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Local Foods, Local Places – Catalyzing Local Action for Food, Health and Economic Resilience

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Objectives:

- Explain how the federal Local Foods, Local Places program helps communities simultaneously revitalize downtowns, improve access to local foods, and create new economic opportunities.
- Learn how communities can use available resources to implement the Local Foods, Local Places process on their own .

Presenter: **Melissa Kramer** received a Bachelor of Science in Biology from Penn State University and a Ph.D. in Ecology and Evolution from Washington University in St. Louis. She began working at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in 2003. She has worked in EPA's Office of Sustainable Communities since 2008 where she focuses on how smart growth approaches can help communities improve their economy while benefiting the environment and achieving other community goals. She has authored or co-authored numerous publications for the Agency, including *Our Built and Natural Environments, Enhancing Sustainable Communities with Green Infrastructure, and the Local Foods, Local Places Toolkit: A Guide to Help communities Revitalize Local Food Systems*.

Presenter: **Jason Espie**, AICP, is a Principal Planner with EPR PC, with over 18 years of experience in planning, community development, and project management. Jason has committed his career to helping communities manage change, build value, and create vibrant, connected, healthy places. He has worked in both the non-profit and private sectors, serving a wide range of public clientele including local governments, MPOs, regional and federal agencies. Since 2012 he has worked closely with the EPA Office of Community Revitalization, and other consultants, to develop and lead technical

assistance to communities through the Local Foods, Local Places and Livable Communities in Appalachia programs. Jason has led 28 Local Foods, Local Places communities, and 11 Building Blocks for Sustainable Communities technical assistance assignments in the last eight years. He holds a Bachelor in World History from the State University of New York College of Purchase, and a Master of Urban and Environmental Planning from the University of Virginia School of Architecture. American Institute of Certified Planners, No. 023469.