



# Kane County

## KC Agriculture Committee

### Agenda

Government Center  
719 S. Batavia Ave., Bldg. A  
Geneva, IL 60134

JUBY, Roth, Allan, Lenert, Penesis, Sanchez, Williams and ex-officio Pierog (County Chair)

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**Thursday, July 17, 2025**

**10:30 AM**

**County Board Room**

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#### **2025 Committee Goals**

Goals from the July Agriculture Committee meeting

- Revise County Code Definition of the Agriculture Committee
  - Awareness & Support of Agriculture - Raise public awareness and support for agriculture in Kane County as an industry sector and community resource
  - Farmland Protection - Work in concert with the Farmland Protection Commission and County Board to oversee the successful implementation of Kane County's Farmland Protection Ordinance and related conservation efforts, and pursue funding
  - Continue Growing for Kane Program - Direct the implementation of programs and policies that expand the production of locally grown foods and improve community access to fresh and healthy food choices, and pursue funding
    - Continue partnerships with Kane County Farm Bureau and Northern Illinois Food Bank
    - Implement current grant funded projects
    - Continue to apply for additional outside grants
    - Implement economic development projects for Agriculture
    - ARPA Small grants for farmers
    - Other projects identified by the Economic Development Strategic Plan for Kane County
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1. **Call To Order**
  2. **Roll Call**
  3. **Remote Attendance Requests**
  4. **Approval of Minutes: May 22, 2025**
  5. **Public Comment**
  6. **Partners**
    - A. Kane County Farm Bureau Updates (Steve Arnold, Manager)
    - B. Northern Illinois Food Bank Updates (Robert Desio, Senior Manager of Public Policy and Benefits)
    - C. Master Urban Farmer Training Program 2025 (Alexis Barnes, Extension Educator)
  7. **Presentations/Announcements**
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- A.** Conference Recap and Local Food and Farm Funding Options (Janice Hill, Consultant)
- B.** Kane County Food Systems 2025 Update (Ellen Kamps, Consultant)

- 8. New Business**
- 9. Reports Placed On File**
- 10. Executive Session (if needed)**
- 11. Adjournment**



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**PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION NO. TMP-25-880**

## KANE COUNTY FARM BUREAU UPDATES (STEVE ARNOLD, MANAGER)



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**PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION NO. TMP-25-881**

**NORTHERN ILLINOIS FOOD BANK UPDATES (ROBERT DESIO, SENIOR  
MANAGER OF PUBLIC POICY AND BENEFITS)**



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**PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION NO. TMP-25-882**

**MASTER URBAN FARMER TRAINING PROGRAM 2025 (ALEXIS BARNES,  
EXTENSION EDUCATOR)**



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**PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION NO. TMP-25-883**

## CONFERENCE RECAP AND LOCAL FOOD AND FARM FUNDING OPTIONS

**(JANICE HILL, CONSULTANT)**





# Conference Recap and Local Food and Farm Funding Options

PRESENTED BY JANICE HILL, ACREAGE43560, LLC

KANE COUNTY AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE,

JULY 17, 2025

**SAVING AMERICA'S WORKING LANDS** is intended to meet growing demand for cutting-edge information about protecting and retaining U.S. agricultural land. Designed for **new and seasoned conservation practitioners, agriculture industry representatives and service providers, researchers, planners, policymakers, farmers, and ranchers**, the conference will feature three days of workshops, field trips, discussion groups, and conference sessions that **elevate successes** and respond to practitioner needs for approaches to save the land that sustains us.



