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CURRENT WORK/PROJECTS

Practice Guide #38

We are pleased to announce our new practice guide "Establishing the Use of SNAP at Farmer's Markets" by Adam Sizemore. You can find the document [here](#) and all our practice guides [here](#)

Everyone should have access to local food. Farmer's markets are popular places to purchase local food. However, these locations may not be accessible to low-income individuals using Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) funds due to a number of barriers. Farmers' markets can become a catalyst for bridging the gap between SNAP users and local food, by creating SNAP redemption programs. These programs can improve health, the local economy, and community engagement. However, barriers exist such as transportation, advertising, making shopping equitable, building partnerships, and designing the program to benefits farmers and market managers as well as customers. This practice guide introduces the benefits of enabling SNAP programs as an option for purchasing food at farmers' markets: while also providing suggestions for implementation, examining barriers and suggesting paths to overcoming them, while including case example/best practices.

Updates on the Brownfields Community Benefits Assessment Toolkit (BCBAT) project!

As we progress through the second year of this five-year research and toolkit development project, several changes in our staffing and project partnerships have occurred. Most importantly, early in 2016, our project lead at Virginia Tech, Joseph Schilling, accepted an exciting new job at the Urban Institute. This meant that the project needed a new institutional home to be established at UofL through the CEPM. This transition is almost complete and our team will now include the Urban Institute as a partner and we bid farewell to Virginia Tech. Our team has made great strides in compiling current community benefits research, indicators, and projection formulas we expect to use in the first run of the pilot. We have selected our pilot community, the Russell Neighborhood in Louisville, KY. This neighborhood is the

recent recipient of a HUD Choice Neighborhood Implementation Grant and has recently held its first meeting with the community to prioritize proposed projects. The CEPM is very excited to begin working with Russell stakeholders and crafting the toolkit to meet their needs. We look forward to sharing more as we get further into our toolkit development.

CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS, and TRAINING

The West Jefferson County Community Task Force Meeting

The West Jefferson County Community Task Force (WJCCTF) was established by the Jefferson County Division of Environmental Health and Protection to identify environmental problems in the West Louisville area. The Task Force includes representatives from 12 neighborhoods in West Louisville and three at-large members. In addition to neighborhood participation, several industry representatives are included in the membership. The WJCCTF meets on the **third Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m.**, at the **NIA Center**.

Florida Leadership Through Decision-making and Communication for Water Systems

Date: September 21-22, 2016

When: 8:30 am- 5:00 pm

Trainers: Sarah Diefendorf and Lauralee Barbaria

Location: Newberry Municipal Building, Newberry, FL

Cost: FREE

Register

Strong communication and decision making skills make a successful leader, and leadership happens at every level. Public works directors, water utility managers, operators, and finance staff need to effectively communicate with rate payers, boards, funding and regulatory agencies, and staff. Good communication and decision-making skills improve effectiveness, from internal decision-making processes to communicating with regulatory bodies, ratepayers, and funding agencies.

You will learn how to:

1. Gain support from the community, board, regulatory bodies, and funding agencies for decisions involving rates, budgets, and improvements.
2. Reduce conflict and increase participation in decision-making
3. Create compelling communications to change awareness, attitudes, and behaviors.
4. Create a motivated, adaptive, and safe work environment.
5. Improve staff collaboration and participation in decision-making

processes.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

CEPM Changes

Earlier this year the EPA decided to fund only one Environmental Finance Center in each region. This year they selected University of North Carolina @ Chapel Hill to serve Region 4. Therefore CEPM no longer house an EPA funded EFC serving Region 4. However, CEPM will still continue providing research, resources, and assistance to our communities in Region 4 and beyond. We encourage people to make use of the many reports and documents produced and housed on our website and to look out for future documents. Also, we remain a partner of the EFCN centers who provide services under the EPA Small Water System technical assistance grant. We look forward to continue to assist folks under alternative programs.

Carol Norton

Due to the changes in our funding, CEPM's long-time Assistant Director Carol Norton retired from UofL. She continues offer her expertise to the community. Currently, she is helping with the Ohio Valley Creative Energy project in Indiana. This project intends to build a facility where methane from a neighboring landfill will be used as an energy source for local artists working with glass, clay, and metals. She also continues to have a deep interest in moving research on affordable housing forward in our region. We wish Carol the best in her future endeavors!

Theo Malone

CEPM welcomes **Theo Malone** as our new Graduate Research Assistant. Theo is an incoming student in UofL's Department of Sociology PhD Program.

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