

**2015 Spring Meeting**

Breakout Group Summaries by Topic Area

Topic Areas

* Community Development
* 4H / FCS
* Forestry
* Local Foods
* Plant and Animal Systems

Community Development

**What partners would you like to involve in your projects/programs?**

* Health Program – Athletic Assoc., Hospitals, YMCA’s, etc.
* Healthy Home Solutions – Access to quality, affordable housing, fair housing, NC Human Relations Commission/HUD
* Leadership Training, Local Grassroots, CDC’s
* Community Gardens – Extension, Community Groups, Wake Forest
* Farm Workers – Ag Agents, health, housing

**If you asked to be part of program team, what issues would you like to work on with other people?**

* Local Foods
* Health
* Leadership
* Community Gardens
* Economic Development
* Farm Labor
* Innovation in Ag Practices
* On-line tool to connect resources for internal and external questions. Very cross disciplinary, How do we make it easier, A portal that links folks to resources.
* Manufactured food portal/packaged

4H/FCS

**What partners would you like to involve in your projects/programs?**

* Communications is looking to work more closely with 4H and FCS stories and things going on
* 4H crew may want to work with livestock representatives
* 4H would like to work with other national youth serving program
* Develop some state level contacts of other organizations
* Universities for orientation programs
* Collegiate 4H? Where can it go?
* College Day – invite youth to the university

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* Workforce Development for youth and anyone interested in moving it forward
* AIRE connections
* Youth citizenship and civic engagement and anyone interested in working with it and how to transition to young adulthood
* Bringing athletics into 4H statewide
* Collegiate 4H

Forestry

**(Josh, James, Mack)**

**What partners would you like to involve in your projects/programs?**

* NOAA/State Climate Office
* ?
* Private industry
* 1890 -1862
* Climate Adaptation

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* Sustainability, Recruit Next ? Leaders, Agent, ?, Extension
* Capacity Building
* Agent Training Needed
* ?
* X-State Cooperation
* Agro Master Tree Grant
* New Idea – What is Extension Course, Natural Resources (ag, water, forest), For Non Typical, AG/NR Students

Local Foods

**(David Green, Niki Whitley, Joanna Massey Lelekacs, Sarah Blacklin)**

**What partners would you like to involve in your projects/programs?**

* Local Govt’s
	+ Changes in regulations, i.e. zoning for local sales
	+ Econ. Dev. Plans
* Local industries/business for post-harvest processing/manufacturing (small business)
* Youth Dev. Specialist – entrepreneurs
* Marketers/marketing specialists/PR – “pitches to business skills”
* IT (for training programs) put into farm schools
* Small Business Training
	+ Cyber fraud
	+ Liabilities
	+ Banks to protect Agri-business customers accts
* Gary Bullen
* Institute/UNC School of Govt
* Great Planner Ag Idea (Joe Broder, UGA)
	+ Non-credit programs?
* CED – businesses that provide inputs to agriculture/LF incentives from local gov’t for those businesses
* David Green – food mfg. initiative, manufactured product from local production
* IT component – Sarah Blacklin

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* LF Professional development course
* What is local food?
	+ mileage
	+ values – more fruits and vegetables
	+ may include processed food
* Local processing
	+ Incubator kitchens
	+ Scale up
* Local Foods Portal – Becky Bowens tool kit

Plant and Animal Systems

**What partners would you like to involve in your projects/programs?**

* Growers Associations (For Needs Assessments)
* Industry
* Partnering Between Institutions
* Research Station Personnel
	+ NCDA
	+ SARE
	+ SRSFC

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* Invasive plants – training for county staff
* In-service education for agents covering large and small farms (prioritizing topics covered annually) ex. small fruits