

News Release

Innovative Ideas for Improving Food Systems or Connecting People and Nature in Northwest Minnesota Sought by NW RSDP; Proposals are due in January 2014

By Itolfe on Thursday, December 12, 2013 They are looking for ideas from you. The University of Minnesota's Northwest Regional Sustainable Development Partnership (NW RSDP) seeks innovative ideas in two areas: Those with the potential to improve food access and availability, and/or strengthen community food systems or that connect people and nature or sustains natural resources on working lands in Northwest Minnesota. Seed funding is available to support projects that leverage active citizenship and create a robust partnership with the University.

The Idea Brief is the first step; selected projects will be asked to submit a proposal. The briefs for each of the two areas are due January 23, 2014, and will be reviewed by work groups in February. Recommendations will be forwarded to the NW RSDP board for its March meeting.

Learn more about the work in Natural Resources, Sustainable Agriculture and Local Food Systems along with information about each of the focus areas at <http://blog.lib.umn.edu/rsdp/northwest>.

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Regional Sustainable Development Partnerships facilitate the social, environmental, and economic sustainability of their region by encouraging citizen-driven ideas through coordinating and leveraging the resources of the University of Minnesota and other partners.

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