Who is Farmshed?

Farmshed works to expand the connection between local residents and their food. We strive to provide opportunities for participation, education, cooperation, and action to support a local food economy in Central Wisconsin.

We represent all aspects of the food system and are committed to making Central Wisconsin a renowned, local food community.

What do we do?

Here is a list of the broad range of programs we have run since 2007:

**PROGRAMS**
- Beginning Farmer Course and Internship
- Central Wisconsin Farm Fresh Atlas
- EBT at the Farmers Market
- Growing Community Workshops
- Farm to School
- Local Food Fundraiser
- Salvation Army Hope Center Meals

**EVENTS**
- Appetite for the Arts
- Chef on the Square
- Community Potluck Series
- HallowGreen Barn Bash
- Farmer Tribute Dinner
- Local Farm Tours
- Local Food Fair

What is next for us?

The Greenhouse Project is a revitalization of the former Sorenson’s Garden Center into a community food center that will afford Farmshed the opportunity to deepen our community’s relationship with food in all forms.

**The Greenhouse Project Principles**

- **Multiple Use** – The facility will house an 11,000 square foot production greenhouse, community kitchen, gathering space, and learning/incubation center.
- **Education and Training** – Community engagement through events, classes, and workshops will be a primary goal of the space; enhanced by internships, academic partnerships, alternative work programs, and volunteers.
- **Demonstration** – Workshops and classes will be developed to showcase model approaches to growing and adding value to food as well as other agricultural practices.
- **Business Incubation** – The project will build entrepreneurial investment by providing opportunities for the development and trial of business concepts related to the local food economy.
- **Renewable Energy** – The facility will strive to provide much of its energy from renewable sources.
- **Community Space** – The facility will serve as a welcoming educational environment with the goal of reconnecting people to their food and their sense of community.
- **Membership** – The project will work to cultivate support from the community by providing diverse benefits through membership.
- **Regenerative Use** – The project will model innovative reuse of materials during the renovation, resource development, and program cycle.

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Progress and Planning

Since our first official work day, October 22nd, 2011, this abandoned greenhouse has seen a lot of action and it’s future is looking bright. Hundreds of volunteers have stepped up and dismantled the old to make way for the new.

Human power is giving us the clean slate we need to begin the center’s rebuild; because just like the food system, this place needs a lot of mending before it can run sustainably.

Transform WI
Funded by the WI Clearinghouse for Prevention Services!

- Developing “edible education” programming for The Greenhouse Project using the Boston School Forest model, aligned with core curriculum standards from Farm to School and the Edible Schoolyard
- Creating field trip experiences that showcase to students the whole food system: from healthy soil development to growing, harvesting, packaging, transporting, preserving, cooking and finally eating
- Providing a hands-on approach to learning, helping students experience the interconnected nature of our food system
- Dismantled the old to make way for the new

Growing Community Workshops and Potlucks
Funded by the Allen Foundation!

- Themed potlucks are hosted onsite the second Tuesday of every month at 6:30 pm. Come meet new people, learn about our efforts and see the progress onsite!
- Workshops offered cover a wide variety of food system topics from soil development to growing, preserving, and cooking.

Why it will work!

- Food is a cultural heritage. We must ensure that people understand the practice of food cultivation and see value in its sustainability.
- Local food systems produce wealth. Spending money locally doubles the amount circulating through the local economy.
- The local food economy is growing (again). The local food movement is spreading across the country. Not long ago, most food was produced locally. This is a return to our roots.
- This can happen here. We have the vision, the human and natural resources. We need to dedicate capital resources.
- Food brings people together. We need reasons to come together. We all have history here, so let us build off of it.

Healthy eating is a simple solution. Rising health care costs and obesity rates at epidemic levels are calling attention to the disconnect between people and their food.

We have the natural resources necessary. Central Wisconsin is rich in resources derived from centuries of investment in land management and education.

“There’s nothing better than a group of volunteers working to improve something. If this is successful everyone will benefit. Good luck!”

Online Comment Stevens Point Journal September 3, 2011

How do we make this happen?

To get this project “growing” we have launched a capital and awareness campaign to raise support from businesses, groups, individuals and volunteers to acquire and renovate the abandoned site and hire staff for program development. Opportunities to help come in the form of:

- Donation
- Membership
- Partnership
- Sponsorship
- Volunteer Time

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Founding Partners

And of course...Patrick Rothfuss!

Vermicompost and Coffee
Roasted by Emy J’s

Farmshed and Emy J’s are partnering with local businesses to sell “The Greenhouse Blend” coffee and vermicompost produced onsite.

Log on to www.farmshed.org for all the details or find us on facebook!