

# Hello!

The **Nipissing & Area Food Roundtable** is a collaborative of community stakeholders and food champions, working to create a healthy and sustainable food system for Nipissing & area. The group meets quarterly, with working groups meeting more regularly to work on specific projects and initiatives.

This newsletter is designed to keep the community aware of the action and progress of the Roundtable, and provide information on Roundtable supported events and initiatives!

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# Spring Newsletter

## Spring Events

The **North Bay & Area Community Garden Coalition** is promoting **Grow a Row** from 8:30 AM-1 PM on **June 3rd** at the North Bay Farmers' Market.

The **North Bay Heritage Gardeners** are celebrating their **20th anniversary** at the North Bay waterfront on **June 3rd** from 12:30-4 PM.

The **Chippewa Creek EcoPath Celebration & Creek Clean-up** is on **June 4th** starting at 11 AM at 1350 Fisher Street.

**The Gathering Place Garden** is having its **Grand Opening** on **June 7th** from 11 AM-2 PM at the corner of Algonquin Ave. & McLaren St.



## Project Updates

### Backyard Hens

We wrote a position statement on backyard hens that can be found **here**. We would be happy to work with communities to create bylaws supportive of keeping backyard hens. The **Town of Mattawa** just passed a bylaw on May 25th, 2017!

### Local Food Map

In partnership with Transition Town North Bay, we created a **map of local food producers and farmers' markets** in Nipissing & area. The map will be launched during **Ontario's Local Food Week** (June 5-11)!

You can search this map:

- By location
- By product
- By how you can access local food
- By on-farm experiences
- Educators can search "school" to find out which local food producers host school groups

## Agricultural Youth Green Jobs Initiative

This **program** gives farms access to funding so they can hire Canadians 30 years old or younger to complete environmental projects. The **Green Farms** stream offers farmers funding for up to 50 per cent of the cost of hiring young interns, to a maximum of \$10,000 per worker. The **Green Internships** stream offers organizations up to 50 per cent of the cost of hiring young workers (up to \$16,000 per intern) for environmental activities, services or research that will benefit the agriculture sector.