

CHICAGO LOCAL FOOD SYSTEM STUDY BIBLIOGRAPHY AND RESOURCE LIST

The project team for the Chicago Local Food System Study gathered and studied multiple resources to research and lay the groundwork and inform the multiple elements of the Study. This annotated bibliography includes a selection of resources on food system planning and policy, which constituted that research.

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This guide identifies challenges that planners face when trying to allow for urban agriculture through zoning. It features local project collaborators, such as Growing Power, in its case studies, while also outlining policy directives that authorize appropriate zoning codes.

American Planning Association (2009). *Zoning for Public Markets and Street Vendors*.

<https://dpla.wisc.edu/sites/dpla.wisc.edu/files/inline-files/ZPfeb09.pdf>
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This guide identifies challenges that planners face when trying to allow for public markets, street vendors and other direct-to-consumer farm business operations through zoning. It features local projects, such as Maxwell Street Market, while also outlining policy directives that authorize appropriate zoning codes.

American Planning Association (2007). *Policy Guide on Community & Regional Food Planning*.

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This document summarizes findings related to local food production and sales in communities. It also recommends policy interventions to further advance findings that benefit local economies, health outcomes and environmental metrics.

Bostrom, M. (2005). *Digesting Public Opinion: A Meta-Analysis of Attitudes Toward Food, Health and Farms*.

https://www.frameworksinstitute.org/assets/files/PDF_FoodSystems/food_systems_meta_analysis.pdf

This 2005 study reviews public opinion data about the agricultural sector.

CMAAP – Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (2014). *Growing Food in Kane County: A Guide to Evaluating Public Land for Local Food Production*.

<http://www.countyofkane.org/Lists/Events/Attachments/3486/Presentation%20-%202014%20Agriculture%20-%20Committee%20Slides.pdf>

This resource guides the Kane County government through the process of selecting appropriate public land for local food production.

CMAP – Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (2013). *Lake County Sustainable Local Food Systems Report.*

<http://libertyprairie.org/impact-areas/sustainable-local-food/lake-county-sustainable-local-food-systems/>

This report outlines important and current recommendations for advancing local food systems in Lake County, Illinois.

Forest Preserve District of Kane County (2015). *Forest Preserve Commission Agenda – February 10, 2015.*

<http://kanecountyil.iqm2.com/Citizens/FileOpen.aspx?Type=1&ID=1325&Inline=True>

The agenda from this meeting contains an approved lease between a public landowner and a local food farmer in Northeast, Illinois. It contains notable provisions that include a rolling lease period, revenue-based lease payments, fee-based lease payments, general farm performance standards and other important features of public-private farmland leases.

Hodgson, K. (2012). *Planning for Food Access and Community-Based Food Systems: A National Scan and Evaluation of Local Comprehensive and Sustainability Plans.* American Planning Association: Chicago, IL.

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This report documents findings of the Healthy Eating Research program of the RW Johnson Foundation. It includes survey results of local plans regarding food access, an evaluation of survey results, ‘lessons learned’ about the associated policies and government frameworks, as well as policy recommendations to improve food access and food systems planning through local government action.

Illinois Department of Revenue (2015). *The Illinois Property Tax System.*

<http://www.revenue.state.il.us/publications/localgovernment/ptax1004.pdf>

A comprehensive description of Illinois property taxes for landowners. Page 27 includes a list of preferred assessment types that benefit many owners of farmland and open spaces.

Illinois Finance Authority. (2014). *Agriculture.*

<http://www.il-fa.com/programs/agriculture>

This website is a portal to agricultural loan, bond and loan guarantee offerings available through the Illinois Finance Authority. Links to summary documents and applications are provided for various programs, including Beginning Farmer Bonds, Specialized Livestock Guarantees, Working Capital Guarantees, Young Farmer Farm Purchase Guarantees, Agri-Debt Restructuring Guarantees and Agri-Industry Guarantees.

Iowa State University – Leopold Center for Sustainable Agriculture (2012, 2013, 2014). *Local Food & Farm Program: Preliminary Report to the Iowa Legislature*. Iowa State University: Ames, IA.

