

Community Food Systems Action Planning Session at
NMEP Food Summit: A Blueprint for the Harvest
November 19th, 2010

(continued conversation from Listening Session in September and Designing Communities around Food session earlier)

Notes from Planning Session—where do we go from here?

I. Brainstorming Ideas

1. Research

- Identify Goal (of study)
- Look at models (like CO)
- How to bring all the groups together
- City contact (MAPA and Health Department, Iowa-Bahia and Sandy Hall)
- Data collection-Nancy, Kay, Karen
- Purpose?

2. Land

- Identify independent producers
- Who are the farmers?
 - age, type of production
 - center for rural affairs
 - high school clubs like FFA
- Enable people who want farm
- Community land trust
- Regional plan
- County cooperation
- Study needed—jobs and health

II. Categorized ideas from the above brainstormed portion

Capital and Financial

- How to keep farmers in “business”?
- What to grow...

Land

- Inventory vacant land and brown fields
- Farming belt-look at how to feed city food security
- Rural/urban zoning for food
- Land for...

Social

- Collaborative efforts-connections, networking, web based
- Single point of contact
- Awareness raising-education

Logistic

- Individuals versus institutions