Microfarm Project Forges Ahead with New Funding and Expansion to Marion

The Microfarm Project, led by environmental history professor and InFACT affiliate Kip Curtis with grassroots partners in Mansfield and now expanding to Marion, Ohio, empowers people to become successful small-scale farmers—with delicious results for their communities. Learn how the InFACT-supported project is thriving and ready to scale-up in Marion, Ohio.

The Microfarm Project Summit took place October 7 in Marion, Ohio.
OFPN Honors Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur at Annual Food Policy Summit

The Ohio Food Policy Network, an InFACT-supported grassroots network representing people and organizations who share values and a common vision for the food system in Ohio, held its Annual Food Policy Summit November 8. The group honored Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur with its Ohio Food Hero Award and Ohio House Representative Juanita Brent hosted a lively Q & A on food policy and soil health. Learn more about the summit at the link below.

Stepping Out & Stepping Up to Address Issues Related to Native Land Dispossession

In accordance with our strategic plan and core values, InFACT is proud to partner with Stephen Gavazzi, professor of Human Development and Family Science in the College of Education and Human Ecology, on the Stepping Out & Stepping Up Native American Racial Justice Project (detailed in past newsletter articles here and here). Learn more about land-grant universities' roles in the dispossession of Native lands—and how the Stepping Out & Stepping Up project is working to address these issues—in our most recent article.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Indigenous Food Security/Sovereignty

In accordance with our strategic plan and, in particular, the core values identified in that plan to build "Equity and social justice for all," and foster "Scientific discovery balanced with Indigenous knowledge to honor diverse sources of knowing as well as generations of students, teachers, communities, families and farmers working together," InFACT is supporting a suite of projects associated with assuring
research point of view, we are also very interested to learn what we can from indigenous farming practices and food procurement models that are still relevant to sustainable food systems today. Here are events and opportunities associated with this overall effort:

**Indigenous Food Systems Webinar/Discussion**  
**November 29, 2021, 12:00-1:30 pm**  
You are invited to a discussion regarding shared interests in past, present and future research on Indigenous food systems at Ohio State, with a focus on precolonial times. This is a continuation of our project through Ohio State’s [Seed Fund for Racial Justice](https://seedfund.osu.edu) entitled Stepping Out & Stepping Up: Toward Truth & Reconciliation with Dispossessed Native American Tribes, and marks the close of Native American Heritage Month. The event will include a robust and enlightening exchange of ideas and planning with an emphasis on interdisciplinary research efforts that could occur in the future to help assure the food security and/or sovereignty of Native communities here in Ohio and the well-being of all people. We will begin with a presentation regarding sensitivities in doing research involving Indigenous knowledge and communities and hear also from a few folks who have already worked in this important area. We would love to hear of your interests as well! Please register [here](https://example.com) to receive a Zoom link for the event.

**Newark Earthworks Center Exhibit Now Open through December 7**  
LeFevre Gallery, The Ohio State University at Newark  
**Contact John N. Low for questions or to arrange a guided tour:**  
low.89@osu.edu

**Ohio State's Inspire Podcast: Grappling with the Land Grant Truth**  
[Listen on Podbean](https://podbean.com) or [Spotify](https://open.spotify.com).

**Other Events**

**Acres USA Ag-Eco Conference & Trade Show — Cincinnati, Ohio**  
**December 6-9, 2021**

**43rd Annual OEFFA Conference: Rooted and Rising (Hybrid event)**  
**February 12, 2022 Online**  
**February 17-19, 2022 In-person in Dayton, Ohio**

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