

**Southeastern Massachusetts
Regional Sustainability Exchange:
*Sustainable Food***

Wednesday, March 25, 2009

9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

**University of Massachusetts Dartmouth
285 Old Westport Road, North Dartmouth, MA
Woodland Commons**

Almost every state in the U.S. imports **85%** of its food.

On average food in the US travels **1300 miles**.

In Massachusetts this food import imbalance translates to a **\$4 billion leak in the state economy** on an annual basis.

Please join us for the next of our Regional Sustainability Exchanges as we discuss strategies for improving Regional Food Security and how to support a Sustainable Local Food System.

Presentations on actions communities can take to support a local food system including ag-friendly bylaws, land preservation, edible schoolyards, buying local, and more. Learn about what's already happening in our region and help strategize steps for increasing our Regional Food Security.

Agenda:

9:00-9:30 Coffee

9:30-11:00 Presentations and Questions

11:00-1:00 Lunch and Initiation of Regional Food Security Strategy

Coffee and lunch will be provided. Confirmation of your attendance is required. For more information and to RSVP, please contact: Louise Hardiman, SRPEDD, by phone at 508-824-1367 or by email at lhardiman@srpedd.org.

This event is being co-sponsored by the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth, the Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District (SRPEDD) and the Island Foundation.

