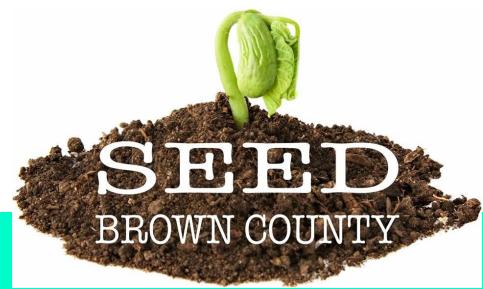
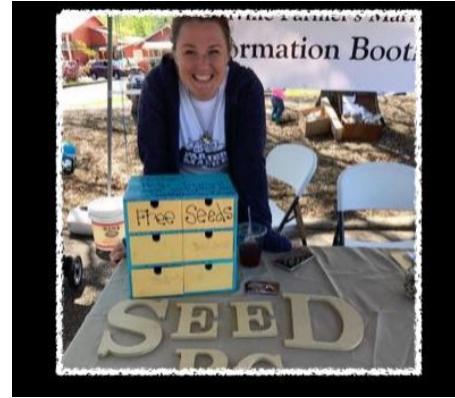


“HCI”

PAST, PRESENT, FUTURE

Presented by the BCLC Board Panel

PAST: SHARED BY TORRIE RAE



My personal and professional background, and finding HCI.



Kauai



Pennsylvania



Arizona

Seeds found me :)



Indiana



ORGANIC FARMING - STEWARDSHIP - PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT -

-Developed a 100 hour accredited Sustainability Program for a private college. Growing food = Watershed Management = Waste Management

(Experience is varied, but mostly ALL working alongside engaged citizens.)

-Teaching sustainability in least sustainable city in the country.

-Family wanted to relocate to college town, near family, or a temperate climate.

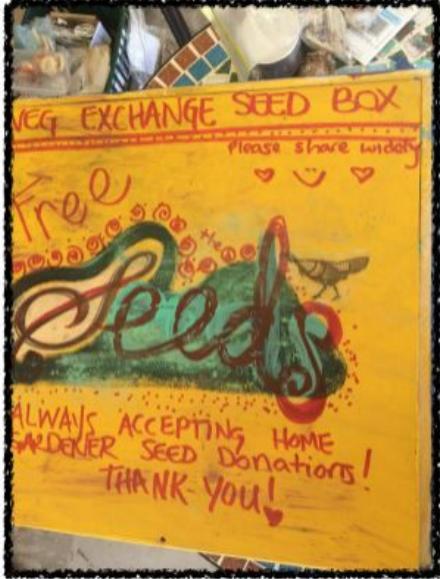
-The information we were learning and sharing is universal.

“Veg Exchange” Crop Swap



Started with a handful of people - 2,439 members today!

“Seed Boxes” came to be.



1. Seeds are not tested or sold
2. Loose organization
3. “Revolving Door”



Crop Swap Succession:

Skills & items were shared (traded) and a whole new network emerged.

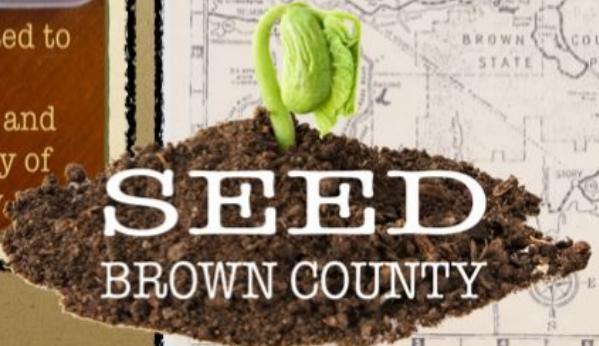
Shared items/skills led to classes and surplus!

INSERT MOVE TO
BROWN COUNTY, INDIANA!

I “hit the ground running” as most people say.



This seed project is dedicated to
JACK WEDDLE
for his seed saving efforts and
contribution to the history of
seeds in Brown County.



THIS WAS A BIG JOB!

I NEEDED HELP!

Thus started Phase 1 of SEED Brown County



Our Mission:

Cultivating leadership & stewardship within our community to help preserve diversity, ensure food security, and grow a more resilient county & regional food system.

Ethical Intention

- * Earth Care
- * People Care
- * Fair Share

How does surplus cycle back to Earth care?
People care?

