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Sustainable Food System Committee

COMMITTEE GOAL

The BRSC Sustainable Food System Task Force works toward strengthening a regional food system that provides nutritious food for enduring social, environmental and economic well-being.

COMMITTEE CHAIR/CONTACT:

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COMMITTEE MEETING TIME

- Meetings are generally monthly, but subject to change, so always check the website for updates

COMMITTEE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- **“Food for Thought” Film Series.** We have worked with community & student organizations to screen the following films: *FLOW*, *Banana Split*, *How Cuba Survived Peak Oil*, and *King Corn*.
- **North Side Grocery.** Worked with the North Side Grocery Store Committee to conduct a food survey assessing the dietary and consumer needs of North Side residents.
- **Cooperative Grocery.** Conducted informational and organizational outreach to establish a cooperative grocery in Binghamton.

COMMITTEE CURRENT ACTIVITY AND PRIORITIES

The goal for 2009 is to continue to raise awareness about the unsustainable nature of our current food systems, to expand our network of partners, and to build the capacity of our community to create a food system that is socially just, economically viable, and environmentally sustainable.

- **Continue ‘Food for Thought’ Film Series.** We will continue to identify and screen important films that advocate for food systems that are sustainable, healthy and equitable.
- **Commercial/Cooperative Kitchen.** We are exploring with partners the option of establishing a commercial/ cooperative kitchen that will allow food producers and processors to process and package raw foods. This project would aim to integrate the growing interest and activity in community gardens with entrepreneurial training to develop our local capacity for food processing and distribution.
- **Cooperative Grocery.** We are continuing with informational and organizational efforts to set up a cooperatively run grocery, possibility in the downtown area, to meet the consumer and dietary needs of local residents.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

BRSC is an organization whose activities reflect the priorities and concerns of our engaged volunteers. If you are committed to building a sustainable healthy community, please consider participating in the many projects and initiatives that are currently underway. We are also eager to coordinate, support and advance either existing or new sustainability projects, but we need your participation and active involvement. To learn more about how you can be involved, please reach out to the contacts on this sheet or join us at our monthly meeting, which is held the fourth Thursday of every month at the Broome County Library (Decker Room), from 6:00 – 8:00 pm.