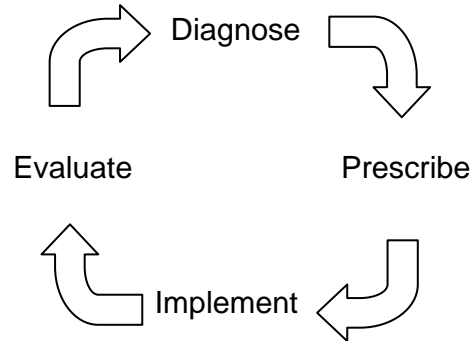


Local Food System Development:  
A Project-Based Approach



Diagnose

How do we bring people together to think about/reflect upon our current food system?  
What are the key issues and concerns that should be addressed?  
What assets are available to address those concerns?  
*What information do we need to answer these types of questions? How can we get it?*

Prescribe

What forces are currently helping/hindering solutions to our problems?  
What are our goals? Where do we want to get to?  
What are the alternative strategies we might pursue? How do we choose which one(s)?  
How will we deploy the assets we have – what/when/who?  
*What information do we need to answer these types of questions? How can we get it?*

Implementing

How do we implement the project in a way that strengthens the group while meeting individuals' needs? How do we successfully tap into individuals' strengths?  
How do we do it in a way that enhances our public presence?  
*What information do we need to answer these types of questions? How can we get it?*

Evaluating

How will we know if we are on the right track?  
Who will make sure we modify our project if we are not?  
How will we know if our strategies worked or not?  
How will we know if we achieved our goals?  
*What information do we need to answer these types of questions? How can we get it?*

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