

Wednesday, June 10, 2009 | 8:30 a.m.-12 noon\*

# LOCAL GOVERNMENT & LOCAL FOOD

JOIN US  
FOR LUNCH  
at restaurants  
serving locally  
grown foods!

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*Expanding local food commerce through planning*



Local governments play a crucial role in economic development and infrastructure. Great opportunities exist for community leaders to see local agriculture as a critical engine for economic development, building on two of our most important assets: good soils and skilled farmers. At this gathering, discover concrete examples of local food work by local governments.

Presenters share first-hand experiences in local foods planning:

- counties planning food production for local markets
- a school food service director working with local farms
- city park staff encouraging food security through urban gardens
- county governments funding local food coordinators

## SPEAKERS:

Les Beck, *Linn County Planning & Development*  
Teva Dawson, *City of Des Moines Park & Recreation*  
Kelly Duritsa, *Independence Community Schools*  
Melvyn Houser, *Pottawattamie County Board of Supervisors*  
Leanne Harter, *Story County Planning & Development*  
Dave Swenson, *Department of Economics, ISU*

### **8:30** Role of local governments in food infrastructure

Kamyar Enshayan, *Cedar Falls City Council*  
Melvyn Houser, *Pottawattamie County Board  
of Supervisors*

### **8:50** Local food commerce as engine for local economic development

Professor Dave Swenson, *ISU Economics*

### **9:30** Open discussions

### **9:50** Break

### **10:00** Schools and city park & recreation leading on local food production

Teva Dawson, *Des Moines Park & Recreation*  
Kelly Duritsa, *Independence Community Schools*

### **11:00** Putting it all together: Planning for local food

Les Beck, *Linn County Planning & Development*  
Leanne Harter, *Story County Planning  
& Development*  
Jason Grimm, *Iowa Valley RC&D*

### **\*12:00** Adjourn for lunch

(choose from a variety of restaurants  
serving locally grown foods)



**No cost, but registration is required! To register email: [Kamyar.Enshayan@uni.edu](mailto:Kamyar.Enshayan@uni.edu).**

The CEEE is located at the SE corner of Jennings Drive and Campus Street, south of the Gallagher-Bluedorn Performing Arts Center (GBPAC) on the UNI campus.



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