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Hello all!
This event invite (details below) is being shared with you, our *most active* ABFPC members, general council, and partners.
Please join me at this FREE gathering to learn from and share withÂ  Western NC food policy councils to maximize impact and coordinate efforts.
Please let me know if you RSVP and I'll work on coordinating a carpool with mileage reimbursement.
best,
Kiera

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From: **Amy Marion** <amy@asapconnections.org>
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Hi All,Â

PleaseÂ visit the Eventbrite page to registerÂ for this eventÂ . And please share this email with your fellow food council members!Â Â

Community Food Strategies, in partnership with the the McDowell County Local Food Advisory Council, is excited to invite you to the 2018Â WesternÂ NCÂ RegionalÂ Food Council Gathering on Oct. 15, 2018 from 10am-2pm* at the Universal Building at McDowell Technical Community College at 634 College Drive in Marion, NC

The day will feature:

- delicious local food!
- time for each council to share their highlights
- open networking time to get to know your food council neighbors
- time to dicsuss how our network can move towards a more equitable food system
- a mini-workshop on connecting your community through data capturing and sharing
- time to reflect onÂ regionalÂ opportunities

*Immediately following the Gathering there will be an optional tour (from approximately 2:15pm-2:45pm) of the future McDowell Food Hub, where representatives from the McDowell County Local Food Advisory Council will share about their process and vision for the space.

This event is the perfect opportunity to meet food council members from neighboring counties and to be inspired by the many initiatives and projects happening around theÂ regionÂ to create more thriving, equitable, and community-based food systems.

**Travel Reimbursement**
If you are traveling 35 miles or more to attend this event, you are eligible for a travel reimbursement. Please indicate if you would like to receive a reimbursement in your registration responses. Checks will be mailed after the event.

**Deadline**
The deadline to register for the event and to submit your travel reimbursment request is Monday, October 8.

**If you would like to invite non food council partner organizations:**
We acknowledge that there are many food systems organizations in your communities who are interested in food council work but not yet engaged, and these in-person gatherings can be a great time to expose them to this work. You are welcome to forward the invitation to these partner organizations, but we ask that you emphasize that the focus of this event will be on food councils and building the strength of the working relationships within the food council network. We want to ensure any partners who choose to attend have a clear understanding of these intentions.Â

**Questions?**
Please email me atÂ Amy@asapconnections.orgÂ with any questions.

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