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MEMORANDUM

To: Planning, Building and Zoning Committee

From: Eric Waggoner, PB&D Director

Date: June 25, 2013

Re: Overview of Local Food Amendments

On May 7, 2013 Jason Navota of the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) presented the Lake County Local Sustainable Food Systems report to the Committee. This report summarizes research findings and makes recommendations for developing a viable local food system in Lake County. At the conclusion of the presentation, the Committee directed staff to prepare local food-related amendments to the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO).

The Committee reviewed and discussed draft UDO amendments related to beekeeping and chicken-raising on May 28 and June 4, respectively, and the Lake County Beekeepers Association presented an overview of beekeeping practices to the Committee on May 28. Staff will present other local food related draft amendments to the UDO for Committee discussion, which allow installation of hoopouses on residential lots for local food production, as well as increase the maximum duration of seasonal sales of farm produce and language supportive of local food production.

At an upcoming meeting, the Committee will take action to recommend directing the Zoning Board of Appeals to conduct the public hearing process for these and other UDO amendments.