



Appendix Document
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Growing Green Spaces and Gardens

Easel 6

Vision: What does it look like?

- Edible landscapes (along sidewalks, trees bushes)
- Integrated greenery –accessible
- Beautiful, green all around with vegetables
- Every apartment has green spaces
 - Good for New Americans
- Greenery everywhere – Up walls, on roofs, etc.
- Large area for planting and selling vegetables
- Space for farmers to plant
- Seasonable foods
- Fresh food & gardening provides better health and exercise
- Green space gives educational opportunities

Vision (cont)

- Act of growing is part of many refugee's cultures

What's happening, who is missing

- Need organization to run this
- Kristopher Woods has plots for \$8 / year
- Willow Branch (Jolly Ave Garden)
- Clarkston Community Center Garden
- 40 Oaks Garden
- Some home/container garden

Action- What needs to happen?

- Agencies
- Raw Materials
- People to Help
- Understanding from Apartment Managers
- Advocacy Group
- Separated space from apartments due to soil quality
- Government to give authority
 - Transform available space to green spaces

What can we do?

- Get a larger space (land)
 - Requires us to leave Clarkston
- Education on how to grow food in Georgia
- More green spaces in apartments
- What is more important?
 - Large space that is far and requires transportation
 - Small space that you can walk to
- Identify green spaces
 - Large spaces
 - Small spaces (apartment)
- Have class on agriculture
- Have competition for person to get a large space

- What spaces exist that could be used?

How can we identify existing space?

- Ask neighbors
- Ask agencies
- Walk around & take pictures
- Talk to apartment managers
- Find connections among people you know
- Find, see good land then ask for help getting the land to use *

What are we going to do?

- Look for space around Clarkston
 - Ganga
 - Goma
 - Haeka
- Look on Google Maps for space
 - Mark
- Host a tour at 40 Oaks -Basmat
 - History of how they got the garden
- Invite people to the walking group - Basmat
 - Set date, bring camera, identify
- Share information about what good soil is in Georgia
 - Susan
- Attend Food & Ag Resource Day this Saturday at the CCC --12-4pm
- Ganga will coordinate with Nepali speakers
- Make a phone tree
- Meet this Sunday, Feb. 17th at 1:00 pm @ In front of library

Encouraging Business and Local Economy

Easel 10

Vision

Jobs- An Employed Citizenry

Healthy “Well” Community

Self-Sustaining Community

Literacy (Food, Labels, Etc.)

Understanding Local Food Systems & Local Foods

Cross-Cultural / Multi-cultural Food Understanding

-Food Festivals –other events

Community Dine-outs

→engage restaurants

→Sellers connected to local producers

-Vibrant (local) markets

→Engage community in entire farm-to-table process

→Local regulations/ codes supporting local ag & food-related businesses

Community Actions

- Review local codes
 - farms →farmstands
 - Spreadsheets of codes
 - gardens
 - sellers
- Identify local commercial kitchens (churches, schools, etc.)
- Identify “certified” kitchens
- Getting local sellers (restaurants/stores) to buy/sell local
- Encourage customers to ask for & buy local
- Commit farmers to sell locally
- Create some “local” designation for local buyers/sellers (e.g. Indicator)

Community Actions

- Engage extension offices, colleges, etc. in local food programs
- Community Dine-outs
- Food/Dining Tours (Chicago does this)
- Agro-tourism generally
- Restaurant “Toolkits” (Marketing to outside groups)
 - Educational programs (cross-cultural)
- Places to wash, store food
- Enhanced transportation system for foods
- “Buy local” incentives
- Donations to Churches, Mosques, Community, Schools, other faith facilities

Group Actions

- Community Potluck- April 14th → CCC Field
 - Recipe swap
 - Promote potluck ; recruit people to potluck
- Encourage community members to eat local
- Create Local Diner's Club → Discounts for eating local
- Create Local Restaurant Guide- Website
 - Name, types of food
 - include food producer's guide
- Neighborhood funds- United Way, Opportunity Zone
- Promote local restaurants in faith organizations

Group Actions

→Encourage/Recruit to attend local farmer's market (Starts April 21st)

→letter writing/ advocacy campaign

→Get involved in DeKalb Urban Growers

-Atlanta local food initiative.org

→Move DeKalb International food festival to Clarkston

→Compile local codes

Next Steps

- Reach out (McKenzie, Dona) to local restaurants to discuss possibilities (Diner's Club, Local Buyers Program)
- Reach out to Atlanta Local Food Initiative (Amber & Janice)
- Go to Farmer's Market; recruit for same
 - Promote (CPACS) to buyers and producers
- *Identify local restaurant leaders/ owners

Encouraging Business and Local Economy

Easel 11

Vision-

What does this topic look like to the group?

-Micro Enterprise

-Small scale industry

-Attract small enterprise to employ locals

→appropriate size for Clarkston

→thinking about internet business ideas

→internet business marketplace/ zone

-make area along Ponce pretty

→make area look like “we” (community) care

→ordinances encouraging upkeep of property

→regular maintenance

→more opportunities for growing

-example (Ponce & Mell Ave)

→ Signage “We care in Clarkston.”

