

Seeking Your Support to Ignite the Next Level of Community and Culture

Season's Greetings Lansing-area Food Enthusiasts, Activists, and Eaters,

We have come to the end of yet another year, one that has had its share of agricultural successes and setbacks. And despite the remarkable enthusiasm and ability of Lansing's food/farming community, we are still far from where we might be in this thriving Midwestern city with respect to building a sustainable, equitable, locally-supported and valued, food system.

If this sounds a bit despondent, it is. But(!) we do know that if we work collectively, we can vastly accelerate the creation of a green culture and economy in the Lansing area.

For a bit of inspiration, see Mark Winne's recent blog [Taking Back a City the Green Way | Mark Winne](#). Mark is a nationally-respected, long-time, food system analyst and activist (and a gifted writer). He points to real world examples of creating a "more interesting and richer place to dwell."

We are inspired and ready for a new phase of transformation in local agriculture!

It will take involving our neighbors, government officials, organizations, business owners, farmers, activists, developers and everyone who eats.

That definitely includes LUFPP. We invite you to join in, too.

Here is how you can help:

(1) Share your ideas; what talents, connections, and tools can you bring to this green transformation?

(2) Support LUFPP's efforts financially.

(2) Become an official Board Member. We are seeking active board members who are ready to help us address the collective needs of small-scale Lansing farmers and thereby strengthen the city's food and farming system – economically, culturally, and ecologically.

LUFPP seeks to expand its Board of Directors to lead the organization through the next phase of its important work. We are looking for people with energy and ideas from across Lansing who can help shape innovative LUFPP programming and carry a new mission forward. We seek people who are dedicated to the Lansing area with expertise, experience and/or interest in urban agriculture, local and sustainable food systems, and social responsibility. Those with data management, website design, and marketing skills are especially welcome to apply.

For more information about what a Board position requires, please contact the LUFPP Board at lansingurbandale@gmail.com. A review of applications will begin in early-January and will continue until

all positions are filled. The application form is at <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1-lwc08Dfd4dfJKVd6UR2lz66wkMi6i-d/view?usp=drivesdk>

There is plenty of work to do – and the benefits are all-encompassing and delicious. Thanks for taking the time to read this unusually lengthy newsletter. We'll see you in 2022.

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