

MFFC Farm Viability Session Resources

<p>County Farmland preservation</p>	<p>Michigan Farm Land and Open Space Preservation: http://bit.ly/SOMPA116</p> <p>Farmland and Open Space Preservation Program Michigan Department of Agriculture & Rural Development- Environmental Stewardship Division P.O. Box 30449 Lansing, MI 48909 Phone: 517-284-5663 Fax: 517-335-3131 Email: MDARD-PA116@Michigan.gov</p> <p>Farm Bureau www.michfb.com/mi/farm_business_resources/natural_resources_and_environment/farmland_preservation/</p> <p>Contact your local Conservation District - macd.org/local-districts/</p>
<p>Land conservancies</p>	<p>Heart of the Lakes www.heartofthelakes.org Directory of Conservancies: https://directory.heartofthelakes.org/</p>
<p>Michigan Food & Farming Systems (MIFFS)</p> <p>MIFFS is a statewide nonprofit with a mission to connect beginning and historically underserved farmers to each other and resource opportunities; ensuring social justice, environmental stewardship, and profitability. We leverage strategic, highly collaborative partnerships to create and enable networks of small-scale urban and rural farms that give rise to a resilient local food system. Our work supports entrepreneurial farm business development by serving as the bridge between the resources of USDA service providers,</p>	<p>www.miffs.org</p> <p>Newsletter & Network sign up http://www.miffs.org/join Twitter @mifoodfarming MIFFS Facebook Page Facebook.com/RiseUpDigIn MIFFS Vets in Ag Network Facebook.com/MIVetsInAg</p>

<p>knowledge of subject matter experts, and wisdom from diverse communities throughout Michigan.</p> <p>MIFFS is an affiliate of Michigan State University with a long standing partnership with MSU Center for Regional Food Systems (CRFS) and the Department of Community Sustainability (CSUS) within the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources.</p> <p>MIFFS is strategically partnered and co-located with MPHI, a Michigan-based, nationally engaged public health institute. MIFFS and MPHI are both dedicated to health equity and social justice for ALL farmers and the communities served by those farmers. Together we are working to help make a world where tomorrow is healthier than today.</p>	<p>Red De Productores Hispanos facebook.com/MIFFSEspanol/ MIFFS Women-in-Ag Network Facebook.com/groups/miffswomeninag/</p>
<p>MSU Product Center can help you develop and commercialize high-value products and businesses in the food, agricultural and natural resource sectors.</p>	<p>www.canr.msu.edu/productcenter/</p>
<p>MSU Center for Regional Food Systems Engages the people of Michigan, the United States and the world in developing regionally integrated, sustainable food systems.</p> <p>Thier vision is a thriving economy, equity and sustainability for Michigan, the country and the planet through food systems rooted in local regions and centered on food that is healthy, green, fair and affordable.</p>	<p>www.canr.msu.edu/foodsystems/</p>
<p>American Farmland Trust</p> <p>In the Midwest, AFT works with farmers, landowners, and conservation partners to improve the health of our soils and protect them from water and wind erosion. In addition to working with farmers and landowners, we also support the implementation of conservation by quantifying outcomes of soil health</p>	<p>https://farmland.org/about/how-we-work/midwest-regional-office/</p>

practices to prove “they work.” In the Midwest, we need to save the land – not just by the acre but also by the inch.	
Food Service Industry	Michigan Farm to Institution Network www.canr.msu.edu/michigan_farm_to_institution_network/
USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service - Michigan	http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/mi/home/ Twitter @NRCS_MI USDA New Farmer Website https://newfarmers.usda.gov/
Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (SARE) - Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (SARE) offers farmer-driven, grassroots grants and education programs. Since 1988, SARE grantees have been putting the principles of sustainable agriculture into practice on farms and ranches in every state and island protectorate.	National website www.sare.org/ North Central SARE www.northcentralsare.org/ Grant Programs www.northcentralsare.org/Grants Resources www.northcentralsare.org/Educational-Resources Michigan SARE www.northcentralsare.org/State-Programs/Michigan
Keep Growing Detroit (KGD) exists to promote a food sovereign Detroit where the majority of fruits and vegetables are grown within the city limits.	detroitagriculture.net/
Michigan Conservation Districts encourage local producers, landowners, citizens and governing communities to connect with their local Conservation District for natural resource conservation information and assistance.	macd.org/local-districts/

