



## LOCAL FOOD DISTRIBUTION WORK GROUP: 2018 FARM BILL STATUS AND RECENT PROGRAM GRANTEEES

Thursday, November 15, 2018  
1:00 - 3:00 P.M.  
Ronald F. Kirby Training Center

Please register via the COG meeting page to attend in-person.

To participate via **webinar** please register using [this link](#).

### AGENDA

- 1:05 P.M.**     **1. WELCOME AND LOCAL FOOD DISTRIBUTION WORK GROUP UPDATE**  
*Welcome and update from Lindsay Smith, COG's Regional Food Systems Value Chain Coordinator*
- Lindsay will provide a brief welcome and an update on a recent meeting to set the Work Group's direction in 2019.
- Meeting participants will introduce themselves with their name and affiliation.
- 1:25 P.M.**     **2. 2018 FARM BILL UPDATE**  
*Wes King, Senior Policy Specialist, National Sustainable Agriculture Coalition*
- Wes will provide a 20 minute presentation on the status of the 2018 Farm Bill, including key programs supporting conservation, local and regional food system development, and more in the region. Time will be provided for questions and discussion.
- 1:55 P.M.**     **3. FINAL 2014 FARM BILL AWARDEES FOR FMPP AND LFPP: RECIPIENTS FROM THE REGION\***  
*Christie Balch, Executive Director, Crossroads Community Food Network*  
*Eric Bendfeldt, Extension Specialist, Virginia Cooperative Extension*  
*Dena Leibman, Executive Director, Future Harvest CASA*  
*Julia Feder (Executive Director) or Nony Dutton (Director of Markets and Programs), FRESHFARM*  
*Wholesome Harvest Co-op (invited)*

Reasonable accommodations are provided upon request, including alternative formats of meeting materials.  
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These DC, MD, and VA food system leaders will provide 5 to 7 minute presentations on their multi-year, USDA Local Food Promotion Program (LFPP) and Farmers Market Promotion Program (FMPP) awards. Presenters will focus on plans for these awards, partnerships, and how the region’s food and agricultural community can support success. Ten minutes will be provided for questions and discussion.

**2:40 P.M.      4. OTHER UPDATES, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND NETWORKING**

*Meeting will adjourn at 3:00 pm. Participants are welcome to stay until 4:00 p.m. for additional discussion, small group meetings, and networking.*

*Coffee and other beverages will be provided.*

\* These are the last LFPP and FMPP awards that the region will receive until/if these programs are reauthorized in the next Farm Bill.