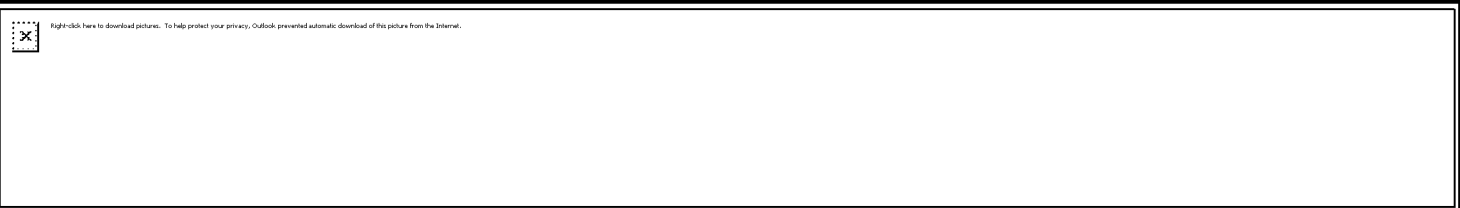
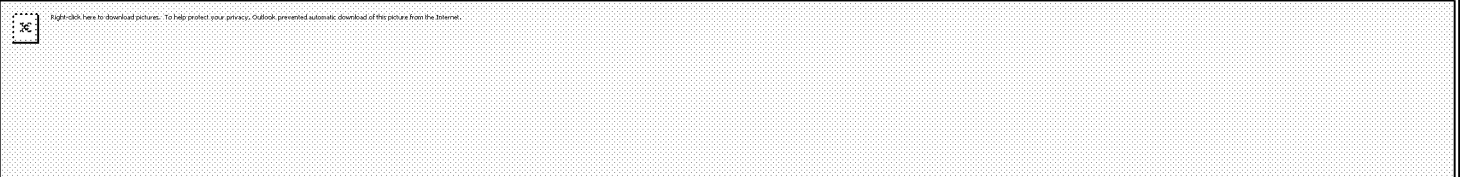


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Farm to School is broadly defined as a program that connects schools (K-12) and local farms with the objectives of serving healthy meals in school cafeterias, improving student nutrition, providing agriculture, health and nutrition education opportunities, and supporting local and regional farmers. Since each Farm to School program is shaped by its unique community and region, the National Farm to School Network does not prescribe or impose a list of practices or products for the Farm to School approach.

## Farm-to-School Network Plays Matchmaker for Local Foods

National Network Organized into 8 Regions

*By Julianne Couch*

All across America, the left hand is growing crops, raising livestock, and distributing the finished product to consumers. Also all across America, the right hand is purchasing large quantities of food to serve in schools, hospitals, and other institutional markets. Because the two hands don't often work together, the process of food production, distribution and consumption may be more complicated and costly than it needs to be.

Bringing the two entities together is the Farm to School Network.

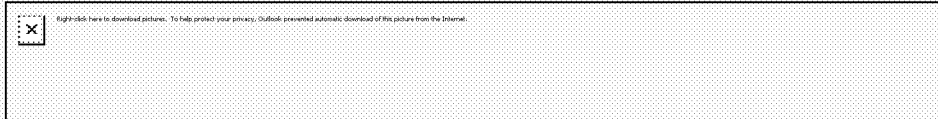
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Michael Schmitz, executive director of ICLEI-Local Governments for Sustainability USA, responds to Tea Party conspiracy theories that claim the sustainability movement is a United Nations plot to rob Americans of local control over planning, zoning and energy use. Schmitz says we should be concerned. "As our nation attempts to recover from the economic crisis and a record-breaking year of extreme weather that cost us tens of billions of dollars, locally driven solutions are the key, and healthy community dialogue about them is more important than ever," he says...

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LOUISVILLE, Ky. – Nearly all Americans think improved appliance efficiency is important for personal financial reasons, yet many homeowners d...

### Third Public Comment Period for Update to LEED Program

WASHINGTON -- The U.S. Green Building Council announced that the third public comment period for the proposed 2012 update to its LEED gr...

### Hercules Flexes Muscles for Energy Efficiency

SACRAMENTO, Calif. – The city of Hercules, named after the Greek demigod, is flexing its muscles when it comes to energy efficiency.

### Laguna Beach Saves Energy from Building Upgrades

SACRAMENTO, Calif. – Cost savings are in Laguna Beach's future due to energy upgrades completed in seven city facilities.

### Proposed Budget Invests \$74 Billion in Transportation Programs

WASHINGTON -- Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood praised President Obama's \$74 billion budget for the U.S. Department of Transportation...

