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Subject: 1 Million South Carolinians Live in Food Deserts

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Register Today: 2015 Food Access Summit

In South Carolina, more than one million citizens live in food deserts where there is limited or no access to healthy affordable food. Local economies lose approximately \$311 million each year because residents in food deserts must travel to a neighboring town or county to buy groceries. These food deserts can be found in every part of our state.

Enabling residents in these neighborhoods to have access to healthy food can make a difference to them and to their communities in a variety of ways including spurring economic development, creating jobs, and reducing high obesity rates that result from the lack of healthy affordable food options.

Join us as at this all-day summit as we highlight efforts that improve access to healthy food for South Carolinians with limited financial resources. The Food Access Summit will provide advocacy tools, training and action-oriented ideas to educate and organize participants to support local and state efforts to make the food system equitable for all.

Session topics include: advocacy and policy, farm to institution, transportation and food access, and funding healthy food projects. View the summit schedule [here](#).

Food Access Summit

September 16, 2015 | 8:30AM-4:30PM
River Center at Saluda Shoals Park

**5605 Bush River Road
Columbia, SC 29212**

You can also join the conversation on Twitter using [#FoodAccess15](#).

News

Feeding Innovation Spartanburg- Application Deadline Extended
Spartanburg Entrepreneur Resource Network (SERN), Hub City Farmer's Market, and the South Carolina Community Loan Fund have partnered to sponsor Feeding Innovation Spartanburg, an eight-session workshop for entrepreneurs who want to... [Read More...»](#)

Your Charleston: City Paper Question & Answer
After 40 years, the City of Charleston will have a new mayor. Our much loved mayor, Joseph P. Riley Jr., is finally putting down his City Council gavel, leaving behind some pretty big Oxfords to fill... [Read More...»](#)

Upcoming Events

Lender Matchmaker: Access to Capital Symposium
September 24th | 8:00 am - 3:00 pm | Columbia, SC
Lender Matchmaker is a speed-networking event between lending organizations and small business owners. This is a unique opportunity designed to help small businesses assess their lending options in the most efficient way. [More Information](#)

Advancing Diversity and Inclusion Forum
September 25, 2015 | 8:00 am - 4:00 pm | Charleston, SC
This event brings together business leaders and practitioners, educators, politicians, community leaders, and the broader community to explore and advance the management of human differences. [More Information](#)

Your Charleston Mayoral Forum

September 30, 2015 | 8:30 am - 3:30 pm | Columbia, SC

All mayoral candidates have been invited to participate in a forum that will explore issues related to 'Quality of Life and Quality of Place,' including the topics of the local economy, the city's growth, and affordability. [More Information](#)

Thought Leader Speaker Series

October 19, 2015 | 10:00 am - 11:30 am | Charleston, SC

Join us for a conversation with extraordinary thinker, human rights advocate and chronicler of humanity, Nicholas Kristof. The two-time Pulitzer Prize winning columnist will focus the presentation and discussion on his most recent book, *A Path Appears*. [More Information](#)

2015 SC Community Capital Conference

October 27, 2015 | 8:30 am - 4:30 pm | Columbia, SC

The SCCCA is hosting a one-day conference that brings together local and national leaders for a discussion on innovative approaches to impact investing and ways to identify new capital sources that support community economic development in the state. [More Information](#)

Since 2004, we have provided 275 loans for \$22.8 million in financing that facilitated more than \$196 million in community development projects; we financed 1,143 housing units, 3 healthy food outlets, 4 community facilities, and 5 community businesses, creating or retaining 3,131 jobs and providing a safe, affordable place to call home for 2,858 individuals and families.

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