

North Iowa Local Food Coalition

Gathering quarterly for education and networking, and project updates & progress reports since 2015.

2019 Meeting Dates

Coalition members meet on the 4th Tues. of Jan., April, July, Oct., 2:30-4:00

Meeting location: Landfill of North Iowa

January 22 - WINTER Coalition mtg – Food Waste Team

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| 2:15 pm | Early arrival & Check in |
| 2:30-2:45pm | Welcome & Quick round table introductions |
| 2:45 - 3:00pm | Overview of Coalition - Jan
2019 focus on youth and family awareness and access and how that links to Coalition purpose w/ interactive discussion |
| 3:00 - 3:45pm | Special Focus: Food Waste <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Chelsea Krist, Iowa Farm to School Program (joining by video)▪ Sue Marshall, NetZro – on job opportunities in food waste▪ Mitzi Brunsvold, Landfill of North Iowa on food waste sorting |
| 3:45 - 4:00 | Wrap up News & Announcements |

*** *Don't miss the other Coalition meetings through the year!!!* ***

April 23 - SPRING Coalition Mtg – Farmers Market Team

July 23 - SUMMER Coalition Mtg – Community Garden/School Garden team

Oct. 22 - FALL Coalition Mtg - Farm to School Team

The **Core Group**, a subgroup of the Coalition, made up for priority team leaders, meet the 2nd Tues. of Jan., April, July, and Oct. to provide direction of overall Coalition process.

- Meeting location is 3rd floor conference room of Cerro Gordo County Public Health.

WHAT IS IT ALL ABOUT?

As a broad-based effort that brings people in North Iowa together to help identify and connect relationships, technical, business, and communication assets, we believe

Increasing youth and family awareness of and access to local, healthy food

should be the focus of our priority teams as we strive to make our region a place where production of and access to healthy, locally grown foods supports community health, a thriving economy and sustainability.

PRIORITY PROJECTS

- Food Hub
- Community Garden
- Farmers Market
- Farm to School
- Food Waste

Coalition Values:

Respect and collaboration, whole food for the whole community, Prosperity, Creativity and Innovation, and Accessibility and Equity.

Participating partners include:

Healthy Mason City, Cerro Gordo County Public Health, Iowa State Extension, Cerro , ordo, Franklin County, North Iowa Corridor Economic Development, North Iowa Farmers Market, Mercy, Community Health Center of Mason City ,Ag Ventures Alliance , Worth County Board of Supervisors, Community members, local food producers

The Coalition is open to any who want to participate. You or your organization should get involved!

WHAT'S THE IMPACT?

These are just a few examples...

The connecting that has taken place through the North Iowa Local Food Coalition has led to partners development and being awarded the first Farm to School grant in North Iowa (involving three school districts), the collaboration between up to six farmers markets in North Iowa, budding discussions among new partners about how to address access to local, healthy food for family and individuals with limited food budgets.