


Livingston County Brown Bag Lunch – May 28, 2014
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Zoning for Community Food Systems



A Zoning Ordinance

Defines land uses

Determines where land uses can occur

Controls where on lot and how

Zoning & Local Food

Where produced?

Where stored?

Where processed?

Where sold?

Where consumed?

Where disposed of?

Zoning & Local Food

- Where produced?
- Where stored?
- Where processed?
- Where sold?
- Where consumed?
- Where disposed of?

Answers are as old as the Zoning Ordinance

BRIGHT STAR FARM , BATTLE CREEK



WASHTENAW COUNTY FOOD HUB



Food Hub Definition

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-From the USDA Regional Food Hub Resource Guide

Food Hub Definition & Traditional Zoning

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Industrial

Warehousing (wholesale, aggregation & distribution)
Processing (aggregation)

Commercial

Retail

Agriculture

Producers

Zoning & Local Food

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Where sold?

Where consumed?

Where disposed of?

Reward the short trip

Where produced?



Photo from <http://www.dextersfarm.com>







Where processed?



Photo from <http://www.jiffymix.com/index.php/history>

Where processed?



Photo from <http://www.marvins-garden.com/blog>



Photo from Starting Block Facebook page

Where sold?



Photo by Madalyn Ruggerio/MCT in TheRecord.com

Where sold?



Photo from <http://greatlakesgazette.wordpress.com>



upnorthfoodies.com/farmersmarkets

Where consume?



How dispose of?



How dispose of?



from <http://msutoday.msu.edu/news/2013/new-msu-anaerobic-digester-to-supply-power-for-south-campus-buildings/>



from <http://www.cityofeastlansing.com/Home/Departments/Communications/CityENewsletters/CurbsideJournal>

Right to Farm

State Law enacted in 1983

Right to continue to farm

Multiple Court Cases & Amendments

Right to Farm – GAAMP changes

2012: GAAMPS do not apply to cities over 100,000

2014: Care of animals GAAMP allow municipal regulation over livestock when:

- Location primarily residential
- Agricultural uses not permitted by right
- Not acceptable for livestock facilities under Siting GAAMP
- Authorized by local ordinance

Other Ordinances

Keeping of Animals

Peddler Licenses for Food Trucks

Business Licenses

Zoning & Local Food

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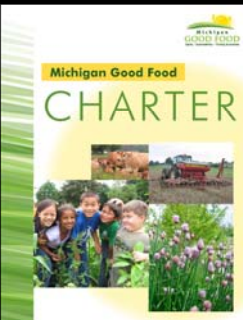
Where disposed of?

Do the rules reward the short trip?

Do the rules account for the size and scale of all activities?

Do the rules accommodate new uses?

Resources



Review of MAP Food Systems Planning Policy

- Handout
- E-mail Andrea Brown with comments

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