



## GREATER CAPITAL REGION Food System Assessment

### SUPPORT THE FINAL PHASE OF RESEARCH!

Capital Roots is building a team of volunteers, students, and interns who are interested in community-based food system research to support the final phase of primary data collection for the Greater Capital Region Food System Assessment this Spring 2019.

We are looking for volunteers who can work at Capital Roots' office in Troy or in the field conducting research. All positions are unpaid. We are happy to support students who are applying to internships for credit.

This is a great way to build your resume, increase your contacts, and be a part of a large community research project that will have a lasting impact on the region's food system.

Specific research topics and projects will be determined based on your interests and the project's needs. All work contributed to the project will be acknowledged in the final publication.

**Research projects include, but are not limited to:**



#### PRODUCTION

- **Dairy Farmer Interviews**, by phone or in-person to create a series of case studies about barriers to business growth and solutions local dairy farmers are developing in the region.
- **Farmer Survey Analysis** of 60+ in-depth surveys, conducted across the Capital Region with producers in Winter 2018, which focused on barriers to production, processing, distribution, and sales.
- **Regional Grain Production and Processing Research**, to collect secondary data and conduct case studies about opportunities for increasing regional grain production for human consumption.



#### PROCESSING

- **Processor Interviews** with meat, dairy and value-added produce processors, conducted over the phone with local food-based business.



#### DISTRIBUTION

- **Distributor Interviews**, conducted over the phone with local and regional food distributors about sourcing local food and opportunities for regional aggregation.
- **Food Buyer Interviews** by phone or in person retail stores, institutions, and chefs, about sourcing local food and to identify local market gaps and demand.



#### CONSUMPTION

- **Retail Store Surveys** in the cities of Albany Saratoga and Schenectady, collecting data on the availability and affordability of healthy food across food groups.

Please email or call Marissa with your research interests and availability

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