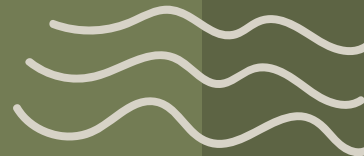
Four conference tracks, including:

It's Not Farmland Without Farmers—Agricultural Viability & Planning for Agriculture

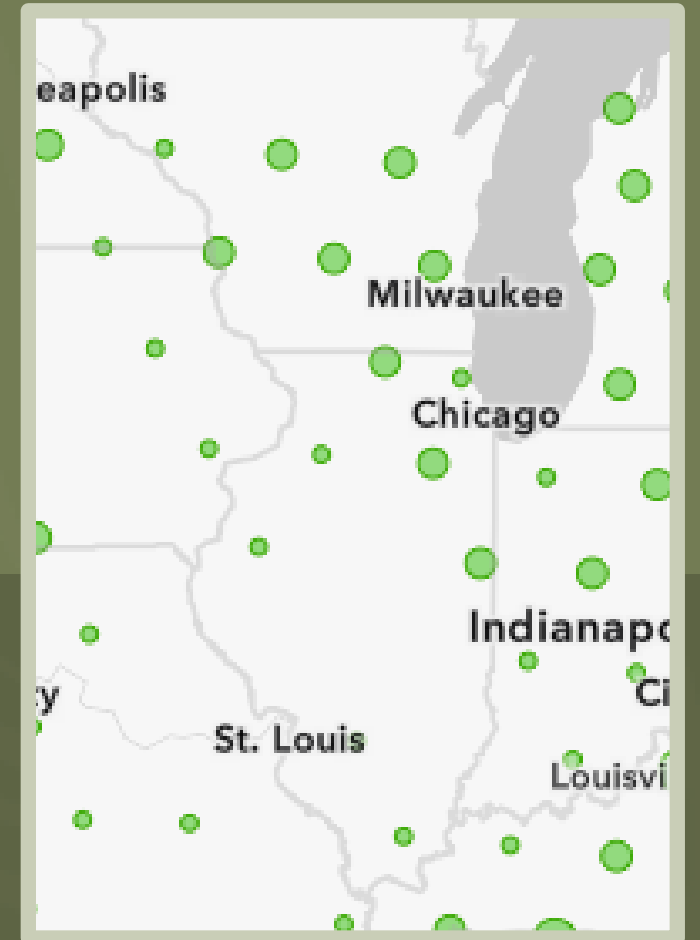
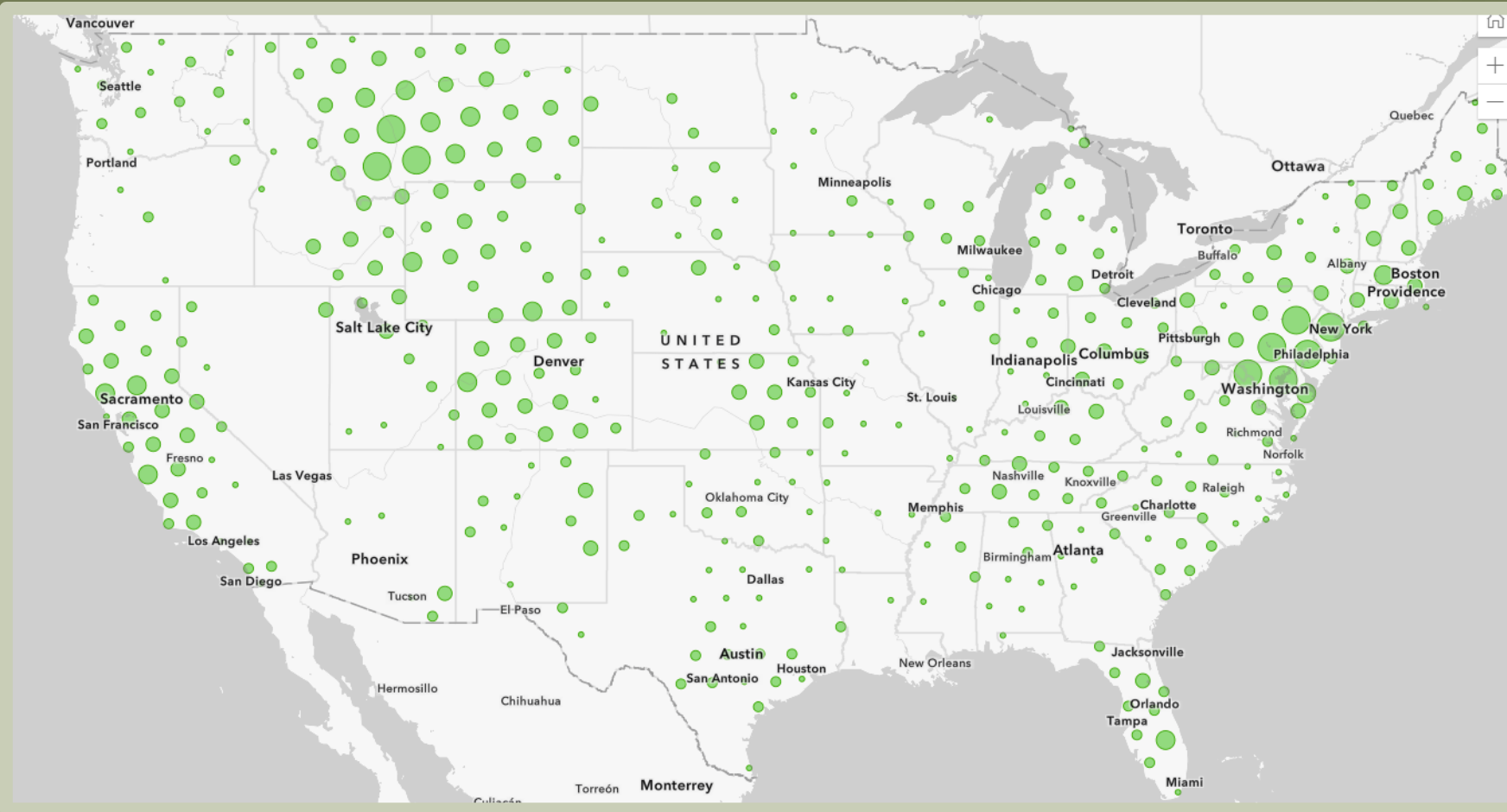
Changing Hands—Land Transfer, Access and Affordability

