



## Conference Sponsorship Opportunities

### *Enhancing Local and Regional Food Systems: Exploring the Research, What Works, and What We Need to Learn*

**May 19-20, 2009**

**Hudson Valley Resort, Kerhonkson, NY**

You are invited to help us support this unique opportunity designed to our understanding of, and build upon the research and knowledge base for, local and regional food system development in the Northeast. Additional conference information can be found on our [conference webpage](#).

Our purpose for this conference is to bring together research faculty, Extension educators and other organizations representing a wide range of expertise and interests in local food system development to explore and build upon the research related to local and regional food systems. Our specific goals include:

1. Provide an extensive opportunity for shared learning and exploration related to the scientific research base on a wide range of local and regional food system development strategies and activities – what works, what does not, and what more we need to know.
2. Provide networking opportunities for researchers, Extension professionals, and others working to enhance local and regional food systems.
3. Identify emerging research, information, program, and research priorities and develop a set of options for addressing these issues across the region.

#### Sponsorship Benefits

Each of our partners and sponsors will be identified on all subsequent program materials, all of which will be distributed widely among practitioners, researchers, organizations and agencies throughout the Northeast. In addition, those supporting the conference at either the *Sponsor* or *Patron* level will be provided the opportunity for a one-half page information layout in the conference proceedings. Lastly, we will waive the registration fee for two participants to attend the conference for each \$1,000 contributed by your organization.

#### Sponsorship Levels

- Supporter – sponsorship level up to \$500
- Sponsor – sponsorship level up to \$2,500
- Patron – sponsorship level greater than \$2,500

We also invite your organization to be listed as a partner at no cost if you are willing to help us communicate information about the conference with those you work most closely with, or can help with the conference in some other non-monetary way. For additional information, please contact the Northeast Center at 814/863-4656 or Walt Whitmer at [wew2@psu.edu](mailto:wew2@psu.edu).

**Early-bird registration is available now, and open until April 30, 2009. All registrations are due no later than May 8<sup>th</sup>. [Register today](#)**