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# Fairfax Food Council

2017 Spring Summit

Food Access & The Farm Bill



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**Vision:** A vibrant food system where healthy, accessible and affordable food is valued as a basic human right.

**Mission:** To facilitate community partnerships and efforts to promote healthy eating.





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## Urban Agriculture

- **Tool Lending Program**
- **Garden Awards**
  - Herndon Environmental Network
  - Riverside Elementary
  - Westlawn Elementary
- **Garden Workshops**
  - Planning, Planting, & Maintaining Edible Gardens (1/31)
  - Seed Starting: Planning and Preparing for the Upcoming Season (3/31)
  - Designing & Implementing School Gardens (5/23)
  - Edible Landscaping (7/25)
  - Future Workshops - 8/29 & 9/26
- **Garden & Farm Inventory**

# SEED STARTING WORKSHOP

## Planning & Preparing for the Upcoming Season



Mott Community Center -- March 31. 2017





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# Food Literacy

## Food Pantry Toolkit Pilot



- *Building a healthy plate – 5/20*
- *Fruits & veggies – 6/17*
- *Sugar sweetened beverages – 7/15*
- *Kid-friendly cooking/Back-to-school snacks – 8/19*

*SVDP Food Pantry at St. Timothy Catholic Church, Chantilly*

# BUILDING A HEALTHY PLATE EVENT





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## Food Access



- **SNAP at Farmer's Markets**
  - New 2017 Flyer promoting SNAP
  - FCPA & GMU SNAP Evaluation Plan
  - Outreach/Education Event at Reston Farmers Market in August
- **Virginia Food Crop Donation Tax Credit**
  - June 26<sup>th</sup> Information Meeting on donations, SNAP participation & voucher programs
- **Zoning Work Group**
  - In collaboration with the Urban Agriculture WG
  - Developing input for changes in current zoning related to farmers markets and urban agriculture





**GLEANING PROGRAMS** – fresh food to local food pantries and up to 30% of retail in income for small family farmers in Virginia

**SNAP ED INTERN** – Educating SNAP customers about how to make healthy low cost recipes using farmers market produce.





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## Other Collaborative Efforts

- **Live, Eat, Grow – Bailey’s Crossroads**
  - Funded through a Northern Virginia Health Foundation grant to Arcadia Center for Sustainable Food & Agriculture.
  - Grant partners - Arcadia, FFC, Inova, VCE, FCPS, GMU
  - Targets Food System change through collaborative efforts in nutrition education, garden education, and food access.





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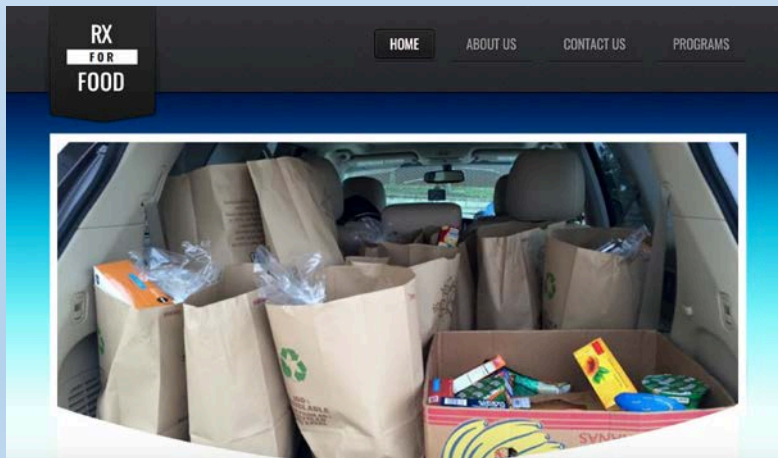


- **Student Supplemental Food Assistance Work Team**

- Initiated by FFC, FCPS, Food for Others, and Britepaths to explore current efforts and gaps in the ways we are addressing hunger among students
- 3/6 Initial open meeting
- Survey data collected

- **Rx for Food – Burke Pediatrics**

- Collaborative effort with Fairfax County Head Start
- <http://www.rxforfood.com>





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## Please Join Us .....

### Upcoming FFC Meetings:

- Food Access - May 31, 11 am – 1 pm
- Urban Agriculture - June 12, 10 am – 11:30 am
- Food Literacy - June 20, 12 pm – 2 pm
- FFC Steering Committee - June 15, 2 pm – 4 pm



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