

OLR Brown Bag Lunch Series

Panel Discussion followed by Q&A

The “GO LOCAL” Movement

Tuesday, November 1st from 12:00 PM to 1:30 PM
Old Judiciary Room, State Capitol

To reserve a space, please RSVP to Kristin Sullivan

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Panelists will discuss different aspects of the “GO LOCAL” movement, including its benefits and challenges; opportunities for collaboration among public, private, and nonprofit institutions; successful models and programs; and legislative recommendations.

Expert Panelists

Robin Chesmer is the owner of Graywall Farms, and is a founding member and managing director of The Farmer’s Cow, a cooperative group of six eastern Connecticut dairy farms.

Cary Wheaton is the Executive Director of Billings Forge Community Works, a 501c3 located in Frog Hollow, Hartford aimed at transforming peoples’ lives through job creation, improved housing, farm-to-table programming, and arts and enrichment opportunities.

Rita Decker-Parry is the Market Master and Master Gardener at Billings Forge Community Works, located in the Frog Hollow neighborhood in Hartford.

Martha Page is the Executive Director of Hartford Food System, Inc., a nonprofit organization devoted to food security programs, policy, and advocacy since 1978.

Linda Piotrowicz works at the Connecticut Department of Agriculture as manager of the CT Farm-to-Chef Program and editor of the Connecticut Weekly Agricultural Report, among other roles.