

Northern Piedmont Farm & Food Economy Public Meeting



The results are in and we want your feedback! The Rappahannock-Rapidan Regional Commission will be holding a series of public meetings to present the results of its baseline analysis of the region's food system. The analysis compiles agricultural production and food consumption data, supplemented by interviews of local stakeholders. This baseline will assist us in determining our food system's strengths and weaknesses so we can move forward to develop solutions together. Whether you are a producer or concerned consumer, **you** have a fork at the table.

What is a food system?

A food system is a collaborative network that includes everyone involved in putting food on our tables, whether that table is located in our homes, a restaurant or our kids' cafeteria. This system integrates food production, processing, distribution, consumption and waste management in order to enhance the environmental, economic and social health of the region.

What are the goals of this project?

The analysis is the first step in developing a food system plan, which will create a list of priority projects for improving the region's agricultural economy. Such recommended projects may include policy changes, education and marketing programs, publicly funded facilities and opportunities for private investment. By strengthening the local food economy, more local dollars can be retained within the region, while promoting citizens' health, encouraging preservation of local farmland and enhancing farmers' quality of life.

For further information about this project, please contact Michelle Edwards at (540) 829-7450 or medwards@rrregion.org. Please note: meeting content will be the same at each location.

February 3, 6:00-8:00pm
Warrenton Visitors Center
33 North Calhoun St., Warrenton

February 4, 9:00-11:00am
Culpeper County Board Room
302 North Main Street, Culpeper

February 4, 2:00-4:00pm
Madison Coop. Extension Office
2 South Main Street, Madison

