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2016 Food Access Summit

Wednesday, August 24, 2016

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Bill Stanfield (left) & Germaine Jenkins (Right) pose in the Fresh Future Farms community garden. SCCLF funded this project through "Feeding Innovation," one of our healthy food programs.

Investing in Healthy Food Access

In South Carolina more than one million citizens live in food deserts where there is limited or no access to healthy affordable food. These regions can be found in every part of our state. Enabling residents in these neighborhoods to have access to healthy food can make a difference to them and to their communities in a variety of ways including spurring economic development, creating jobs, and reducing high obesity rates that result from the lack of healthy affordable food options.

In 2012 the South Carolina Food Policy Council and the South Carolina Community Loan Fund hosted a statewide workshop that focused on food access issues. The result of this workshop was the launch of the SC Food Access Task Force, a multi-disciplinary collaboration of public, private, and government organizations with the goal of expanding the availability of healthy food in food deserts throughout the state of South Carolina.

The SC Food Access Task Force advocates for a state sponsored Healthy Food Financing Initiative (HFFI) and seeks to raise awareness of the need to increase access to healthy food through the South Carolina Food Access Task Force report, the annual SC Food Access Summit, and more. The task force is currently working on updates to the first task force report published in 2014.

2016 Food Access Summit

Wednesday, August 24, 2016 | 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

River Center at Saluda Shoals Park - Irmo, SC

The second annual S. C. Food Access Summit will highlight efforts that improve access to healthy food for South Carolinians with limited financial resources. The summit will provide social policy tools, training and action-oriented ideas to educate and organize participants to support local and state efforts to make the food system equitable for all. Session topics include advocacy and policy, farm to institution, transportation and food access, and funding healthy food projects.

Planning Committee: Lowcountry Local First, Coastal Conservation League, Carolina Farm Stewardship Association, Eat Smart Move More SC, University of South Carolina Center for Research in Nutrition and Health Disparities University of South Carolina, Moore School of Business, SC Department of Health and Environmental Control, SC Association for Community Economic Development, Clemson University Extension, Central Midlands Council of Governments

Keynote Speaker: Anthony Flaccavento



Anthony Flaccavento is President and founder of SCALE, Inc. a private consulting business dedicated to catalyzing and supporting ecologically healthy regional economies and food systems. Anthony has 25 years of hands-on experience in sustainable community development, along with a BS degree in Agriculture and Environmental Science and a

Masters degree in Economic and Social Development. Anthony has been a certified organic produce farmer for the past 15 years during which time he also founded and directed Appalachian Sustainable Development. He is the author of "Healthy Food Systems: A Tool Kit for building Value Chains" and over 100 published articles.

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