

Rappahannock-Rapidan Regional Food System Plan Public Meeting



The Rappahannock-Rapidan Regional Commission will be conducting an economic analysis of the region's food system and is seeking public input. Please join us at one of the introductory meetings. 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 Commission will conduct an economic analysis of the region's food system by compiling economic and production data concerning the conditions in the local farm and food economy, supplemented by local surveys. The analysis is the first step in developing a strategic plan, which would create a list of priority projects for improving the region's agricultural economy. Such recommended projects may include both policy and regulatory changes as well as 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.

November 13, 6:00 - 7:30pm
Warrenton Visitors Center
33 North Calhoun Street, Warrenton

November 14, 6:00 - 7:30pm
Culpeper County Board Room
302 North Main Street, Culpeper

