based organizations, economic development officials, food businesses and entrepreneurs, policy makers, processors, state agency partners, women, banks
Northern Lakes Economic Alliance

Mission or Goal
To provide resources to create and retain quality jobs in Antrim, Charlevoix, Cheboygan and Emmet Counties.

Geographic Location
Antrim, Charlevoix, Cheboygan and Emmet Counties

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Program Examples
• Business classes including Fundamentals of Starting a Business and FastTrac New Venture
• Instructor for MLUI’s Get Farming Classes
• Member of the Food and Farming Network

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Keywords
Sustainable development, economic redevelopment

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Audience
Agricultural service providers, community-based organizations, economic development officials, food businesses and entrepreneurs, local government officials, planners/economic and community development staff, regulatory agency officials, rural landowners
## Northwest Michigan Food & Farming Network

### Mission or Goal
To be a forum and provide opportunity for the region’s many food and farming interests to link and advance their work, and to be a structure through which many organizations and individuals can make progress together.

### Geographic Location
Northwest Michigan

### Type of Work
- Business development/technical assistance
- Outreach/extension
- Coalition of food and farming interests

### Topical Category
- Building networks across organization
- Farmland preservation
- Farm to school and/or other institution
- Farm viability and capital access
- Food access for under-served families
- Food and agricultural entrepreneurship
- Food-based community and economic development
- Food distribution and aggregation
- Food policy
- Food production
- Food system infrastructure and business development
- Healthy school meals
- Localizing/regionalizing food system

### Program Examples
- Scaling up the regional food supply
- Farm funding: Setting up a one-stop on resources for farm financing
- Regional food hub

### Keywords
Regional food system, farm support, food system education

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Mission or Goal
To help clients create food systems for a healthier world that foster thriving agri-food ecology and economy that ensures all people can eat well and be satisfied.

Geographic Location
The United States and Canada

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Program Examples
• Consult to Fortune 500 food company on the development of a comprehensive agronomy program
• Conduct Feasibility Study, develop business plan, and VAPG grant writing for nurseryman (small business) extending new venture into the ‘green building’ sector
• Provide supply/value chain and procurement guidance to health-care buying group (27 institutions) interested in buying more local/regional foods

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Keywords
food systems, scenario planning, feasibility study, business planning, strategic planning, project management, supply chain development, value chain development

Audience
Cooperative managers, farmers, food businesses and entrepreneurs, processors, rural landowners, scientific community, state agency partners
Pearl Partners, LLC

Mission or Goal
To help others find the energy to move towards success by creatively tapping the wisdom within each individual. To work with clients and other service providers to create energized plans and implementation strategies that will benefit all involved.

Geographic Location
Statewide

Type of Work
• Business development/technical assistance
• Outreach/extension
• Group development and strategic planning

Topical Category
• Leadership development
• Localizing/regionalizing food system

Program Examples
• Project L.E.A.D. - voluntary leadership initiative in Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development Food System Workgroup (Lansing Area)
• Community engagement process design & implementation
• Strategic Coaching for MIFMA (MI Farmers Market Association)

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Strategic thinking, strategic coaching, meeting facilitation board development organizational development project team facilitation

Audience
Community-based organizations, food businesses and entrepreneurs, general community, planners/economic and community development staff, policy makers, public health advocates, regulatory agency officials, state agency partners
**Mission or Goal**
To enhance Michigan by emphasizing sustainable entrepreneurship, job growth wealth creation, higher quality of life, equitable educational opportunities and a strong community identity.

**Geographic Location**
Statewide and beyond

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**Program Examples**

- The Moving Ideas to Market program promotes and supports entrepreneurship focusing on groups K-12, collegiate, and beyond
- The Iraq initiative seeks to enhance the trade relationship between Michigan and the Republic of Iraq
- The Customized Accelerated Recruitment and Training (CART) program meets the training needs of employers by bringing together the necessary partners for fast, customized training of employees

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Community development, economic development, collaboration, innovation, talent

**Audience**
Community-based organizations, cooperative managers, economic development officials, extension educators, general community, local government officials, policy makers, planners/ economic and community development staff, regulatory agency officials, Pre-K
Regional Food Solutions, LLC

Mission or Goal
To provide organizations and businesses with expert project development, writing, research, and facilitation.

Geographic Location
Statewide, based in Benzie County

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Program Examples

- Financing for young, beginning, small farmers
- State and federal policy advocacy to support local, regional food system development
- Communications and outreach to food and agriculture businesses and stakeholders

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Audience
Agricultural service providers, community-based organizations, extension educators, farmers, food businesses and entrepreneurs, general community, local government officials, planners/economic and community development staff, processors, state agency partners
Mission or Goal
To educate and promote the economic, environmental and cultural significance of agriculture in west central Michigan.

Geographic Location
Four counties in western, central Michigan

Type of Work
- Business development/technical assistance

Topical Category
- Building networks across organization
- Farmland preservation
- Farm to school and/or institution
- Food and agricultural entrepreneurship
- Food and health
- Food-based community and economic development
- Food system infrastructure and business development
- Food production

Program Examples
- Production of the Fruit Ridge Country Market Guide Website

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Keywords
Farm markets, Apples Ridge Country Market guide tours

Audience
Elderly, farmers, food businesses and entrepreneurs, general community, local government officials, public health advocates, women, youth
Mission or Goal
To collaboratively build sustainable food systems on the campus of Wayne State University and in Detroit neighborhoods.

