

Climate Change Town Hall 2011 - Food

Key Points

- Local produce promotion
 - Reduce urban sprawl
 - Close aertropolis
 - Community gardens + green houses
- Reduce transportation costs
 - Import fees – more local
 - Why Toronto Food Terminal?
- Better contribution of education + communication
- Awareness (programs + supports)
- Community gardens at schools (home economics)
- Local Food Policies + City lead (show piece) by example

Discussion

- Support local produce
- Close airport?
 - Free shuttle to Pearson
 - Use land for farming
- Promote growing own food
- Brownfield development – encourage local farming with tax incentives (e.g. food wastes locally – use for local food banks)
- Open more farmer's markets in different regions (e.g. Stoney Creek)
 - Open week / every day
 - difficult to get downtown
- Why local farmer's not using market? Too expensive?
- Imported foods less expensive
- Greenhouse farming
- Home gardens – use rain water and reduce climate effect and save water usage
- Reuse household water for watering home gardens
- Why farmers market not open everyday?
- Greenhouse
 - Brownfields
 - use heating from industry
 - Solar green houses – use year round
 - Improve efficiency and reduce local
- More local markets (small grocery)
- More community gardens and better visibility (St. Christopher park)
- Food on roofs
- In the city – fruit tree project (EH)
- Hamilton – create an overarching food policy (just begun in conference last month)
- Maintain surrounding agricultural lands

- Diversify foods that are produced around here
 - Cucumbers, etc.. in local greenhouse
- Eat local map
- 100 mile diet for education on what is grown locally
- Public gardens / community gardens
 - Rooftop gardens
 - Apartment buildings
 - Different models –personal investment
- Gardens in schools
 - Curriculum links
 - Healthy lunches
- Inventory vs. footprint
 - If we grow more of our food then there is more water use
 - Celebrate external saving in investors etc.
- Food security – adaptation to CC
- Food education – Health
- Food production for local consumption
- District heat for green houses (geothermal)
- Food distribution infrastructure – farm – Toronto food – store
- Urban boundary – reduced farm land
- Food labelling to include energy intensity
- Education sometimes falls short – need to help
- More farmers markets
- More CSA's
- More Farmers in the market