Managing Working Lands for Environmental Resiliency & Economic Sustainability

Forever Working Lands—About Agricultural Conservation Easements







## Protected Agricultural Lands Database

This database was compiled by the American Farmland Trust GIS Team as a complement to data gathered through surveys by AFT's Farmland Information Center of state and local Purchase of Agricultural Conservation Easements (PACE) programs and land trusts that protect agricultural land for agriculture.





## ROAD TO THE FARM BILL



Kane County  
participates in  
farmland  
protection  
starting 2002



According to a Congressional Research Service primer about the 2018 farm bill, eighteen farm bills have been enacted since the 1930s.[3]

- Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1933
- Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938
- Agricultural Act of 1948
- Agricultural Act of 1949
- Agricultural Act of 1954
- Agricultural Act of 1956
- Food and Agriculture Act of 1965
- Agricultural Act of 1970
- Agriculture and Consumer Protection Act of 1973
- Food and Agriculture Act of 1977
- Agriculture and Food Act of 1981
- Food Security Act of 1985
- Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990
- Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996
- Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002
- Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008
- Agricultural Act of 2014
- Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018





## Ordinance 01-67

- iv. The Commission may recommend changes to the Kane County Agricultural Conservation Easement and Farmland Protection Program and suggestions as to how the Kane County Agricultural conservation Easement and Farmland Protection Fund acquisition program may be integrated with the Kane County 2020 Land Resource Management Plan, the Kane County Historic Preservation Ordinance, the Kane County 2020 Transportation Plan, and the Kane County Storm water Management Ordinance and other local and regional land use plans.

## Ordinance 13-240

**Duties.** The Commission shall be responsible for assisting in raising funds for development and implementation of the Growing for Kane Program as set forth in this Ordinance, including the following additional functions, as may then be applicable:

1. The Commission shall maintain contact with public and private agencies to maximize the Funding and other resources available to the Program and coordinate efforts to encourage Locally Grown Food production and marketing.



