

Local and Organic Food Farms & Jobs Task Force  
Education Committee  
2/27/08

Present: Stan Schutte, Jim Braun and Carrie Edgar

Carrie shared that she has heard from several others who are interested in participating in the education committee. They are Dayna Conner, Sr. Sue Kilduski, Deborah Cavanaugh-Grant, Aimee Lemrise, Jerry Bradley and Jim Slama. Debbie Hillman will serve as a Task Force staff liaison.

We have also started collecting information on the current education that is going on around the State. See attached list. Carrie has requested information from the inventory that has been done from Pam Horowitz and hopefully we will be receiving more information from that source.

The committee spent some time thinking about what we would like to see come out of the Task Force recommendations. The following are some initial ideas:

1. Funding for expansion of successful education programs in Illinois (Angelic Organics, The Land Connection, UI Extension, Etc.)
2. Expanded Extension presence including a local foods specialist, organic farming specialists, etc.
3. Funding for successful models in other States.

Carrie will email the larger group to set up a time for a teleconference(s) between Task Force meetings. The committee is charged with developing an outline of our findings and recommendations.

Respectfully submitted,

Carrie Edgar