



Rebuilding Your Local Food System Program Elkhart County Pilot Project

Internship Position Announcement

Purdue Extension's Local Food Program is hiring a summer intern for the purpose of supporting the Rebuilding Your Local Food System program (Rebuilding Program) in Elkhart County, Indiana in the summer of 2014.

The intern will be responsible for creating momentum and awareness among local consumers and producers and work toward broader local food system issues and goals, as directed by the Rebuilding Core Team and Purdue Extension. The intern will convene, administer and synthesize information for meetings conducted as part of the Core Group work in the Rebuilding Program. The intern will also be responsible for interviewing local food system stakeholders and contribute to a local food asset map to be completed in conjunction with Purdue Extension's Local Food Program.

Tasks may include researching regulations and policy relevant to local procurement, distribution, and farm to institution networks; regional travel to visit production and distribution operations or to meet with Purdue Extension; planning events to support the Rebuilding Program in Elkhart County; synthesizing information for the Core Team of the Rebuilding Program and Purdue Extension's Local Food Program; and assisting with the conceptual development and implementation of pilot projects designed to address issues such as child nutrition, food access for food insecure neighborhoods, and small-scale aggregation and processing infrastructure.

The following knowledge, skills and abilities are essential for the internship position:

- Ability to convene and administer meetings from a diverse group of local food stakeholders
- Ability to synthesize information to facilitate communication between stakeholders
- Knowledge of local area, farming and food marketing and/or willingness to learn and travel to learn about local food issues
- Capacity to communicate with multiple individuals (farmers, buyers, institutions) and groups (local non-profit, for profit, community oriented) in many different settings including: in person, through emails, using social media and through standard press releases
- Ability to maintain an objective perspective on local food and larger food system issues

The ideal candidate will have experience in more than one area of essential skills and be able to demonstrate strong oral and written communication skills, commit to the project for the time period of the internship and contribute to the mission of the Core Group for the Rebuilding Program.

The internship will pay \$12 per hour for 200 hours of work with the possibility for some additional hours on an as needed basis. The intern will work from home, but will spend the majority of the 200 hours in meetings, at events and facilitating communication for the Core Group and campus leaders of the Rebuilding Program. Travel will be reimbursed. The internship is for the summer of 2014.

For questions, or to apply for the internship, please send your resume and cover letter highlighting your skills to Jodee Ellett, Local Foods Coordinator, jellett@purdue.edu or 765.494.0349. Deadline to apply is Friday 20 June 2014.