SEED strives to fulfill it's mission by utilizing
“NATURAL SYSTEMS THINKING”

1. Assessment (Observation) 2016 & 2017

What do we have to work with?

2. Vision 2017

What do we want? What are we creating?

3. Conceptual Plan 2018 & 2019

Assessment & Vision Combined

4. Master Plan - “Living Up To The Ethics” 2020 + beyond

-Seed Library!/ Seed Accessibility

-Workshops/ Information Sustainable Gardening

-Engage Community

Develop Initiative for local food access + seed collective

2016

-Research & Development

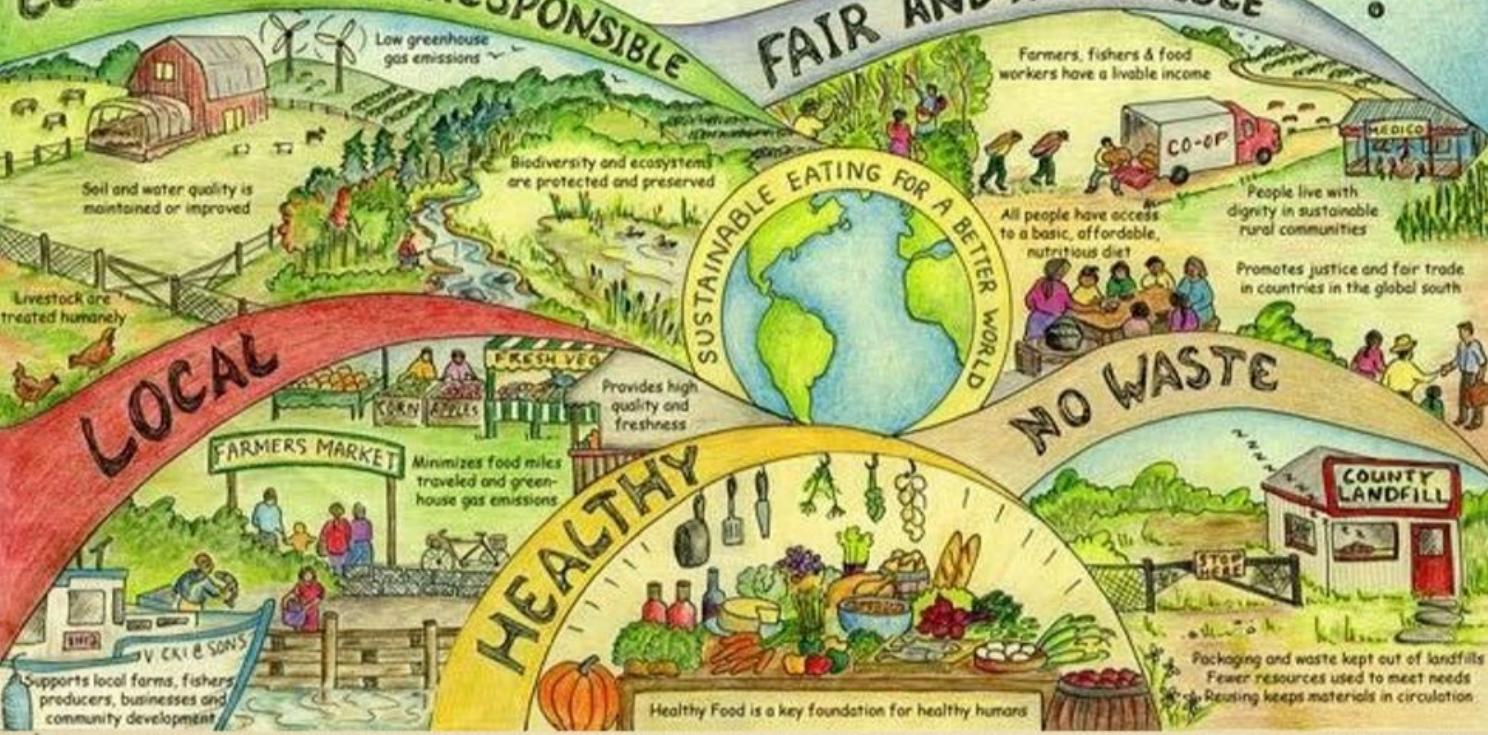
-Relationship Building

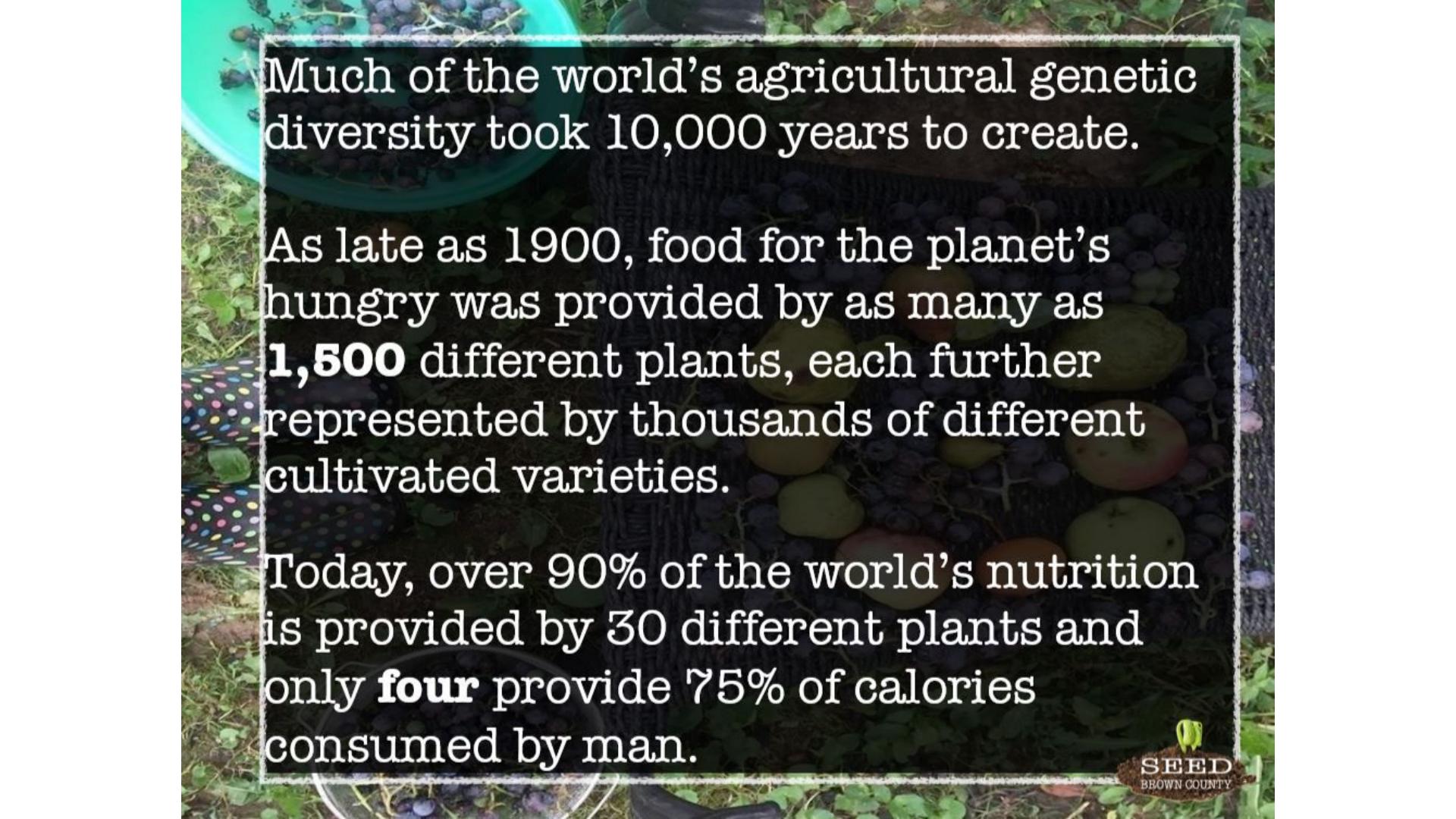






SUSTAINABLE FOOD IS...





Much of the world's agricultural genetic diversity took 10,000 years to create.

As late as 1900, food for the planet's hungry was provided by as many as **1,500** different plants, each further represented by thousands of different cultivated varieties.

Today, over 90% of the world's nutrition is provided by 30 different plants and only **four** provide 75% of calories consumed by man.



Localizing seeds is an integral piece of vibrant **sustainable food systems. (Regional)**

Saved seeds create a surplus of seeds, food, skills.

More local food = More ACCESS to whole foods for our community members.

