



GREATER PHILADELPHIA
FOOD SYSTEM STUDY

**Study Advisory Committee Meeting: Greater Philadelphia's Food Policy Network
Friday, September 12, 2008**

Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRPC)

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Agenda

I. Welcome

Patty Elkis, the Associate Director of Comprehensive Planning, welcomed the Study Advisory Committee and reiterated the project's importance to the work of DVRPC and to the region.

II. Introduction to the Food System Study

Alison Hastings, the Project Manager, reviewed DVRPC's structure, work, and reasons for being interested in the Food System. Parts 1-4 were reviewed, with Part 1 being the main component of this SAC meeting and 2, 3, and 4 informed by the results of interviews and research conducted over the summer.

III. Part 1: Policy Network Analysis

Amanda Wagner, the Food System Study Intern, presented the findings of the Part 1 interviews, online survey, roundtable discussion and tours. One hundred and seventy-one (171) people contributed to Part 1 by responding to the survey through those different mediums. The findings revealed that the food system is interconnected, with diverse stakeholders having diverse needs and perspectives. As we look towards the future (and continue the study) we need to consider the implications of the global food system's technological efficiencies and labor specialization along with the fact that the region's advantages and challenges can be interchangeable.

Questions raised after the presentation referred to the increasing trend of non-food production in agriculture and the extent to which global components will be addressed in this regional study.

*The presentation on Part 1 is available on the website at
<http://www.dvrpc.org/planning/food/part1.htm>.

IV. Next Steps

- At the end of the meeting, the Study Advisory Committee selected from the 60+ suggested Best Management Practices/Case Studies from outside the region to be profiled in the final report.
- A small sub-committee of approximately 8 people will be selected to review and give comment on each of the four parts of the report. The Part 1 subcommittee will meet on 12/12 after the SAC meeting to provide feedback on that draft.
- Commence Part 2: Distribution- including a Freight Analysis Framework of origins and distribution, literature review on "food miles," topical case studies and supply chain "trackbacks"



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Announcements

Next Study Advisory Meetings:

- Friday, December 12, 2008 – 10:00am to 1:00pm (with lunch)
 - o Part 1 Sub-Committee meeting following lunch

- *Tentative* – Thursday, March 19, 2009 – 10:00am to 1:00pm (with lunch)
 - o Part 2 Sub-Committee meeting following lunch

- *Tentative* – Thursday, June 18, 2009 – 10:00am to 1:00pm (with lunch)
 - o Part 3 Sub-Committee meeting following lunch

For Your Information:

- **ELP's The Politics of Food National Conference**
Monday, September 22 to Wednesday, September 24, 2008
Raleigh, NC
<http://www.elpnet.org/foodtour/conference.php>

- **Community Food Security Coalition's Annual Conference:**
Saturday, October 4, 2008 to Wednesday, October 8, 2008
Cherry Hill Crowne Plaza Hotel
www.healthyfoodconference.com

- **The Food Trust's Clark Park Farmers Market 10th Anniversary Festival**
Saturday, October 4, 2008 10am to 4pm
Clark Park – 43rd and Baltimore Pike, Philadelphia

- **North American Urban and Peri-Urban Agriculture Alliance (NAUPAA)** presents:
Metropolitan Agriculture in North America: From Planning to Development
Saturday, October 4, 2008 12noon to 5:30pm
University of Pennsylvania, Houston Hall, 3418 Spruce St., Philadelphia PA

- **League of Women Voters of Chester County** presents:
Farm to Table Tour of Berks and Chester Counties Farms
Tuesday, October 7, 2008 11:30am departure
Freedom Village, West Brandywine, PA
For more information, call Susan Mano at 610-296-9083

- **DVRPC's Delaware Valley Goods Movement Task Force** presents:
A Guided Journey Through the Delaware Valley's Supply Chain
Wednesday, October 15, 2008 – 10:30am to 12:30pm
DVRPC Main Conference Room
Freight movement is an increasingly complex activity in the Delaware Valley. It demands carefully orchestrated logistical processes that rely on many different constituent parts acting in concert. The DVRPC Freight Plan showcase will explore the various facets of the region's freight network and services in an engaging and interactive format.

- **Greater Philadelphia Coalition Against Hunger** presents:
World Food Day & Food Stamp Forum
Thursday, October 16, 2008 – 9:00am
United Way Building, Ben Franklin Parkway



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- **Philadelphia Urban Food and Fitness Alliance:**

Full Alliance Meeting

Thursday, October 16, 2008 – 5:30pm to 8:00pm

DVRPC Main Conference Room

Meeting Participants

Attendee

Beverlee Barnes
 Chris Perks
 Tom Carolan
 Ann Karlen
 Domenic Vitiello
 Justin Dickey
 Jeanne Barrett Ortiz
 Donna Pitz
 Roxanne Christensen
 Jay Shannon
 Johanna Rosen
 Jade Walker
 Sean Metrick
 Francis Rapa
 Amanda Bossard
 Paul Johnson
 Peggy Fogarty-Harnish
 John Byrnes
 Bob Pierson
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 Robin Rifkin
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 East Coast Transportation and Logistics
 Fair Food Project
 Farmadelphia/Philadelphia Orchard Project
 First Pioneer Farm Credit
 Food Routes Network
 Green Space Alliance
 Institute for Innovations in Local Food
 Mid Atlantic Farm Credit
 Mill Creek Farm
 Mill Creek Farm
 Montgomery County Planning Commission
 New Jersey Conservation Foundation
 Otolith Sustainable Seafood
 Partners of America
 Penn State Cooperative Extension- Lancaster
 Penn State Cooperative Extension- Philadelphia
 Penn State Cooperative Extension- Philadelphia
 Pennypack Farm
 Philadelphia Health Promotion Council-PUFFA
 Philadelphia Water Department
 PUFFA-White Dog Community Enterprises
 SHARE
 The Food Trust
 The William Penn Foundation
 Thomas Jefferson University Hospital
 U.S. Customs and Border Patrol
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