



**New Brunswick
Community Food Alliance**

**La Alianza Comunitaria
de Alimentación de
New Brunswick**

Section I:	Meeting Information
<p>Meeting Topic: Agriculture Workgroup Meeting Date: 3/15/2019 Location: Martin Hall Room 322, Cook Campus Time: 10am - 11:30am</p>	

Section II:	Attendance
<p>Lauren Errickson, Vince Rifici, Manuel Castaneda, Tiana Rahi, Isabel Rodriguez, Jennifer Hinton, Suzy Jivotovski</p>	

Section III:	Agenda Items
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Agenda Items	Report	Action Taken
Work Group Engagement and Revitalization	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Additional Garden Connections/new members <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Christ Church garden interested in getting more involved 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● All- review garden list and let Lauren know if you have/know/are the contact for a garden in New Brunswick
Ag Metrics in New Brunswick	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Lubna Lakwahla, RU student, will be collecting metrics- Lauren ● Gardener interest in tracking produce grown? ● Yes! Some was done at home years ago ● Jamie started measuring yield at the NBCFM gardens, but yields were not recorded ● would need a scale, etc. at the gardens for exact measurements- gardeners 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Invite all gardens to participate ● NBCFA might be able to purchase scales for the gardens to use <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Hanging scale? ○ Digital top weight scale? ○ Jennifer will ask Whole Foods if

		they might donate scales and check restaurant depot
Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Planting Calendar to share with Gardeners <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Suzy and Angela working to develop the concept ○ Master Gardeners are working on the final version (English/Spanish), hopefully will be ready by Food Forum ● Garden recruitment flyer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Rec Park ○ Others? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Suzy will hopefully have them to bring to the Food Forum ● Promise Garden and Unity Square are full-Lauren can send Rec Park recruitment flyer/info to them to bring new gardeners over
Food Forum Planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Annual NBCFA event to bring together all workgroups and collaborating organizations to showcase the work of the alliance and better engage the local community; generally operates as an open-house type forum ● Saturday, March 30th at Redshaw School, Livingston Avenue, 10am to 2pm ● Youth Activities- Tiana, Danitza, Maddie <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Seed Mosaic Art Project ○ Salad Friends Planting Project ● Seed Bombs- Suzy ● Garden Master List- Lauren 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Chickens- we need a truck to bring them- Manny will see if someone within the NBCFA can help transport their pen; Lauren will continue working on a RU truck as well ● Comstock Street will hopefully be closed for the event: some ag activities can be outside ● Ag Workgroup team members: Suzy, Tiana, Danitza, Maria, Maddie, Nimit ● Food Forum Planning Meeting: Tuesday, 3/19 at 3:30pm at NBT
Other Upcoming Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Garden Tour and Dinner Party <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Community garden tour, with potluck dinner to follow (third time this has happened) ○ May 4th, 2019 ○ Start 3pm at NBCFM/Recreation Park ○ Dinner at 5:30pm at Unity Square 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Next Advocacy and Policy workgroup meeting March 21st, 1:00pm College Ave Community Church (enter on Mine Street) ● All promote to own groups/organizations to bring people to

		participate!!
New Brunswick Parks and Gardens Commission	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Parks and Gardens Commission update: Lauren and Vince ● Susan and Judith will alternate attending the Ag Workgroup meetings going forward ● The P&GC is willing to help promote gardens, especially available space in Rec Park ● P&GC will be collaborating on the garden tour event May 4th- Susan and Nancy will serve as tour guides ● City is committing some funding and support to improve parks throughout the City ● Dog park establishment is likely for Boyd Park ● Harvey Park will have a community garden installed- Providence Square seniors will likely coordinate 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Meetings are at 6:30pm on the second Thursday of each month ● Susan and Judith will provide updates to the Ag Workgroup on an ongoing basis
Other New Business Items to Discuss	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 	
Meeting and Events Schedule for 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● March 30th: Food Forum ● May 4th: Garden Tour & Policy Potluck ● CICLOVIA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sunday, April 14th ○ Saturday, June 1st (also corresponds with Civic League health fair at Recreation Park) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ NBCFM will set up in Rec Park to give out produce, etc. ● April 13th: Fun Fair at Redshaw School ● April 20th: Earth Day at Promise Garden <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 10am - 1pm ○ Hub City Sounds ○ Skateboarding team demos ○ Food, tables, etc. ● April 27th: Rutgers Day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Anyone interested in helping out with the NBCFM seedling sale? Isabel! 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Lauren will send the May 4th schedule to the group, Ciclovía materials, etc. (site is up, flyer not finalized yet) ● Lauren will send a Doodle poll to schedule the next business meetings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ June ○ September ○ (January)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● NBCFM Opening June 22nd● Promise Garden workshops/activities will be held in the evenings throughout the year (Suzy send Lauren dates, promo materials when ready)	
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