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The Canadian Coalition for Green Health Care
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Local Food in the Public Sector: A Perspective for Health Care

Wednesday, April 20th, 2011
Burlington, ON

Please Join Us!

St. Joseph's Health Centre Guelph and St. Joseph's Healthcare Systems-Group Purchasing Organization are working to increase the procurement of local food in Ontario healthcare facilities. This is an exciting opportunity that requires input from stakeholders throughout the food system. To help further this initiative, **you are cordially invited to a dynamic, one-day workshop** to learn about the project findings and contribute as we collaborate on future opportunities. Your background and input in this process will be invaluable, and will contribute a needed perspective to the discussion.

Project Summary

The project is primarily focused on determining how much food in Health Care is currently from the province of Ontario. This information will be used to encourage the procurement of local, Ontario food by the province's health care institutions. This will be achieved by working with stakeholders throughout the health care food value chain to identify new and emerging opportunities. It is hoped that this project will result in an increased investment in Ontario's Agricultural sector, which will help create stronger and healthier communities and landscapes. The project is led by St. Joseph's Health Centre Guelph and St. Joseph's Health System-GPO, in collaboration with The Canadian Coalition For Green Health Care, My Sustainable Canada, Local Food Plus, and Originz.



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Please RSVP at:

<http://localfoodandhealthcare.eventbrite.com>

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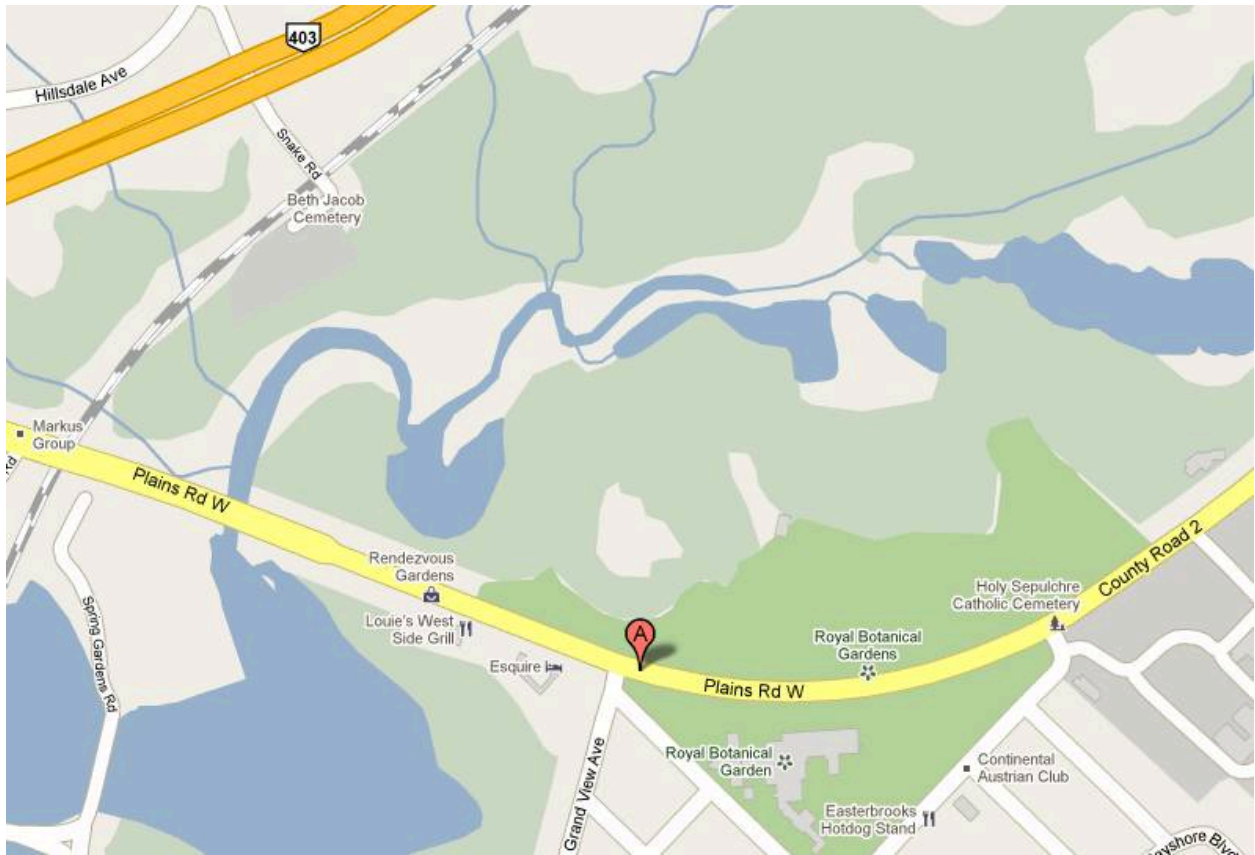
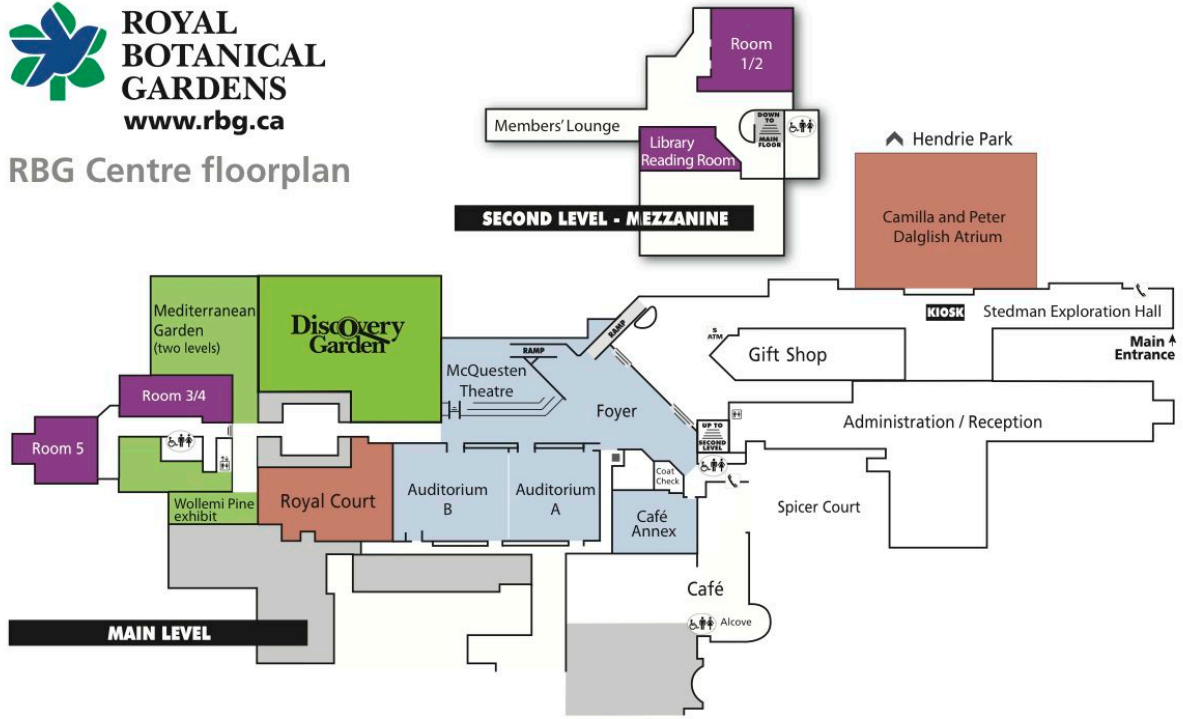
Wednesday, April 20th,
8:30am-2:30pm

Where

The Royal Botanical
Gardens, Room 1 & 2
www.rbg.ca

680 Plains Road West,
Burlington, Ontario

RBG Centre floorplan



Agenda

- 8:30 am **Registration & Refreshments**
- 9:00 am **Welcome and Opening Remarks**
- 9:05 am **Why Local Food?**
Perspectives on the value of strong regional food systems
Presentation of “Local Food for Healthcare” results
- 9:45 am **Assessing Sector-Specific Issues**
Participant discussions about sector specific implications and opportunities to procuring local food.
- 10:45 am **Coffee Break & Networking**
- 11:00 am **Developing the Common Ground**
Facilitated, cross-sector group discussions about new collaborations and synergies. Food categories of focus will be: Dairy, Eggs, Meat and Poultry, and Produce/Refrigerated Items.
- 12:30 pm **Lunch & Networking**
A local food lunch prepared by the Chefs at the Royal Botanical Gardens
- 1:30 pm **Semi-Moderated Group Discussion**
Discussion about realistic short-term goals, and what forms of assistance are needed to increase the procurement of local food in the public sector.
- 2:00 pm **Next Steps and Workshop Evaluation**
- 2:15 pm **Closing Statements**