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Community input needed for Food Charter by February 28th!

foodcoreLGL has created a draft Food Charter and are seeking input from community members until **February 28th, 2014**. A Food Charter is a guiding document, shaped by community members, that outlines a **vision for the future of the food system in Leeds, Grenville and Lanark**. The food system includes everything from growing food, to processing, storing, transporting, selling, buying, and eating food. From growers to eaters - we all fit into the food system. A food charter can promote a system from farm to plate that provides access to local, affordable and nutritious food for everyone.

foodcoreLGL is a team of individuals, community organizations, farmers, growers, producers, institutions, businesses and local government representatives. This group is co-chaired by Merrickville-Wolford Mayor, Doug Struthers and Reeve of Township of Montague, Bill Dobson.

“A food charter can be a useful tool to integrate efforts across sectors towards a unified vision and actions for the future,” says foodcorelgl co-chair Doug Struthers. “We hope to have the charter reflect the needs of people living in Leeds, Grenville and Lanark,” adds Bill Dobson, co-chair.

foodcoreLGL is currently gathering feedback on the initial draft of the charter. There is an online survey that can be found at www.foodcoreLGL.ca, or contact **foodcoreLGL** for a hard copy. Please email foodcoreLGL@gmail.com or you can call 613-283-2740 ext. 4273 for more information.

Save the date! The food charter will be launched at an event at the Farrell Hall in Perth on March 27th, 2014, please visit foodcorelgl.ca or call 613-283-2740 for more information. The event is free, however registration is limited. Everyone is welcome.

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