# STATUS OF STATE PROGRAMS AS OF JANUARY 2024

Acres Protected	Program Funds Spent to Date	Additional Funds Spent to Date	Program Funds Available	Funding Sources Primary sources are in blue	State
					Alabama
4,591	\$1,636,866	\$3,273,731	N/A	N/A	
234,603	\$277,420,388	\$180,720,125	\$124,978,642		California
3,189	\$25,857,237	\$632,853	\$3,380,642	Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund, <a href="#">allocation for farmland impacted by high speed rail (cap and trade auction proceeds)</a> , mitigation fees	
59,460	\$88,569,039	\$89,277,069	\$4,898,000	Appropriations, <a href="#">bonds</a> , mitigation fees, private contributions	
70,385	\$35,688,779	\$24,807,682	\$0	N/A	
101,569	\$127,305,333	\$66,002,521	\$116,700,000	Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund ( <a href="#">cap and trade auction proceeds</a> ), California Coastal Conservancy (bonds, in combination with federal, local, and private funding sources), California Wildlife Conservation Board (appropriations, bonds), local government contributions, private contributions, ACEP-ALE, RCPP, REPI	
					Colorado
878,364	\$264,210,838	\$822,843,181	\$0	<a href="#">Lottery proceeds</a> , local government contributions, private contributions, ACEP-ALE	
					Connecticut
49,557	\$138,554,256	\$53,443,226	\$7,232,000	<a href="#">Bonds</a> , real estate transfer tax, recording fees, local government contributions, private contributions, ACEP-ALE	
148,356	\$188,407,328	\$375,264,522	\$10,000,000		Delaware
145,088	\$179,128,124	\$375,264,522	\$10,000,000	License plate revenue, property tax relief program withdrawal penalties, <a href="#">real estate transfer tax</a> , local government contributions, private contributions, ACEP-ALE, REPI	
3,268	\$9,279,204	\$0	\$0	Licence plate revenue, property tax relief program withdrawal penalties, <a href="#">real estate transfer tax</a>	
					Florida
86,810	\$142,557,359	\$37,844,234	\$130,000,000	<a href="#">Appropriations</a> , gaming revenue, ACEP-ALE, Forest Legacy Program, U.S. Fish & Wildlife (RLA)	
					Georgia
0	\$0	\$0	\$2,000,000	Appropriations	

3 Program activity includes fee simple acquisitions of agricultural land. Great Outdoors Colorado grant recipients are required to resell land acquired in fee subject to a conservation easement.

- Real Estate Transfer Tax
- Recording Fees
- Mitigation Fees



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					Hawaii
2,646	\$4,309,425	\$10,609,425	\$8,958,423	Appropriations, <a href="#">real estate transfer tax</a>	
					Kentucky
34,521	\$11,863,284	\$11,597,016	\$0	Appropriations, bonds, tobacco settlement funds, ACEP-ALE, REPI	
					Maine
9,819	\$12,706,622	\$17,295,282	N/A	<a href="#">Appropriations</a> , bonds, credit card royalties, local government contributions, private contributions, ACEP-ALE	
479,241	\$1,086,921,618	\$257,677,801	\$191,814,357		Maryland
356,592	\$680,265,840	\$246,512,856	\$129,779,023	Appropriations, <a href="#">real estate transfer tax</a> , agricultural transfer tax, local government contributions	
122,649	\$406,655,778	\$11,164,945	\$62,035,334	<a href="#">Real estate transfer tax</a> , local government contributions, ACEP-ALE, REPI, U.S. Fish & Wildlife (NAWCA)	
					Massachusetts
75,433	\$249,189,465	\$79,143,851	\$2,295,840	<a href="#">Bonds</a> , local government contributions, private contributions	
					Michigan
29,081	\$41,323,248	\$14,162,433	\$2,000,000	<a href="#">Appropriations</a> , ACEP-ALE, RCPP	
					Montana
9,923	\$888,000	\$1,420,710	\$0	N/A	
18,448	\$22,497,708	\$39,278,094	\$5,750,000		New Hampshire
2,864	\$5,000,000	\$140,000	\$750,000	Appropriations	
15,584	\$17,497,708	\$39,138,094	\$5,000,000	Appropriations, bonds, mitigation fees, <a href="#">recording fees</a> , local government contributions, private contributions, ACEP-ALE	
					New Jersey
250,697	\$1,203,425,783	\$655,883,617	\$212,671,911	Bonds, sales tax, <a href="#">corporate business tax</a> , local government contributions, REPI	
					New Mexico
5,930	\$850,000	\$1,200,000	\$0	N/A	
					New York
114,910	\$275,698,792	\$0	\$19,300,000	Environmental Protection Fund (license plate fees, real estate transfer tax, unclaimed container deposits)	
					North Carolina
34,985	\$42,924,735	\$85,884,435	\$15,000,000	<a href="#">Appropriations</a> , local government contributions, private contributions, ACEP-ALE, REPI, RCPP	
					Ohio
106,319	\$86,511,801	\$35,754,842	\$6,000,000	<a href="#">Bonds</a> , ACEP-ALE	