<https://www.leopold.iastate.edu/files/pubs-and-papers/2012-01-local-food-and-farm-program-preliminary-report.pdf>

<http://www.leopold.iastate.edu/files/pubs-and-papers/2013-09-local-food-and-farm-program-final-report-2013.pdf>

<http://www.leopold.iastate.edu/files/pubs-and-papers/2014-10-local-food-and-farm-program-final-report-2014.pdf>

These reports document progress made towards implementing the Iowa Local Food and Farm Plan's operational recommendations, including strategies aimed at addressing the local system's most persistent challenges and opportunities.

Land Trust Alliance

www.lta.org

The Land Trust Alliance (LTA) is a national organization that represents over 1,700 land trusts. The LTA advocates for policies that benefit land trusts – non-profit organizations that conserve natural, agricultural and historic properties. Their website allows visitors to search for land trusts by location and offers information about training, ongoing policy initiatives and current events surrounding land conservation.

Masi, B. et al. (2010). *The 25 % Shift: Benefits of Food Localization for Northeast Ohio & How to Realize Them*.

<http://www.neofoodweb.org/sites/default/files/resources/the25shift-foodlocalizationintheNEOregion.pdf>

This study analyzes the potential impacts of moving the 16-county region of Northeast Ohio to a diet that consists of 25% local foods. It identifies obstacles and solutions to address these obstacles before recommending the creation of a Food Authority to cover the region.

Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (2015). *Agricultural Conservation Easement*.

https://www.michigan.gov/documents/mdard/FY16_MDARD_ESD_FLP_Conservation_Easement_56072_6_7.pdf

This document is a template of a conservation easement between a donor and a state government. A landowner would use this template as a starting point for making a conservation easement donation to a state (or local) unit of government.

National Association of Estate Planners

www.naepc.org

This website is the home page for the national organization that represents estate-planning professionals. Among other information, the site includes a search function that helps individuals locate nearby estate planners with expertise in transitioning farmland assets.

National Conservation Easement Database

www.conservationaleasement.us

The National Conservation Easements Database is a comprehensive collection of conservation easement records. Available information includes parcel maps, conservation restrictions applied to parcels, easement holding entities, search functions and other useful information for identifying and learning about easement-encumbered lands.

Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission (2012). *Northwest Indiana Local Food Study.*

http://www.nirpc.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/12/nwi_local_food_study.pdf

This report is an in-depth review of the existing regional food system in Northwest Indiana. It is intended to provide a baseline of data against which to measure future progress and develop policy actions.

Openlands (2013). *McHenry County Local Food Assessment.*

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This report assesses local food production capacity in McHenry County, Illinois, and makes recommendations for making this capacity meet unmet local food demand.

Organic Farming Research Foundation. (2011). *Organic Farming for Health and Prosperity.*

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This report documents many of the social benefits of organic farming.

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This research summary uses methods of comparing potential region-wide economic impacts of transitioning from conventional to organic farm production to determine the cost-benefit of doing so.

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This report summarizes the work of many studies to identify the combined external cost of agricultural operations based on acreage, production type and other relevant variables.

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This report is a comprehensive, high-level report to the United States Congress about the status and trends affecting the nation's local food economy.

United States Department of Agriculture – Farm Service Agency (FSA). (2014a) *Farm Loan Programs.*
<http://www.fsa.usda.gov/dafi>.

This website serves as a portal to the many different loan and financing programs that the United States Department of Agriculture offers through the Illinois Farm Service Agency. It also contains a link to a summary document entitled, "Farm Loan Information Chart."

United States Department of Agriculture – Farm Service Agency (2014c). *Transition Incentives Program.*
<http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/webapp?area=home&subject=copr&topic=tipr>.

The USDA Transition Incentives Program website details the benefits to retiring farmers who lease or sell their land to new or disadvantaged farmers.

Williams, A. et al. (2011). *Farmer Needs Assessment. Angelic Organics Learning Center: Caledonia, IL.*

This report documents the education and professional training needs of beginning farmers in Northern Illinois and Southern Wisconsin. Focus areas include marketing, production, finances and land.