

**Discussion outline – Local Food – trends and implications for land use regulation in Winnebago County**

**Plan Commissioner Network**

**Wednesday, April 27, 2016 at JP Coughlin Center, Oshkosh, 6:30-8:00 pm**

I. Local Food and Food Systems– what is it? why is it important?

II. Trends and forces driving local food change

- Megatrends (state and national)
- Trends in Winnebago County
- Driving Forces and local programs
  - Public Health, schools, hospitals– institutional demand
  - Farm to School and FarmLink
  - Public Awareness
  - Scale and demand shifts – bifurcation of ag

III. Enabling local food businesses

- Primary impact of local policy is on production, processing and distribution
- Plan Commissioners Role via planning and zoning policies
  - Trends in planning and zoning are moving from drawing clear boundaries to blurring the lines between uses
  - Specific actions they can do in their town – review their code for permitted uses, lot sizes, definitions of ag and livestock,
  - Consider broader zones that can house many uses, rather than regulating each specific use
  - Don't outright ban activities (e.g. slaughtering, processing)
  - Agrihoods

IV. Other considerations

- Agritourism
- Ag livestock waste management
- Micro-livestock (bees, chickens, etc)

**Next meetings: TBD**

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