



ENHANCING FOOD SECURITY IN THE NORTHEAST WITH REGIONAL FOOD SYSTEMS

DECEMBER 10-11 2015, Marriott Greenbelt, Greenbelt, MD

CONFERENCE AGENDA HIGHLIGHTS (DRAFT)

DAY ONE, December 10

Breakfast and registration

Plenary: Welcome and introduction to the EFSNE Project

- USDA welcoming remarks: Elanor Starmer, *National Coordinator & Advisor for Local & Regional Food Systems*
- EFSNE findings and major themes: overview and research teams; Q&A and discussion
- Transdisciplinary learning: processes and lessons
- Students: who, how and why

Breakout session A: (1) Production Team; (2) Distribution Team; (3) Consumption Team; (4) Education Team

Lunch

Breakout session B: (1) Scenario Modeling; (2) Community Partners; (3) Store Owners and Managers; (4) Communicating about the Project

Plenary Panel: AFRI Projects across the Country

Reception followed by dinner

DAY TWO, December 11

Breakfast

Breakout session C: (1) Community, Local and Regional Food Systems eXtension Community of Practice; (2) Food Systems Modeling Learning Community; (3) Evaluation methodologies for complex, integrated projects; (4) Mapping tools and methods; (5) Open space options

Plenary:

- Capturing the Systems Nature of EFSNE
- What's next? EFSNE, AFRI, USDA
- Audience discussion

Adjourn (12 noon)