→ Good example of MLT

-Connecting local growers with other (local) markets and local business

-Encourage new kind of business

→Example like art center, museum of local

→culture market

→art, food, handicraft (could this start in a parking lot?)

(4-5 major areas that you could drive a daily event that would happen several times a year.)

Possibly pairing with farmer’s market

(Maintain integrity) existing

-Food Trucks ?

→more

→food truck coalition

Needs to be done to achieve these...

Pairing with Farmers Market for Theme weekend

→schedule out the culture focus/education around the market weekends (monthly)

→example → Bhutanese → March

Somali → April

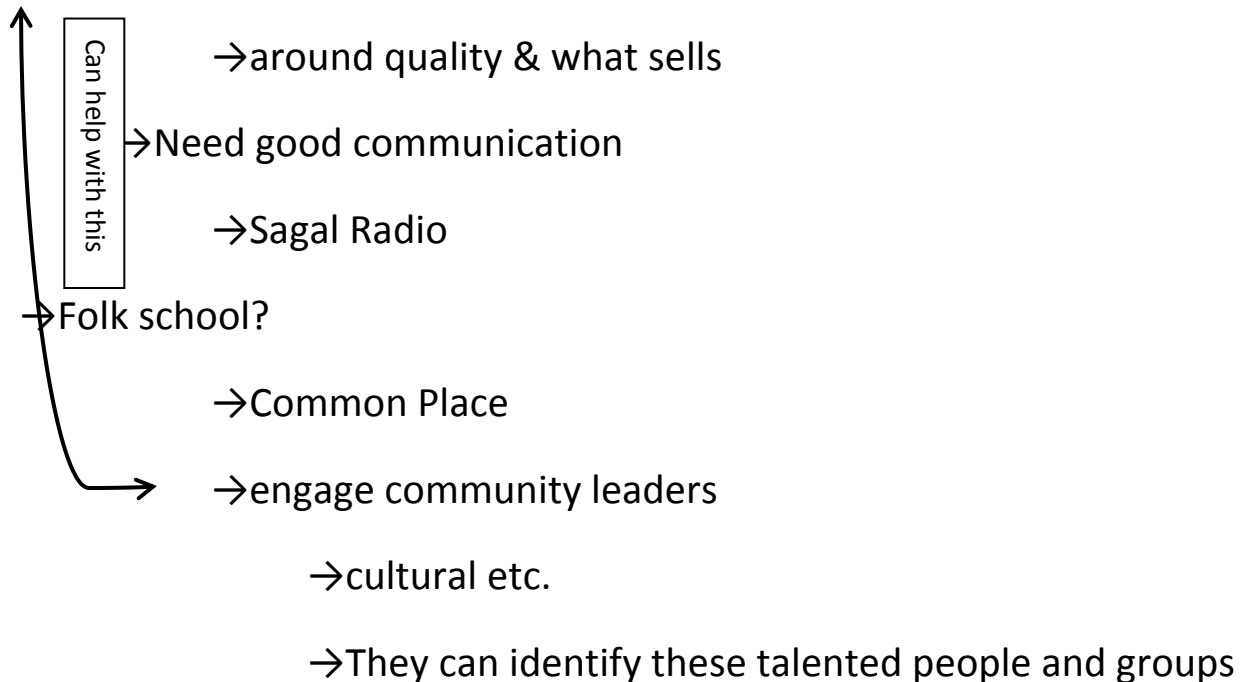
→Keep exhibitions fresh (quality control)

(Shannon could serve on this)

→Professional level

→also making space for new artists

-Need education for community and training so people know what is desired or expected



Needs to be done (con't)

Internet business ideas

→Need high speed free internet

→get Google to do

→Comcast

Determine whether internal focus or external (Both)

→More people on common place

→phone focus – text, internet

“We care in Clarkston.”

→trash, clean, etc. →more attractive to businesses

→recycling & trash on every corner

→communication with community leaders

→they then can tell their community

→their voice matters

→More trash cans →what is the city cost for increased pickup?

→knowing or Education about healthy environment

→Environmental impact of litter on water

Needs to be done cont...

Connecting local growers to lead markets

- Farmers Market moving to weekly from monthly
- Farmers Market has wholesome wave now
 - Education of population that they can use
- Educating local restaurants about the possibility or benefits
- Developing the quantity that is needed for restaurants
- Creating Clarkston as an Edible community
- Year-round food production
- Use of train tracks for beauty and possible food production as well

Emanuel can connect to his community

Who are the community leaders?

Build that list & access them for help on the communication strategy

Needs to be done...

Landscapes around train tracks

- improve beauty
- edible/ low maintenance
- very visible
- addressing water issue
- maintenance (labor of love)

Next Steps

- Spot near parking near bluebird
 - Near tire shops
 - J. A. Spot
 - Shannon & Steve could help with design
 - Steve has wood chips
- Karen has contact with leaders
-can get growers
- Casa Woods clean-up
↑
(Before Welcome to Clarkston)
Mell & Ponce 9-12 Feb 16
Shannon will help locate spots and talk with others
Pick one area on Ponce (where) to take care of
→Each community takes responsibility
→Need to have a plan for the area
→Done by and maintained by?
→Designed
→Yearly adding more space
-Follow up with group by Ted Terry
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