



Cherokee & Clay Counties

Summary Snapshot from our Food Council Planning Meeting.
There is Linked Data throughout, so click on any underlined text to Learn More!

Favorite Part?

"The opportunity to learn more about food councils, what's happening in NC and hearing from others in the group."
- Cherokee & Clay Attendee

22

Community Members Attended

63+

New Connections were Made

14

Community Members plan to use what they Learned

9

Community Members are Interested in Co Leadership



COUNTY CONNECT: SEE WHAT OTHER COMMUNITIES ENVISIONED

"We Envision a Thriving County, where Agricultural and Food Opportunities are Accessed by all in a Fair and Healthy way, within a Vibrant Economic Framework."

PLAN A FOOD RECOVERY & FOOD WASTE REDUCTION PROJECT WITH INSTITUTIONS



DESIGN A MOBILE MARKET FOR SNAP RECIPIENTS

HANDS-ON FARM BUSINESS AND AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION FOR MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS



TOP 6

PRIORITIES:

CHEROKEE & CLAY COUNTIES



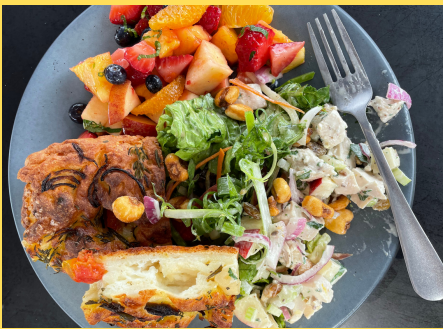
EXPLORE AN INCUBATOR FARM MODEL

CONNECT FARMERS TO INTERNS



DEVELOP A FOOD AND AGRICULTURE RESOURCE GUIDE & CONTACT LIST

Cherokee & Clay identified these areas as intervention points a Food Council could prioritize over the next two years.



Cherokee & Clay participants seen here learning about Food Councils were rewarded for their day of brainstorming with some delicious local food from The Crown Restaurant in Brasstown.

NEXT STEPS?

Participants identified these items to be a part of next meeting's agenda.

- HOW TO BUILD CAPACITY TO ACCOMPLISH GOALS
- DETERMINE "EASY WINS" TO PRIORITIZE
- IDENTIFY COMMUNICATIONS AND LEADERSHIP STRATEGY
- PURSUE FUNDING STREAMS
- PLAN A LOCAL FOOD ASSESSMENT

Who was in the Room?



Healthy People & Land

Farmers



Gardeners



Higher Education Professors & Students



Non Profit Organizations



Restaurant Owner



School District Representatives



Vibrant Economy

Food Access Organizations



John C. Campbell Folk School



SNAP & Public Health Advocates



Chamber of Commerce



Cooperative Extension



Engaged Community Leaders



Who was Missing?



Inclusive Community

More & Diverse Farmers



Appalachian Sustainable Agriculture Project



Public Health



Faith Based Organizations



Systems Change

Local Government



People of Color



Youth, Elderly, Students, & those needing food



Food Pantry Representation



LET'S BRING THEM TO THE TABLE!

Participants identified these key community members who were missing from the conversation. If you have a connection with someone in an organization on this list - invite them to the next meeting!