Agriculture  
Transfer Tax

License Plate Fees



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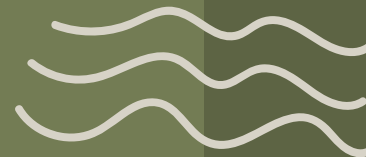
Acres Protected	Program Funds Spent to Date	Additional Funds Spent to Date	Program Funds Available	Funding Sources <i>Primary sources are in blue</i>	State
					<b>Oregon</b>
0	\$40,000	\$0	\$4,541,680	Appropriations	
					<b>Pennsylvania</b>
632,948	\$1,189,793,353	\$75,191,588	\$40,000,000	<i>Cigarette tax</i> , municipal landfill fees, use value assessment withdrawal penalties, local government contributions, ACEP-ALE, RCPP	
					<b>Rhode Island</b>
8,314	\$39,523,630	\$83,670,015	\$2,836,000	Appropriations, <i>bonds</i> , private contributions, ACEP-ALE	
					<b>South Carolina</b>
30,644	\$23,359,115	\$0	\$32,500,000	Appropriations	
					<b>Texas</b>
36,837	\$6,316,698	\$26,059,907	\$2,000,000	<i>Appropriations</i> , ACEP-ALE	
					<b>Utah</b>
56,742	\$15,741,224	\$95,538,482	\$1,350,000	Appropriations, local government contributions, private contributions, ACEP-ALE	
					<b>Vermont</b>
174,323	\$95,532,538	\$135,589,638	\$6,825,457	Appropriations, bonds, mitigation fees, <i>real estate transfer tax</i> , local government contributions, private contributions, ACEP-ALE	
					<b>Virginia</b>
25,619	\$20,065,311	\$23,494,086	\$3,275,000		
10,669	\$6,853,494	\$94,125	\$2,400,000	<i>Appropriations</i> , ACEP-ALE	
14,950	\$13,211,817	\$23,399,961	\$875,000	<i>Appropriations</i> , local government contributions, ACEP-ALE	
					<b>Washington</b>
40,516	\$36,410,348	\$55,730,714	\$5,257,765		
40	N/A	\$0	\$5,257,765	Appropriations, bonds	
40,476	\$36,410,348	\$55,730,714	\$0	<i>Appropriations</i> , local government contributions, private contributions, ACEP-ALE, REPI	
					<b>West Virginia</b>
10,745	\$8,469,302	\$7,961,971	\$4,862,000	<i>Recording fees</i> , local government contributions, ACEP-ALE	
35,459	\$53,852,179	\$28,077,113	\$6,960,000	<i>Real estate transfer tax</i> , local government contributions, ACEP-ALE, RCPP	
					<b>Wisconsin</b>
5,124	\$4,824,076	\$1,753,907	\$0	N/A	
<b>3,631,505</b>	<b>\$5,545,825,290</b>	<b>\$3,238,862,884</b>	<b>\$846,409,075</b>		<b>STATE TOTALS</b>

Cigarette tax



## Agriculture Committee direction:

Direct Development staff and consultants to work with other Kane County staff and offices to research and review funding options for Fund 430 and Fund 435, as described and provide a report and recommendations to the Agriculture Committee.





