Program Highlight:

Community Food Systems

The Local Foods Program at Iowa State University Extension and Outreach partners with other ISU departments to implement the Community Food Systems Program. We help communities develop and design local food systems. Devoted to long-term community empowerment and lasting impacts, the program engages the community deeply in two phases:

Phase One: Research and Coalition Development:
- Develops trust within communities and generates a place-based coalition name, vision, mission, and core values
- Assesses existing conditions and goals of the food systems
- Determines priority projects through a facilitated evaluation meeting

Phase Two: Design and Implementation
- Designs priority projects as a project team
- Creates momentum, capacity for program development, and implementation of projects

Since 2014, the program has guided eight Iowa communities in accomplishing more than 30 local foods-related projects.

To learn more or engage our services, visit the Community Food Systems Program page on our website, or contact Courtney Long, court7@iastate.edu.

Local Foods Program
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