Erie County Southtowns Farmer’s Market Vendor Buyer Spatial Study

MY IDEA FOR CHANGE
The Farmers Market Vendor Buyer Spatial Study aims to work with Southtowns high school students to learn more about Erie County Food Systems through social research and community engagement techniques. The study would survey vendors and consumers of six pre-identified farmer’s markets. This study not only provides students with additional skills, but also creates a better understanding of the relationship along the rural-suburban fringe of Southern Erie County between market growers and consumers. This project will also increase awareness of the Citizen Planning School in the Southtowns.

WHERE THE CHANGE WILL HAPPEN
Students would conduct person-to-person surveys of growers and consumers at the six operating farmers markets located in the Towns of Holland and Colden, and the villages of East Aurora, Orchard Park, Springville and Hamburg.

Planning a Change

ACTIONS TO MOVE IT FORWARD
Engage & partner with local high schools
Design survey
Recruit and train students
Conduct study

RESOURCES NEEDED TO MAKE IT HAPPEN
Best practice research, partnerships

FUNDING RANGE
$0-$500 for study expenses

About the Champion...
Ron is a Southtowns resident and the Site Administrator for Small Town Civics website. The Website provides a forum to constructively identify ways to improve small town governance. Ron is also, past chair of the Town of Colden Hydrofracking Committee and past chair of the Town of Colden’s Environmental Board. Ron is also a 2015 Champion for Change. Ron has a Master of Regional Planning degree and a PhD in Public policy.

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