For a Food Resilient Sitka: Planning and Action for Health & Security

Why a Sitka Community Food Assessment?

- What would happen if barges supplying Sitka’s food stopped running?
- With a 44% increase in food costs since 2006, how are Sitkans living on limited incomes coping?
- Does our community have the capacity to feed itself if a natural disaster left us isolated?

Questions like these emerged during the 2012 Sitka Health Summit and lead to a call to action to complete a food security assessment.

The Sitka Community Food Assessment will help us gauge just how resilient Sitka’s food system is and point us to steps we can take to improve it.

The assessment team is using the USDA Food Security Toolkit to guide our process. The kit empowers community members to use their own resources in a systematic way to identify resources, needs, and specific challenges or problems in regard to food security.

Food Assessment Goals:
- Create a community food security profile
- Map Sitka’s existing food resources & food production capacity
- Assess household food security
- Assess food resource accessibility
- Assess food availability and affordability

Sitka’s community food assessment will:
- Improve our understanding of Sitka’s local food system
- Identify our food system’s strengths and weaknesses
- Inform decision-making about policies and actions to improve community food security
- Position Sitka to access food system improvement grant funding

How can I get involved?
- Visit: www.facebook.com/SitkaCommunityFoodAssessment
- Please Complete our Survey: www.surveymonkey.com/s/MQTF22Q