

HARNETT COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION TEAM



Tuesday, July 28, 2009 | Team Meeting

Thanks to all of you who were able to attend the second Harnett County Community Action Team (CAT) meeting on July 28th. It was great to see you all! We missed those of you who were unable to attend and hope to see you at our next meeting.

Our goal for the Harnett County CAT meeting is to focus on awareness and education of green topics of importance to Harnett county residents. Our kick off meeting highlighted the Dunn farmers market and there seemed to be enthusiasm in the room around the topic of local food. We discussed buying local food and the advantages to farmers and consumers. As a follow up to that meeting, Sustainable Sandhills offered a free film screening of the documentary "King Corn". Prior to the film, the team was given an update on green business certifications in Harnett County and an introduction to the region-wide Sustainable Sandhills Green Living and Design Tour coming November 7th. There are three businesses currently in the process of being certified. They are McPhail's Pharmacy, Thairapy Salon and Spa and the Town of Lillington government offices. It was suggested that SS incorporate the Green Living and Design Tour into the Harnett County Agricultural Fair that will be going on the same day as the tour. There are already displays on "green" topics that are part of the fair planning.

"King Corn" film screening and discussion:

The award winning documentary "King Corn" tells the story of two college friends from Boston who plant and grow one acre of corn in Iowa and follow it through our national food system. What they discover raises troubling questions about how we eat, and how we farm. It was an entertaining and very thought provoking film. There was open discussion following the film about healthy local food and support of local farmers.

We closed the meeting with a discussion of topics that the team would be interested in for the future. Thank you to everyone for your input. Let us know if you have an idea for a future meeting presentation or a "green" topic you would like to learn more about. If you know of a local "green" project that others would be interested in hearing about, please let us know and we will try to highlight it during our upcoming meetings. If you have a suggestion for how we can reach more people in Harnett County, please help us spread the word by letting us know.

Next Team Meeting to be announced

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