Community, Local, and Regional Food Systems (CLRFS) Forum

Tuesday, March 29, 2016, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
Carillon, Byrd Park, Richmond

Agenda

8:30 – 9:00 a.m.  Registration and Networking (continental breakfast)  
Foyer, Round Room

9:00 – 9:30 a.m.  Opening CLRFS Exercise  
Eastside A & B

9:30 – 9:45 a.m.  Introduction and Housekeeping – Sarah Morton, Program Director, Growing 4-H Science

9:45 – 10:15 a.m.  Virginia Voices: Let the Stories be Told – Brittany Council and Twandra Lomax-Brown, Richmond City Virginia Cooperative Extension, and Dr. Morris Henderson, 31st Street Baptist Church

10:15 – 10:30 a.m.  Welcome – Dr. Ed Jones, Director, Virginia Cooperative Extension  
Dr. Ray McKinnie, Virginia State University

10:30 – 11:00 a.m.  Presentation: VCE CLRFS Vision and Purpose – CLRFS Steering Committee Members

11:00 – 11:15 a.m.  Refreshment break  
Round Room

11:15 – 12:15 p.m.  Concurrent Break-out Sessions:

Eastside A

Programs in Food Systems & Food Security

Moderator: Charley Maxwell (Session is a mix of oral and Ignite presentations.)
11:15  Family Nutrition Program’s Food Access and Availability Initiative: Statewide work on increasing access to Farmers Markets – Meredith Ledlie Johnson
11:30  Eradicating Food Deserts in the City of Suffolk – Marcus Williams
11:45  Food demonstrations at your local Food Bank and Farmers Markets – Pauline Stokes
11:52  Community Gardens on the Peninsula – Caroline Herath
12:00  Group Discussion

Westside B

Innovation in Educational Approaches, Processes and Evaluations

Moderator: Karen Vines (Session is a mix of oral and Ignite presentations.)
11:15  Local Food Systems Graduate Course for Extension Agents: A Sustainable Agriculture Collaboration of North Carolina, Virginia, and South Carolina – Joanna Lelekacs
11:30  Southwest Virginia’s Community Food Security Assessment: An Appalachian Foodshed Project Initiative – Phil D’Adamo-Damery
11:45  The Food Innovations Program Network – Joell Eifert
11:52  Advancing the Success of Virginia’s Food Entrepreneurs – Caitlin Miller
12:00  Group Discussion

12:15 – 1:15 p.m.  Box Lunch – free networking time or participate in an “Open Space” topic of your choice
1:15 – 1:30 p.m.  Poster session (authors present at their posters)  East-West Connector
1. Establishing a Curriculum for Sustainable Vegetable Gardening – Katy Overby
2. Food For Thought: A Plant-Based Partnership with Roanoke City Public Schools and Master Gardeners and Master Food Volunteers – Kimberly Butterfield
4. Urban agriculture as an avenue for transforming food insecure neighborhoods – Leonard Githinji
5. Water, Food and Farm Commons: Collectively Improving Watershed Health and Nutrient Pollution across the Shenandoah and Rappahannock River Basins – Kenner Love
6. Vegetable Crops Research and Extension Program at the Eastern Shore AREC, Virginia Tech – Ramon A. Arancibia

1:30 – 2:35 p.m.  Concurrent Break-out Sessions:

Eastside A  Food Access and Security Roundtable Discussions
Moderator: Kelli Scott
1:52  Evaluation of the Family Nutrition Program’s CLRFS work – Sarah Misyak

Eastside B  Soils, Farming, and Food Safety Roundtable Discussions
Moderator: Chris Mullins
1:30  Amendments for Improving Urban Soils – Greg Evanylo
1:52  Virginia Beginning Farmer and Rancher Coalition Program: A Participatory Approach to Beginning Farmer Start-up and Sustainability – Kim Niewolny and VBFRC
2:14  Food Safety Programming from Farm to Fork – Amber Vallotton

Westside A&B  Open Space Discussions

2:35 – 2:45 p.m.  Refreshment Break  Round Room

2:45 – 4:00 p.m.  Insights and Next Steps – CLRFS Steering Committee  Eastside A&B

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