

Welcome to Vermont's Green Enterprise Community!



The Farm to Plate (F2P) Initiative by the Vermont Sustainable Jobs Fund

The Farm to Plate (F2P) Initiative, approved at the end of the last legislative session, directs the Vermont Sustainable Jobs Fund, in consultation with the [Sustainable Agriculture Council](#) and other stakeholders, to develop a 10-year strategic plan to strengthen Vermont's farm and food sector. Click [HERE](#) to download a copy of the enabling legislation.

FOR MORE INFO: [Farm to Plate Summary](#) (2-page PDF)

F2P Regional Local Food Summits

The Sustainable Agriculture Council and the Vermont Sustainable Jobs Fund are coordinating with local groups to hold a series of regional meetings to gather input for the Farm to Plate Initiative's 10-year strategic plan to strengthen Vermont's food system.

Learn more about regional efforts related to farms, food production, and food security. Participants will reflect upon their region's strengths and weaknesses and have focused small group conversations about how to build a more robust local food system by 2020.

Note:

Please check www.vsjf.org for most recent dates / times for these meetings, as there may be some slight changes in schedule.

UPPER VALLEY AREA: TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10

6:00-8:30 PM at the American Legion Hall, 129 S Main St., White River Junction.

Refreshments served.

Local organizing partner: Valley Food & Farm / Vital Communities.

For more info: Melissa Zoerheide, melissa@vitalcommunities.org.

BENNINGTON COUNTY AREA: SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14

5:30-8:30 PM at St. Peters Episcopal Church, 200 Pleasant St., Bennington.

Local organizing partners: Transition Town Manchester and Walloomsac Transition Forum.

For more info: Susan Beal, sbeal@shadowbrookfarm.org or Bill Laberge, laberge@vermontel.net.

**CHITTENDEN / FRANKLIN / GRAND ISLE AREA:
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18**

11:30-4:00 PM at the Milton Grange, Main St., Milton. .

Lunch served, meeting starts at 12PM.

Local organizing partners: Shelburne Farms, UVM Center for Sustainable Agriculture, UVM Extension

For more info: Rachel Schattman, rschattm@uvm.edu

NORTHEAST KINGDOM AREA: THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3

3:00-7:00 PM, Lake Union High School, 317 Lake Region Rd., Orleans.

Refreshments served.

Local organizing partners: Northeastern Vermont Development Association and Center for an Agricultural Economy.

For more info: Elena Gustavson, elena@hardwickagriculture.org

ADDISON COUNTY AREA: TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8

11:30AM-3:30PM at the American Legion Hall, 49 Wilson Rd., Middlebury.

Lunch served, meeting starts at 12PM.

Local organizing partner: ACoRN, Addison County Economic Development Corporation, Middlebury Food Coop.

For more info: Bay Hammond, hamfam@together.net

CENTRAL VERMONT AREA: THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10

5:30-8:30 PM at Montpelier High School Cafeteria, 5 High School Dr., Montpelier

Potluck dinner served, meeting starts at 6PM.

Local organizing partner: Central Vermont Food Systems Council.

For more info: Kristin Feierabend, kfeierabend@montpelier-vt.org

RUTLAND COUNTY AREA: Farm to Plate will be conducting invite-only focus group sessions in Rutland County, and will be attending the 5th Annual Farmers' Gathering "Dairy, Diversification and Demand for Local: A Shifting Economic Landscape" on Thursday, November 12th at Green Mountain College, Withey Student Center, Poultney with RAFFL (Rutland Area Farm and Food Link) & Poultney Mettowee Natural Resource Conservation District.

WINDHAM COUNTY AREA:

Farm to Plate will be conducting invite-only focus group sessions in Windham County as a follow-up to the Post Oil Solutions event scheduled on 11/7/09, yet plan on conducting a F2P Food Summit open to the general public sometime in January. Stay tuned!

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