Join us as urban growers, food processors, and product distributors from Detroit and southeast Michigan share their stories, challenges - and expectations for the future.

Speakers and panelists include entrepreneurs and business leaders, as well as a government representative, a nutritionist, and a well known Detroit journalist who will give our Keynote address. They will all give us their perspectives and answer our questions about the future of sustainable urban agriculture in Detroit.

The event will also include lunch made from local food and a visit to Detroit Market Garden at Eastern Market.

Speakers

John Gallagher. Keynote speaker, is a veteran journalist with the Detroit Free Press covering urban and economic redevelopment efforts in Detroit and Michigan. His most recent book is “Revolution Detroit: Strategies for Urban Reinvention”.

Kethryn Underwood is a city planner with the Detroit City Council Legislative Policy Division. Her work includes formulating urban agriculture codes for the city of Detroit.

Gary Wozniak is President and CEO of RecoveryPark, poised to define what “triple bottom line” urban projects will model themselves after in coming years.

Betti Wiggins as Executive Director of the Office of School Nutrition for Detroit Public Schools, she asures nutritious food for students and is turning the Kettering High School site into an urban farm.

Dan Carmody is President of Eastern Market Corporation where he leads the non-profit transforming one of Detroit’s most venerable institutions into the nation’s most inclusive, resilient, and robust regional food hubs.

Jeff Adams represents P3 Enterprises that establishes urban hydroponic farms and fishery systems in underutilized commercial structures.

Deveri is a co-owner of The Brooklyn Street Local, a restaurant in Detroit’s Corktown district that focuses on local, organic and whole ingredients, environmentally sustainable practices and community building.

Noam Kimelman earned a Master of Health Management & Policy from the University of Michigan and is the co-founder and co-owner of Fresh Corner Cafe L3C.

John Kohl is the CEO of Atlas Wholesale Food. Atlas delivers food service products that fuel local restaurants in Southeast Michigan with many locally manufactured items.

Noah Link with Alex Bryan created Peck Produce in 2011 to develop the former Peck Elementary School site in north-central Detroit into a model urban farm.

Michelle Lutz is a certified organic farmer. Her growing experience includes green house, field production and hydroponic systems.

Ty Petrie is starting-up a cooperative waste-to-resource business in Detroit called Dirt:Works, focused on composting and related processes.