## Funding Recommendation

1. Kane County Riverboat – continued funding
2. Increase in Kane County Recording Fee
3. Farmland conversion fee for sites over 1 acre in size and 90% of prime soils collected with issuance of grading permit. Value is established at \$ 5,000 per acre.
4. Tobacco tax increase of .25
5. Installment purchase payment agreement option for agriculture conservation easements

Increase in recording fee dedicated to Fund 430

Increase in tobacco tax by .25 dedicated to Fund 435

Farmland Conversion Fee

Also consider

- Transfer tax increase
- Late payment fee for property tax

Riverboat  
FY 2026  
request

Presentation  
to Kane  
County AG  
and Finance  
Committee

Technical multi-  
department  
review for  
process

Final  
consideration  
by Kane  
County Board

Implementation  
for FY 2026





Increase in fees goes directly to Fund 430 or 435



- Recording Fees
- Land Conversion fee
- Land Transfer fee
- Motor vehicle license fee
- Proceeds of incremental increase cigarette tax



Fund  
430



Fund  
435

FUNDING PROPOSAL  
FOR CONSIDERATION

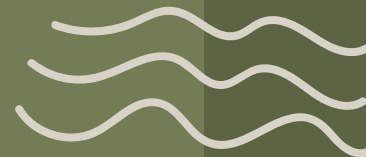


## Food and Farm Projects Underway – Funded FY 25

- Economic outcomes of Kane Farmland Protection program
- Delta Soils Project
- Strategic services for eco and economic outcomes for GFK and Eased Farms (supports future funding model)
- Farm and community outreach and project management (supports scenario planning and FY 26 funding and program buildout under future Farm Bill)



