



VOLUNTEER!

The Greater Grand Rapids Food Systems Council has volunteer opportunities for those interested in helping to build a just and sustainable food system.

Check your interest:

- Promote farmers' markets and help with the South East Area Farmers' Market
- Work on or in community gardens
- Assist in creation of annual food guide
- Participate in forums
- Assist in web site development
- Plan and promote events
- Other _____

For more information on how you can get involved, contact:

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GGRFSC

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Have you visited our website?

www.foodshed.net

COMING SOON!
PLEASE JOIN US
FOR THE
4TH ANNUAL
WEST MICHIGAN
GARDEN
GATHERING, SEED
& PLANT SWAP,
AND POTLUCK.

11-1 p.m.

Saturday, March 28, 2009

Teachers' Resource Center

(formerly Hillcrest Elementary)

1415 Lyon St. N.E., Grand Rapids, MI 49503

This event brings people together to share knowledge, food, plants, and stories with fellow gardeners. All are welcome. Please bring a dish to pass and your own place setting.

For more information and to RSVP:

skyprice@gmail.com

or 231-670-6059

*Working to restore
connections to
food, place and community*



**GREATER GRAND RAPIDS
FOOD SYSTEMS COUNCIL**



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Who WE Are...

The Greater Grand Rapids Food Systems Council (GGRFSC) was founded in 2001. Our geographic area is West Michigan with a concentration in Kent, Muskegon, and Ottawa Counties.

Our goals include working to build and develop a just and sustainable food system and help establish food security for everyone.

Our projects include:

- Community gardens - strengthening and supporting current gardens; assisting with startup; a Community Gardens Network and the Cultivating Urban Seeds of Prosperity (CUSP) program which provides a market for urban growers to sell their produce; working on urban agriculture policy to encourage people growing their own food;
- West Michigan FRESH Guide to Local Food - publishing and distributing a printed and web-based guide to let people know where to get local food, including farms, farmers' markets, retailers and restaurants;
- Farmers' Markets - helping communities start them and shoppers find them; also running the South East Area Farmers' Market
- Fostering community dialogue around food issues, including conferences, our Building Food Power project and community-wide forums; sponsoring and co-sponsoring community education events

If YOU Are...

- concerned about where your food comes from and how it is raised;
- interested in growing your own food, or working on policy change
- hoping to join others as part of a voice for change;
...then consider joining our projects, attending events, sharing your insights, and becoming a member of GGRFSC



CAN YOU PICTURE YOURSELF IN A GARDEN LIKE THIS?
For a complete listing of West Michigan Community Gardens, visit www.foodshed.net. Interested in starting a garden, joining a garden, or shopping at one? Contact us!
E-mail: ggrfsc@gmail.com



JOIN US !

The Greater Grand Rapids Food Systems Council, a 501(c)3 organization, relies on the support of our members. Your annual membership supports programming and makes a difference in the community! It may be tax-deductible, too. Choose your membership level below, then fill out your contact information, clip along dotted line, and send with a check payable to GGRFSC, to

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A portion of your membership may be tax deductible.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP RATES

STUDENT /FIXED INCOME	\$10
INDIVIDUAL	\$15
FAMILY	\$30
COMMUNITY GARDENER	\$50
MASTER FARMER	\$200
BIG TOMATO	\$250

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