

Camden Food Economy Strategy: Land Use & Economic Development

Strategy Advisory Committee

July 18, 2013



Today's Meeting

- Overview of Food Economy Strategy
- The Camden Region's Economic Base
- Plan Review: Land Use & Economic Development
- Discussion: Priorities
- Next Steps

Overview of DVRPC

- Philadelphia's Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), created in 1965
- Interstate, intercounty, and intercity agency
- Prioritize transportation funding
- 2 States, 9 Counties, 352 Municipalities
- Issue areas Transportation, Land Use, the Economy, and the Environment



Overview of DVRPC

- Long Range Plan
- Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)
- Transportation Improvement Program
- RideECO
- TCDI





TRANSPORTATION & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE



Camden Food Economy Strategy

- Co-Investment between Campbell Soup Company and DVRPC
- Food System vs. Food Economy
- Study vs. Strategy
- 24-month timeline
 - About 12 months remaining
- Project Team



Courtesy of TRF, Opportunity Finance Fund, and CDFI Fund

Camden Food Economy Strategy

- Project's Goal:
 - Through coordinated work and research with a team of partners, create a strategy that identifies stakeholders, funders, current projects and investments, and strategies that are improving and will improve Camden City's Food System and Economy.

Pieces to the Strategy





Pieces to the Strategy: Work Group

- Meets every few months
- Provides early feedback
- New members are welcome any time
- Plugs into Campbell's Investee Work Group structure
 - Other Work Groups: Nutrition Education, Physical Access, Public Will



Pieces to the Strategy: Advisory Committee

- Meets on an ad hoc basis
- Creates and implements strategies
- Aids in getting community feedback
- New members can join at any time
- First official meeting was January 18, 2013
- Next meeting in Fall





Pieces to the Strategy: Co-Investment Committee

- Meets ad hoc to review different opportunities:
- Identifies and discusses early actions
- Creates and implements strategies



Pieces to the Strategy: Stakeholder Analysis

- Learned who is doing what, where, and with whom
- Identified top priorities:
 - A lot of great things already happening in Camden
 - (Healthy) food access is of paramount concern
 - Access is both an issue of supply and demand
 - Economic development and job creation are key
- Gathered initial recommendations/strategies



Pieces to the Strategy: Economic Analysis



NAICS Description	NJ	DE	PA	MD
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Chemical Manufacturing	2.19	2.76	0.72	0.76
Water Transportation	2.10	0.00	0.32	0.11
Fishing, Hunting and Trapping	1.91	0.72	0.00	0.25
Transit and Ground Passenger Transportation	1.89	1.29	1.44	1.03
Merchant Wholesalers, Nondurable Goods	1.65	1.57	0.83	0.79
Leather and Allied Product Manufacturing	1.60	0.00	0.00	0.00
Support Activities for Transportation	1.46	1.01	0.61	0.89
Securities, Commodity Contracts, and Other Financial Investments	1.43	1.47	0.78	1.09
Management of Companies and Enterprises	1.39	1.40	1.06	0.86
Warehousing and Storage	1.37	0.00	1.40	1.11
Electrical Equipment, Appliance, and Component Manufacturing	1.29	0.94	1.17	0.07



Pieces to the Strategy: Additional Analyses

- Stakeholder Analysis DVRPC Completed
- Economic Base Analysis TRF Completed
- Land use and Economic Development DVRPC Completed
- Institutional Buying TRF Ongoing
- Others to be determined. Possibilities:

Emergency Food... Nutrition Assistance Programs... School Food... Healthcare... Others



Pieces to the Strategy: Strategies

- Strategies identified through:
 - Analysis
 - Work Group Meetings
 - Community Conversations at Campbell's
 - Co-Investment Committee Meetings
 - Advisory Committee Meetings
 - Best Practices







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