

**Southeastern Massachusetts
Regional Sustainability Exchange:
*Sustainable Food***

Wednesday, March 25, 2009

9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

**University of Massachusetts Dartmouth
285 Old Westport Road, North Dartmouth, MA
Woodland Commons**

Almost every state in the U.S. buys **85%** of its food from out of state.

On average, food in the U.S. travels **1300 miles**.

In Massachusetts this food import imbalance translates to a **\$4 billion leak in the state economy** on an annual basis.

Please join us for the next of our Regional Sustainability Exchanges as we discuss strategies for improving Regional Food Security and how to support a Sustainable Local Food System.

The purpose of the sustainability exchanges is to build a regional collaborative working towards a sustainable future and to give communities the resources they need to move toward economic and environmental sustainability. This meeting will focus on sustainable food, including strategies for improving our regional food security.

Agenda:

9:00-9:30 Coffee

9:30-11:00 Presentations and Questions

11:00-1:00 Lunch and Initiation of Regional Food Security Strategy

Coffee and lunch will be provided. Confirmation of your attendance is required. For more information and to RSVP, please contact: Louise Hardiman, SRPEDD, by phone at 508-824-1367 or by email at lhardiman@srpedd.org.

This event is being co-sponsored by the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth, the Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District (SRPEDD) and the Island Foundation.



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