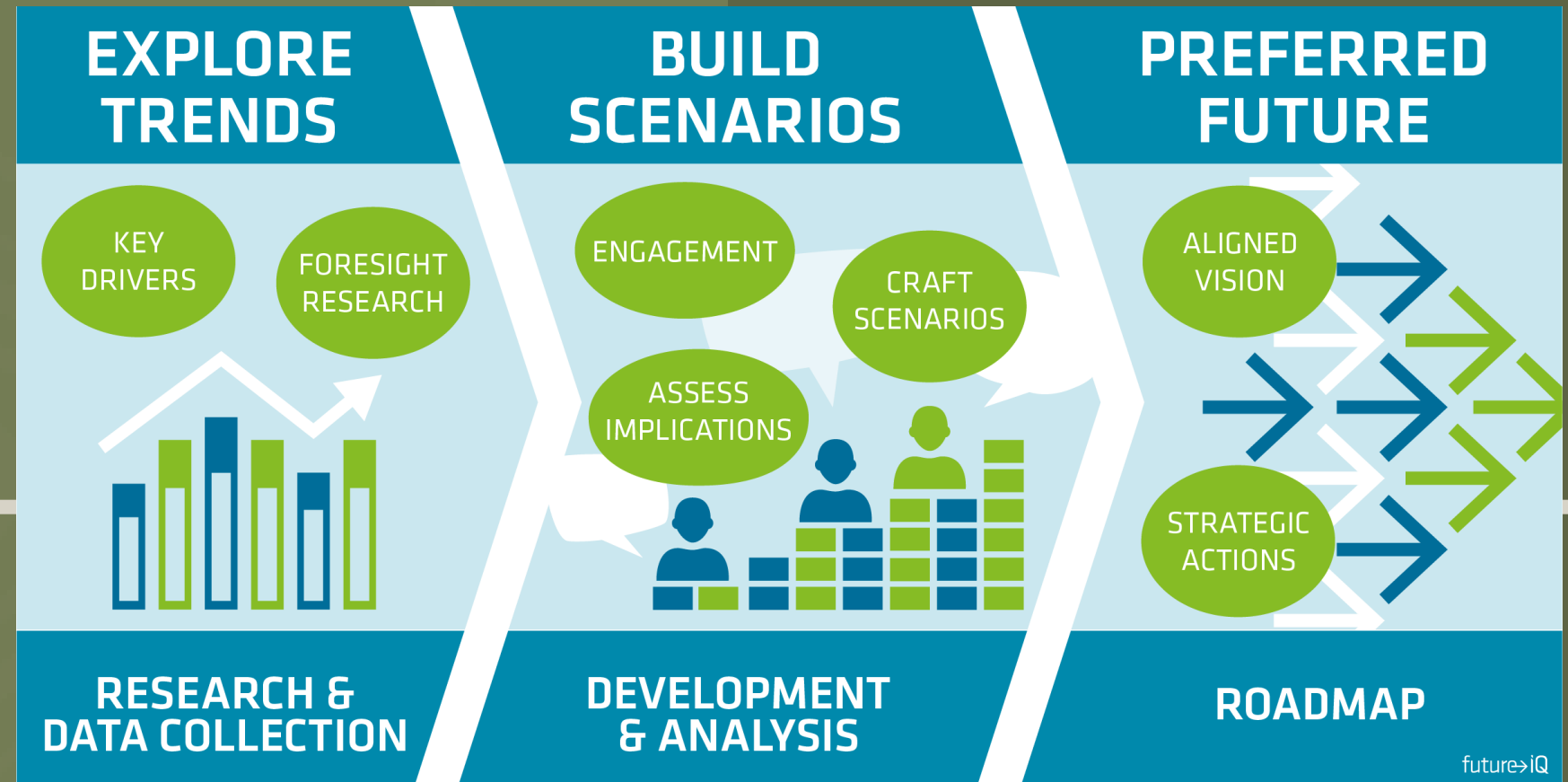
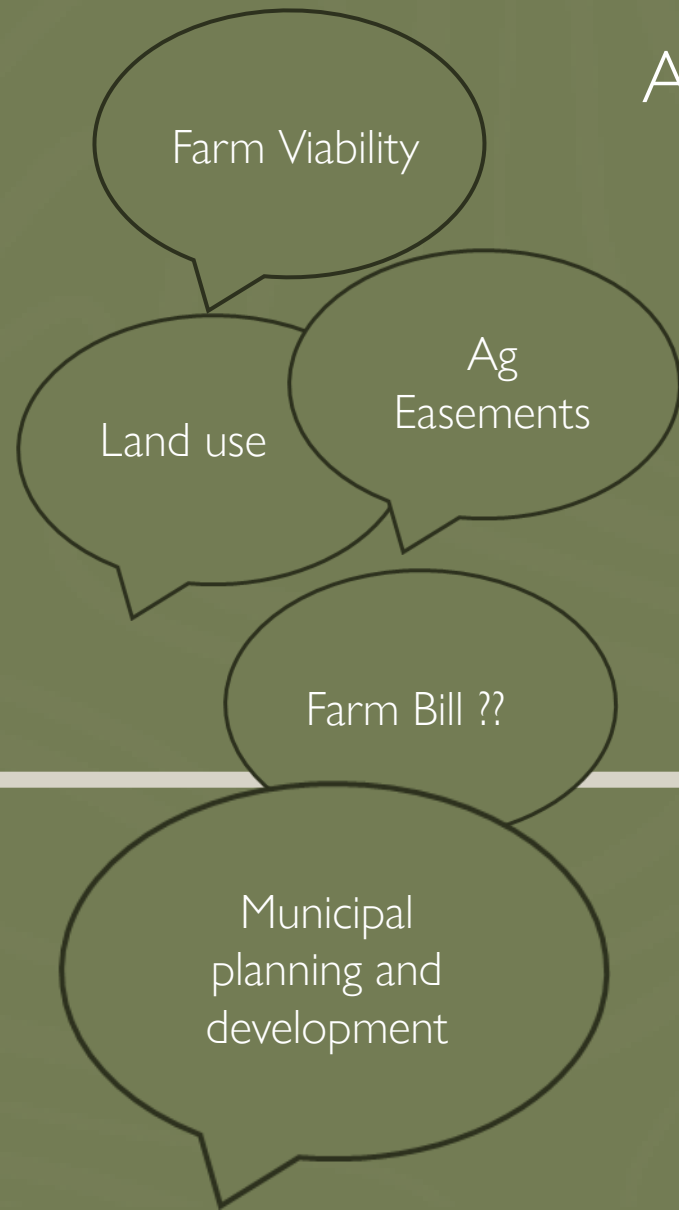
Future Kane Food  
and Farm  
Programs 2027+





# Scenario Planning for Farmland Protection and Local Foods Program for years 2026+

Approved in FY 25 budget using RB Grant Funds







THANK YOU FOR  
YOUR TIME AND  
CONSIDERATION



STATE OF ILLINOIS )  
COUNTY OF KANE ) SS.

**PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION NO. TMP-25-884**

**KANE COUNTY FOOD SYSTEMS 2025 UPDATE (ELLEN KAMPS,  
CONSULTANT)**





# KANE COUNTY FOOD SYSTEMS UPDATE

Ellen Kamps, MPA

**July 17, 2025**





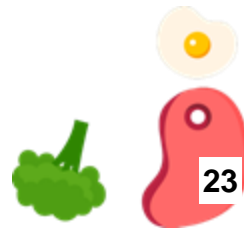
# **BRIDGING KANE COUNTY NEEDS WITH STATEWIDE + GLOBAL OPPORTUNITIES**



**KANE COUNTY,  
DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**



**KANE COUNTY ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**







# 2025 SIX MONTH UPDATE



## ILLINOIS FOOD SYSTEMS ROADMAP

- Worked directly with **Experimental Station.**
- Digitized hundreds of data points.
- Prepared responses for the **Task Force Phase 1 Report - released June 2025.**

## WASHINGTON D.C.

- **USDA** 1:1 visit
- Visited **Congress**
- **Food initiatives** @ City of Baltimore + D.C. Office of Planning

## BAYER CHICAGO INVITE


- Regenerative **agriculture practices** & technology.
- Corporate meet & greet for future **agriculture investments.**



## USDA TRADE MISSION TO PERU

- Represented Kane County at the **U.S. Peru Agribusiness Trade Mission**

## GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY CONSULTING

- **Pre-scenario planning**
  - Facilitate collective project goals, **create systems for success ahead of FY 2026.**
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# ILLINOIS FOOD SYSTEMS ROADMAP



## GROWING FOR KANE

The Growing for Kane Program was launched to support food growers in all areas of Kane county operating at any scale of production. Since the program's inception, the Kane County Agriculture Committee and County Board have directed numerous projects to support growers including grant programs, technical training, and food system studies. The County also plays a role in connecting local producers with buyers, distributors, and other value chain contributors to help expand their economic opportunities. Kane County has protected 4,927 acres of farmland from future development through their Farmland Protection Program.

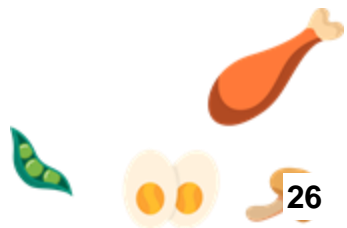
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# WASHINGTON D.C.







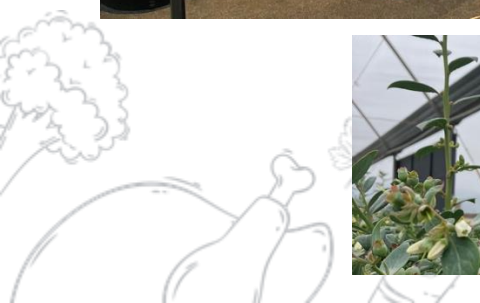
# BAYER CHICAGO INVITE







# USDA AGRIBUSINESS TRADE MISSION TO PERU





# GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY PRE-SCENARIO PLANNING



GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY



**Rebecca Chávez** She/Her · 2nd  
Director of Agricultural Programs at FRESHFARM



**Robin Chalecki** ✓ · 3rd  
President at Emily Griffith Foundation



**Trenny Stovall**  
Principal / Co-Owner





PAST 6 MONTHS = NEXT 5 MONTHS

ILLINOIS FOOD SYSTEMS ROADMAP

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PRE-SCENARIO PLANNING







**THANK YOU!**