<p>Michigan's 75 Conservation Districts serve as the "boots on the ground" to accomplish essential conservation work within their communities.</p> <p>Each District is locally-driven by a five-member publicly elected board of directors, who guide the programs and services to best meet the needs of local communities.</p>													
<p>Farmer Networks</p>	<table> <tr> <td>MIFFS Veterans In AG</td><td>https://www.miffs.org/vets-in-ag</td></tr> <tr> <td>MIFFS Women In AG</td><td>https://www.miffs.org/womeninag</td></tr> <tr> <td>NE Michigan Food & Farming Network</td><td>https://www.nemffn.com/</td></tr> <tr> <td>NW Mi Food and Farming Network</td><td>https://foodandfarmingnetwork.com/</td></tr> <tr> <td>Social Farmers in Ann Arbor</td><td></td></tr> <tr> <td>West Michigan Growers</td><td>https://www.wmgrowersgroup.org/</td></tr> </table>	MIFFS Veterans In AG	https://www.miffs.org/vets-in-ag	MIFFS Women In AG	https://www.miffs.org/womeninag	NE Michigan Food & Farming Network	https://www.nemffn.com/	NW Mi Food and Farming Network	https://foodandfarmingnetwork.com/	Social Farmers in Ann Arbor		West Michigan Growers	https://www.wmgrowersgroup.org/
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<p>Crosshatch Center for Art & Ecology - Small Farm Guilds</p> <p>Guilds provide peer-to-peer learning, mentorship, demonstrations, swapping, bartering, sharing work and celebrating community. Guild members share the strength of many through advocacy, problem solving, collective bargaining, and shared marketing.</p>	<p>Crosshatch website www.crosshatch.org/</p> <p>Guilds www.crosshatch.org/guilds</p>												
<p>Detroit Black Community Food Security Network (DBCFSN)</p> <p>The organization was founded to ensure that Detroit's African American population participated in the food movement and because we are the vast</p>	<p>www.dbcfsn.org</p>												

majority of the population in Detroit, that we are in the leadership on that movement locally.	
Greening of Detroit The focus of The Greening of Detroit is to enhance the quality of life for Detroiters by planting trees, providing job training and involving our youth in the education of the natural environment. We involve Detroiters in the process through community engagement, green spaces, education and jobs.	www.greeningofdetroit.com/
USDA - Rural Energy for America Program (REAP) Grants The program provides guaranteed loan financing and grant funding to agricultural producers and rural small businesses for renewable energy systems or to make energy efficiency improvements.	www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/rural-energy-america-program-renewable-energy-systems-energy-efficiency
Future Farmers of America (FFA) Association The Michigan FFA makes a difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth, and career success through agriculture education.	http://www.michiganffa.com/association/
Farm Bureau	www.michfb.com/mi/
Michigan Farmers Market Association (MIFMA) The Michigan Farmers Market Association works with and for farmers market organizers, managers, farmers, vendors, and friends to create a thriving marketplace for local food and farm products.	http://mifma.org/
Kalamazoo Valley Community College KVCC	www.kvcc.edu/ ValleyHUB at the Food Innovation Center www.kvcc.edu/valleyhub/

SCORE SCORE is the nation's largest network of volunteer, expert business mentors, with more than 10,000 volunteers in 300 chapters. They provide free business mentoring and education.	www.score.org/
Michigan Small Business Development Center (SBDC) No-cost business training, one-on-one counseling, and market research for Michigan's entrepreneurs.	sbdcmichigan.org/
Food Hubs	www.canr.msu.edu/michigan_food_hub_learning_and_innovation_network/
Greenstone Farm Credit Services	www.greenstonefcs.com/ Young, Beginning & Small Farmers services https://www.greenstonefcs.com/resources/young-beginning-and-small-farmers
Wallace Center The Wallace Center develops partnerships, pilots new ideas, and advances solutions to strengthen communities through resilient farming and food systems.	www.wallacecenter.org/
MII Department of Agriculture Rural Development - Food & Ag Business Development Helps Michigan businesses navigate the licensing process and offer exporting assistance, regional business development information, grant funding support and research and educational materials. Our team is personally invested in the	http://bit.ly/AgBizDevSOM Grow Your Business in Michigan http://bit.ly/MDARDbizgrow

success of food, ag and forest product businesses and are committed to supporting the unique solutions that will help them thrive.	
<p>Groundwork Center for Resilient Communities</p> <p>Groundwork Center for Resilient Communities is a nonprofit collaborating respectfully with citizens and leaders to protect everything we love about Michigan.</p> <p>We focus on solutions that improve daily life and build community health—things like food, energy, transportation, and economy.</p>	www.groundworkcenter.org/
Legal Aid [Nick Leonard (Detroit?); MSU Law Clinic; Farm to Consumer Legal Defense]	
Food Policy Councils	www.canr.msu.edu/resources/directory-of-michigan-local-food-councils-and-food-and-health-networks-and-associations
<p>Small Business Association of Michigan is the only statewide and state-based association that focuses solely on serving the needs of Michigan’s small business community.</p> <p>Our mission is the success of Michigan's small businesses. We do this through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advocating for small business: Bringing business owners together to share knowledge Creating collaboration and partnerships Delivering group buying power 	www.sbam.org/
Farm Market Managers	<p>Find A Farmers Market near you</p> <p>http://mifma.org/findafarmersmarket/</p>

