

About SEED Wayne

SEED Wayne is dedicated to collaboratively building sustainable food systems on the campus of Wayne State University and in Detroit area communities, through activities in teaching, research, engagement, and campus operations

SEED Wayne works in partnership with community-based organizations engaged in promoting food security, urban agriculture, farm-to-institution, and food planning and policy development.

SEED Wayne embraces core university functions in teaching, research, engagement and operations.

Student leadership is central to SEED Wayne's success.

SEED Wayne activities include an herb and vegetable garden on campus, farm-to-cafeteria, campus farmers market, cafeteria composting, rescue and redistribution of excess cafeteria food, and engagement of community members in food policy and planning.

SEED Wayne is housed in the Department of Geography and Urban Planning.

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Community Partners

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The following community partners have also signed on, to date, to help realize mutual goals to develop a sustainable food system on campus and in the community.



Detroit Economic Growth Corporation



Sustainable Food Systems Education and Engagement in Detroit and Wayne State University

SEED Wayne challenges students and others to examine the broader implications of their food choices.

It calls for a critical assessment of the conventional food system and its relationship to the health of local communities, economies, environments, and cultures, even as it makes cheap food abundant.

SEED Wayne asks: What are more sustainable alternatives? What solutions integrate the health of individuals, communities, and environments? How do we achieve them?

Sustainability, for us, integrates the 4 e's:
Economic Viability,
Environmental Responsibility,
Social Equity, and
Community Engagement

Projects

On Campus

Warrior Demonstration Garden—Students will grow herbs and vegetables for use in campus cafeterias, sale in the campus farmers market, and/or distribution to area food assistance sites.

Farm to Cafeteria—On- and off-campus food vendors will learn about the benefits of sourcing foods from local growers, and be assisted with developing related logistics.

Campus Farmers Market—Local farmers and market gardeners will sell produce in a monthly farmers market on campus.

Food Rescue and Redistribution—On- and off-campus food vendors will learn about the benefits of donating excess, edible prepared and unprepared foods to area gleaning organizations such as Forgotten Harvest, which redistribute food to area food assistance programs.

Food Waste Composting—Food wastes in WSU cafeterias and residence halls will be composted using a variety of methods.

Student-Initiated Projects—SEED Wayne will support with small grants, student-led projects consistent with the SEED Wayne mission, as they may relate to research, service-learning, or volunteering.

Sustainable Food Systems in the Classroom—A compendium of related faculty expertise and resources will advance teaching, research, and engagement on sustainable food systems on WSU campus.

'Wayne SEEDLING' Newsletter—A quarterly newsletter will update campus and community partners on SEED Wayne activities and achievements.



In the Community

Community-based projects are currently designed for implementation at the Capuchin Soup Kitchen/Earthworks Urban Farm site, and other partner organization sites as they are relevant to proposed activities.

Projects include a passive solar green house at Earthworks for year-round production; replication of CSK's Growing Healthy Kids activities; and engaging soup kitchen guests in workshops related to local and state food policy-making and planning.



Campus Partners

We invite partnerships with diverse campus units. Current SEED Wayne partners include:

Student Organizations—including Student Environmental Action Leaders (SEAL), Student Organizations of Library and Information Science (SOLIS), and Wayne State Students of Urban Planning (WSSUP).

Campus Operations—including Business and Auxiliary Operations, and Facilities Management and Planning.

Academic Units—including units in CLAS, School of Business, College of Engineering, and Honors College.

University Administration—including the Offices of the Executive Vice President and Chief of Staff, Vice President for Research, Government and Community Relations, and Dean of Students.

How You Can Contribute!

Students may design, in consultation with faculty advisors, classroom activities or service learning projects on campus or in the community as they relate to SEED Wayne

Faculty members may create specific classroom activities, assignments, or service learning or research projects related to sustainable food systems in general, or SEED Wayne activities in particular.

Additionally, faculty members may propose research projects in collaboration with SEED Wayne.

All WSU campus community members may volunteer for specific SEED Wayne activities on- and off-campus, such as on work days at the Warrior Demonstration Garden or at community events sponsored by SEED Wayne partners, Earthworks Urban Farm or Greening of Detroit.

WSU members may also contribute expertise in food production, nutrition, culinary arts, community education, graphic and communication arts, public relations, etc., in SEED Wayne activities on campus and the community. Or donate tools and materials to help sustain SEED Wayne activities into the future.

Calling all WSU Student Leaders!

SEED Wayne provides small grants to student groups to develop and implement group projects to help realize SEED Wayne's goals on campus and in the community. To learn more, contact the SEED Wayne coordinator.