

A RESOLUTION COMMENDING MIKE SCORE AND THE FOOD SYSTEM  
ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP EXTENSION TEAM ON RECEIVING THE 2008 JOHN A.  
HANNAH AWARD FOR PROGRAM EXCELLENCE

WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

DECEMBER 3, 2008

WHEREAS, the Michigan State University Extension John Hannah Award is presented annually to a superior program and is considered the most prestigious of the Extension awards as it recognizes the excellence of the program; and

WHEREAS, Mike Score and a team of five other Extension Educators have worked together across program areas, county lines and regions to facilitate collaborative and transformational change within the regional food system; and

WHEREAS, the team worked together to facilitate the development of the Food System Economic Partnership (FSEP), a five county economic development initiative focused on catalyzing change in the food system of southeastern Michigan; and

WHEREAS, the Extension educators recognized the need for a multi-disciplinary approach to creating change in the food system and they brought together leaders from all segments of the food system from farm to table to identify issues and participate in visioning, strategic planning, and development of the organizational structure of FSEP and they continue to provide leadership as part of a collaborative leadership team that has been expanded to 30 individuals; and

WHEREAS, FSEP has been transformational in creating opportunities for development within the food system which have resulted in increasing farm income and creating farm and non-farm jobs, and FSEP research and education and outreach efforts have improved consumer knowledge of the food system and improved agricultural producer knowledge of consumer needs; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners hereby commends Mike Score as a recipient of the John Hannah Award and for his leadership of the FSEP Extension team and the demonstrated success of intergovernmental cooperation and regional agricultural economic development.