MLCS/NEWMOA End Food Waste Project



Overview of Course Goals, & Deliverables

- 5 workshops covering the topics:
 - Introduction to Sustainable Agriculture
 - Recovered Foods and Food Security
 - Visit to Community Garden
 - Climate Change and Food Systems
 - Local Chef Session
- Goal: To learn about the importance of sustainable agriculture, how a changing climate affects food availability, and the importance of recovering excess food waste and diverting it away from landfills.
- Deliverables: At the Celebratory Event, you'll present your Campaign for Community Food Action to the greater Maverick Landing Community and celebrate your successes throughout the course.

Introduction to Sustainable Agriculture

Lesson Overview

• Students will explore the practices of sustainable agriculture and how those practices impact human health and ecosystems.

Learning Objectives

- Describe the importance of soil, freshwater and other practices in agriculture.
- Describe the principles of sustainable agriculture.

Essential Questions

• How does sustainability apply to agriculture?

What is Sustainable Agriculture?

- Sustainability means "meeting the needs of the present generation without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their needs."
- Sustainable agriculture is based on practices that are:
 - Ecologically sound
 - Economically viable, and
 - Socially responsible.





What is Sustainable Agriculture?

- Soil fertility
- Freshwater
- Pesticides & Fertilizer





What is a Life Cycle?

A *life cycle* is a series of stages a living thing goes through during its life.

Life cycle assessments evaluate the environmental impact a product has, from extraction and processing of raw materials, manufacturing, distribution, use, recycling, and final disposal.

Life Cycle Activity

- In small groups (3-4), discuss what you've learned about sustainable agriculture and life cycles.
- Outline and draw the life cycle of a food item of your choice. Afterwards we'll come back for a full group discussion and share your drawings.

FoodSpan Infographic

- 1. Crop production
- 2. Food animal production
- 3. Seafood production
- 4. Food chain workers
- 5. Climate change
- 6. Agroecology
- 7. Food distribution
- 8. Food safety

- 9. Food processing
- 10. Food labeling
- 11. Food marketing
- 12. Food environments
- 13. Food waste
- 14. Hunger and food insecurity
- 15. Food policy





Thank You!