NEXT:

FOOD SUMMIT REFERS ME TO
PURDUE

Purdue tells me about “Hometown Collaborative Initiative”



HOMETOWN
COLLABORATION INITIATIVE
Building Blocks for High Quality Communities

Program Overview



Interfacing Initiatives

Hometown Collaboration Initiative (HCI)

- Expansion of leadership and civic engagement to capitalize on innovative strategies
- Moving from vision to implementation
- Asset identification and weaving
- Building Block Strategies:
 1. Leadership
 2. Economy
 3. Placemaking
- Building long-term, sustainable capacity and planning
- Community empowerment to promote quality of life and place



1. What is HCI?

HCI is an effort available to Indiana communities that are committed to building on their existing assets. It encompasses efforts to. . .

1

Grow the leadership pipeline and expand the number of people involved in community improvement efforts.

2

Embrace development strategies that link to the economic strengths of a community.

3

Pursue placemaking activities that build on the community's built and natural resources.

2. Sponsors & Partners



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Sponsors



**The Indiana Office of
Community Rural
Affairs (OCRA)**



**The Office of the
Lieutenant Governor**

Partners



Purdue University

Purdue Center for Regional
Development

Purdue University
Extension



Ball State University

Building Better Communities
Department

College of Architecture and
Planning – Urban Design

3. Eligible Communities



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**Has a population of
25,000 or less**

(Can include cities, towns or
counties that meet the population
size requirement)



**Willing to invest a modest
amount of financial
resources into the HCI
effort (\$5,000)**

(May come from any combination of
public, private and/or nonprofit sources
and can be reinvested in your
community)

4. Three Phase Process of HCI



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3

Capstone

Planning for
Our Future

2

Building
Blocks

Developing Our
Hometown
Leadership Skills

Strengthening
Our Hometown
Economy

Placemaking with
Our Hometown's
Natural and Built
Resources

1

Foundation

Building Our Team



The Coordinating Team



Made of 12-15 local people. More individuals may be added along the way.

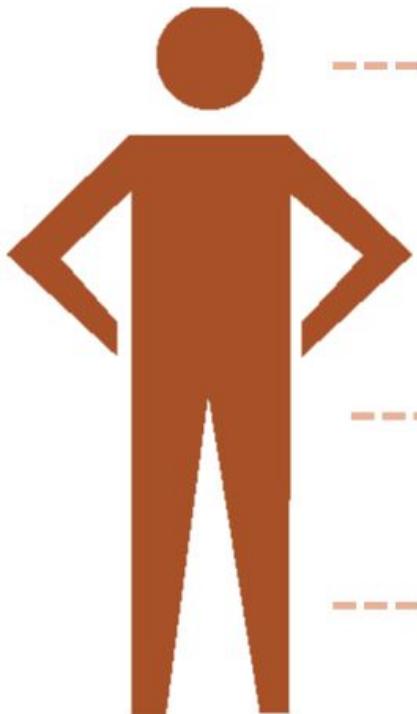
Representative of the diversity within the community.

Manages all aspects of the local HCI.

Ideal HCI Team Members



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Open to new approaches for strengthening the community

Willing to spend the time to study key information and seek the input from local residents & groups

Ready to take action based on facts collected and local input

Willing to devote the time and energy needed to guide HCI through all three phases

Topics Covered with the Coordinating Team



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Reviewing roles and responsibilities

Studying data on your community

Reviewing existing community strategic plans

Discovering your local assets

Securing information from residents (surveys)

Preparing for a community-wide forum

Synthesizing the data and inputs to pick a building block

The Three HCI Building Blocks



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Community selects
one of the building
blocks to pursue



Placemaking



Economy



Leadership

Building Block Options



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Leadership

Approximately 18 hours of leadership training targeted to people who are interested in taking a more active role in the community

Economy

Program Options:

- Business Retention and Expansion Program
- Building an Entrepreneurial Friendly Community
- Youth Entrepreneurship Program

Placemaking

Program Options:

- Arts, culture and historic preservation in building vibrant communities
- Improving downtown or other public spaces
- Building a local foods system

WE CHOSE LEADERSHIP.

Food was our first focus.

Capstone Activities



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Coordinating Team will develop a Pathfinder Project

Project should be a logical next step in your HCI effort

Community input on Pathfinder Project will be important

Plans on carrying out the project will be submitted to OCRA

Approved project plans will receive seed funding

NEXT: PRESENT / FUTURE

A DIALOGUE BY THE PANEL

Tim Clark, Nancy Crocker, JoAnn Himebaugh