

The SIU System Office of Community Engagement

Alton, Let's Build Our Food Future Together: A Working Session to Shape the Alton Food Hub and Take Action

The Wedge

620 E Broadway, Alton, IL

Wednesday, May 20, 2026, 3:00 – 4:30 PM

Free and Open to the Public



What if Alton had a place where farmers, small grocers, and neighbors could connect? A place that expands our access to fresh, healthy food? A place that creates opportunity, right here in our community? That's the vision of the Alton Food Hub – and we need your voice to help shape it.

In July 2025, a group of community leaders, organizations, and local partners came together to launch a task force and begin shaping a vision for an Alton Food Hub. The vision has continued to take shape, guided by early planning and a shared belief that this work should be collaborative, inclusive, and rooted in community priorities.

Now, we're ready to open the conversation wider. This Community Collaboration Lab is a next step – an opportunity to build on that foundation, bring in new voices, and begin turning ideas into action. If you care about food access, local businesses, community health, or economic opportunity, your voice belongs in this conversation. You'll join others in real conversation about:

- What the plan gets right
- What still needs to be figured out
- Who else should be at the table

And most importantly – what we can start doing now.
You won't leave with just ideas. You'll leave with a way to plug in.
If you've been waiting for a way to get involved—this is it

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