

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FOOD DESERT ZONES (LRC) AGENDA

Rep. Edgar V. Starnes

Rep. Chris Whitmire

**Monday, January 27, 2014
Room 415, Legislative Office Building
1:00 PM**

I. Welcome

*Rep. Chris Whitmire (Co-Chair)
Rep. Edgar V. Starnes (Co-Chair)*

II. Introduction of Committee Members and Committee Staff

Rep. Chris Whitmire (Co-Chair)

III. Introduction to Issue of Food Desert Zones

Rep. Yvonne Lewis Holley

IV. Review of Committee Charge and USDA Map Data

Committee Staff

V. Food Deserts: An Overview of Research on the Causes, Implications and Efforts to Combat Them

Maureen M. Berner, Professor, UNC School of Government

VI. The Link Between Improving Healthy Food Access and Economic Opportunity: Challenges and Opportunities

*Alice S. Ammerman DrPH, RD
Director, Center for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention
Professor, UNC Department of Nutrition, Gillings School of Global
Public Health and School of Medicine*

VII. NC Department of Health and Human Services

*David Locklear, Acting Chief, Economic and Family Services
Division of Social Services*

*Audrey Edmisten, RD, LDN, MPH, Healthy Aging Specialist
Division of Aging and Adult Services*

*Dr. Ruth Petersen, Section Chief, Chronic Disease and Injury Section
Division of Public Health*

- VIII. NC Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services**
Kevin Hardison, Agricultural Marketing Specialist
- IX. NC Department of Commerce**
Dr. Pat Mitchell, Asst. Secretary, Rural Division
- X. Food Systems – From Planning to Implementation at a Regional Level**
CONNECT Our Future Project / Centralina Council of Governments
Lindsey Dunevant, Treasurer, CCOG
Jared Cates, Project Consultant, Carolina Farm Stewardship Assn.
- XI. Break**
- XII. Scaling Up Local Supply Chain**
Dr. Nancy G. Creamer
Professor and Director of Center for Environmental Farming Systems
NCSU Department of Horticultural Science
- XIII. Financing Fresh Food**
Steve Saltzman, Self-Help Credit Union, Durham, NC
- XIV. Healthy Food Financing and Corner Store Initiatives: Policies to Increase Healthy Food Access**
Julia Koprak, Program Manager, The Food Trust, Philadelphia, PA
- XV. Committee Discussion**
- XVI. Adjournment**