### Study Reveals Complex Picture of Greenhouse Gas Emissions

KING COUNTY, Wash. -- Emissions produced by goods and services from outside King County and consumed there more than double their collective f...

### Chicago Bike Program Installs and Re-stripes

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### Georgia City Chosen for 2012 Sustainable Cities Design Academy

MACON, Ga. -- The American Architectural Foundation announced that the city of Macon is one of eight public-private development teams selected...

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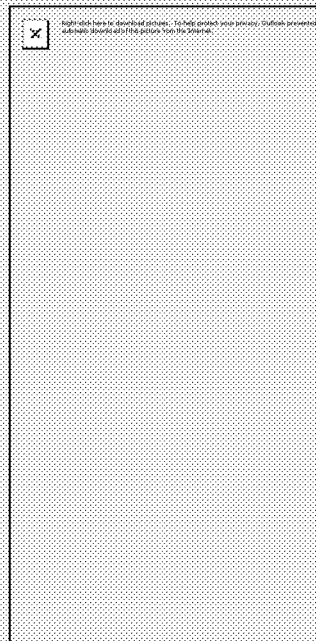
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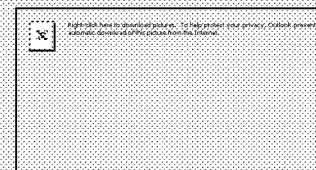
RALEIGH, N.C. -- North Carolinians threw away less per capita in 2010-2011 than at any time in nearly 20 years, according to the state's latest...

### 'Green Budget' Outlines Ideas for Environmental Investments

WASHINGTON -- The annual Green Budget report, sent to Congress, outlines key federal



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### Funding Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Projects with EDA Grants

The Economic Development Administration (EDA) provides grants to support job creation in economically distressed areas of the United States. EDA's Economic Development Assistance Program, which includes the (1) Public Works and Economic Development Facilities and (2) Economic Adjustment Assistance initiatives, can fund local renewable energy, green building, energy efficiency, and recycling projects. EDA is allocating more than \$160 million for these programs in FY 2012. The average size of

investments and cuts that will keep air and water c...

## Groups Support Standards for Mercury and Auto Emissions

WASHINGTON -- Two national environmental protection groups have launched a six-figure online advertising campaign applauding the U.S. En...

## Heat is Power Association to Boost Emission-Free Electricity

WASHINGTON -- A coalition focused on the wide-scale development of an American Waste Heat to Power market re-launched as the Heat is Pow...

## Energy Department Releases Funding for SunShot Incubator

WASHINGTON -- As part of the Obama Administration's blueprint for an American economy built to last, U.S. Department of Energy Secretary...

## EPA Awards \$750,000 in Smart Growth Assistance

DENVER -- The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has identified 56 communities in 26 states that will receive technical assistance th...

## Three Northwest Communities Receive Smart Growth Assistance

SEATTLE -- Three Pacific Northwest communities will benefit from U.S. Environmental Protection Agency technical assistance through the ...

## Grant for Missouri City for Drinking Water Improvements

KANSAS CITY, Kans. -- The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has awarded \$364,000 to Plattsburg, Mo., for improvements to its drinking water...

## Green Streets-Green Jobs-Green Towns Available for 2012

ANNAPOLIS, Md. -- The Chesapeake Bay Trust, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and the state of Maryland unveiled an expanded Green Streets...

## Water Infrastructure Projects Receive \$50 Million in Funding

WASHINGTON -- U.S. Department of the Interior Secretary Ken Salazar announced \$50 million in funding for water infrastructure projects i...

a Public Works and Economic Development Facilities investment in FY 2011 was approximately \$1.7 million, and the average size of an Economic Adjustment Assistance investment in FY 2011 was approximately \$550,000. The next three EDA funding cycle deadlines are: March 9 for funding cycle 3 of FY 2012, June 8 for funding cycle 4 of FY 2012 and Sept. 14 for funding cycle 1 of FY 2013.

On our Feb. 16 webinar, David Ives from the EDA will provide a description of EDA's 2012 funding programs and highlight opportunities to secure EDA funding for economic development projects that include renewable energy and energy efficiency elements.

### Upcoming Webinars

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Streamlining Local Application, Permitting and Installation Processes for Solar Energy

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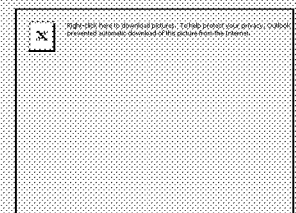
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### Novinda Receives \$6 Million in Funding

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