Geographic Location
Wayne State University campus, east side neighborhoods of Detroit

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Program Examples
• Wayne State University Farmers Market
• Detroit FRESH: The healthy corner stores project
• 3 campus vegetable and herb gardens

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University-community partnership, farmers market, healthy corner stores

Audience
Community-based organizations, economic development officials, elderly, faith-based organizations, food businesses and entrepreneurs, general community, low income consumers, policy makers, public health advocates, scientific community, youth
State Alliance of Michigan YMCAs

Mission or Goal
To nurture the potential of every child and teen, improve the nation’s health and well-being, and supporting and serving our neighbors; to ensure that everyone has the opportunity to become healthier.

Geographic Location
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Program Examples

• Pioneering Healthy Communities: working with state level leaders toward developing standards and training for physical activity in early child care and learning centers
• Joint use agreements with public schools for physical activity opportunities
• Farmers market

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Healthy living, physical activity, health seeker, community partnerships

Audience
General community, policy makers, pre-K, youth
Steelcase Foundation

Mission or Goal
To be a catalyst for partnerships and problem-solving across sectors -- non-profit, for-profit and government.

Geographic Location
West Michigan

Type of Work
• Grant making

Topical Category
• Project-specific

Program Examples
• Kids’ Food Basket (healthy take home suppers for kids)
• Fulton Street Market (capital campaign to improve the Fulton Street Market)
• Baxter Community Center (Greenhouse Initiative)

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Keywords
Improving quality of life and encouraging community collaborations

Audience
Community-based organizations, general community
Mission or Goal
To help create a system of commerce for our partners that is simultaneously life affirming, value-based and ethically driven.

Geographic Location
Statewide, Great Lakes Region

Type of Work
- Business development/technical assistance
- Community development
- Outreach/extension
- Research
- Grant conceptualization and writing

Topical Category
- Building network across organization
- Environment and natural resources
- Food and health
- Food production
- Leadership development
- Urban soil testing protocols and community education

Program Examples
- Environmentally sustainable technology assessments
- Green product promotion
- Sustainable business development

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Keywords
Sustainable economic development, consultant, measuring environmental impact, environmental health impacts

Audience
Community organizations, cooperative managers, economic development officials, environmental advocates, farmers, food businesses and entrepreneurs, low income consumers, planners/economic and community development staff, pre-K, processors, women
The Starting Block, Inc.

**Mission or Goal**
To incubate and support the entrepreneurial spirit, in the food systems and natural resources sector, by providing licensed commercial kitchen facilities, entrepreneurial education and peer-to-peer networking to new and expanding businesses in the food product or natural resource areas, into a profitable, local and wealth-creating business.

**Geographic Location**
West central Michigan

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**Program Examples**
- Kitchen rental to over thirty clients
- Food safety training classes
- FastTrac entrepreneurial training youth entrepreneurial training

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**Keywords**
- Kitchen incubator commercial kitchen business development

**Audience**
Economic development officials, extension educators, farmers, food businesses and entrepreneurs, processors, women, youth (K - 12 students)
Mission or Goal
To equitably serve all farmers, ranchers, and agricultural partners through the delivery of effective, efficient agricultural programs for all Americans.

Geographic Location
Statewide

Type of Work
- Business development/technical assistance
- Financial assistance
- Outreach/extension

Topical Category
- Farm viability and capital access
- Food and agricultural entrepreneurship
- Food system infrastructure and business development

Program Examples
- Farm loan programs
- Conservation programs
- Disaster assistance programs

Keywords
Sustaining agricultural communities, economic development

Audience
Agricultural service providers, environmental advocates, policy makers, processors, regulatory agency officials, rural landowners, state agency partners

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To promote the conservation of natural resources through partnerships; by providing public education, demonstrations and technical assistance, while working together for future generations.

### Geographic Location
Van Buren County

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### Program Examples
- Local food & farm guide
- Farming for the Future
- Conservation Technical Assistance Initiative

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  Community development, local level conservation, agriculture education

### Audience
Community-based organizations, environmental advocates, extension educators, farmers, food businesses and entrepreneurs, processors, rural landowners
### Mission or Goal
To put Christian principles into practice through programs that build healthy spirit, mind and body for all.

### Geographic Location
Urban Grand Rapids

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### Program Examples
- YMCA Healthy Living Hubs located in four vulnerable neighborhoods provide increased access to fresh produce and opportunities for physical activity
- Veggie Mobile delivers fresh produce every week to vulnerable residents in urban Grand Rapids who lack access
- The Healthy U program provides opportunities for physical activity and nutrition education during the school day, after school and in the summer for 6000 vulnerable children annually

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### Keywords
Community outreach, health and wellness, diabetes prevention, obesity prevention, childhood obesity, community gardens, FoodCorps, food access, Veggie Mobile, fitness

### Audience
Community-based organizations, faith-based organizations, general community, low-income consumers, planners/economic and community development staff, policy makers, women, youth (K-12 students)