



# FOOD COUNCIL DIGEST



## Cherokee & Clay Counties

Summary Snapshot from our Food Council Planning Meeting. There is Linked Data throughout, so click on any underlined text to Learn More!

### Favorite Part?

"The opportunity to learn more about food councils, what's happening in NC and hearing from others in the group."  
- Cherokee & Clay Attendee



### COUNTY CONNECT: SEE WHAT OTHER COMMUNITIES ENVISIONED

*"We Envision a Thriving County, where Agricultural and Food Opportunities are Accessed by all in a Fair and Healthy way, within a Vibrant Economic Framework."*

22

Community Members Attended

63+

New Connections were Made

14

Community Members plan to use what they Learned

9

Community Members are Interested in Co Leadership

PLAN A FOOD RECOVERY & FOOD WASTE REDUCTION PROJECT WITH INSTITUTIONS



DESIGN A MOBILE MARKET FOR SNAP RECIPIENTS

HANDS-ON FARM BUSINESS AND AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION FOR MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS



### TOP 6

### PRIORITIES:

### CHEROKEE & CLAY COUNTIES

Cherokee & Clay identified these areas as intervention points a Food Council could prioritize over the next two years.

CONNECT FARMERS TO INTERNS



DEVELOP A FOOD AND AGRICULTURE RESOURCE GUIDE & CONTACT LIST

EXPLORE AN INCUBATOR FARM MODEL



Cherokee & Clay participants seen here learning about Food Councils were rewarded for their day of brainstorming with some delicious local food from The Crown Restaurant in Brasstown.

### NEXT STEPS?

Participants identified these items to be a part of next meeting's agenda.

- HOW TO BUILD CAPACITY TO ACCOMPLISH GOALS
- DETERMINE "EASY WINS" TO PRIORITIZE
- IDENTIFY COMMUNICATIONS AND LEADERSHIP STRATEGY
- PURSUE FUNDING STREAMS
- PLAN A LOCAL FOOD ASSESSMENT

### Who was in the Room?



#### Healthy People & Land

Farmers



Gardeners



Higher Education Professors & Students



Non Profit Organizations



Restaurant Owner



School District Representatives



#### Vibrant Economy

Food Access Organizations



John C. Campbell Folk School



SNAP & Public Health Advocates



Chamber of Commerce



Cooperative Extension



Engaged Community Leaders



### Who was Missing?



#### Inclusive Community

More & Diverse Farmers



Appalachian Sustainable Agriculture Project



Public Health



Faith Based Organizations



#### Systems Change

Local Government



People of Color



Youth, Elderly, Students, & those needing food



Food Pantry Representation



### LET'S BRING THEM TO THE TABLE!

Participants identified these key community members who were missing from the conversation. If you have a connection with someone in an organization on this list - invite them to the next meeting!

Want to Connect?  
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