

RESOLUTION 8-1

WHEREAS, starting in 2022, Sangamon County began working with the Community Foundation for the Land of Lincoln on its Next10 goal to enhance the Urban-Rural connection; and

WHEREAS, Sangamon County with the Community Foundation for the Land of Lincoln hired Beyond Green Partners (BGP) in 2022 to conduct an assessment report to study how to build a foundation for a long lasting local food system in Sangamon County

WHEREAS, the first recommendation in the report was to identify pilot institutions in the region to secure early buy-in and support for the initiative and ensure consistent demand for local growers and producers; and

WHEREAS, Sangamon County communicated with school superintendents through the Sangamon-Menard Regional Office of Education to discuss the Farm to School opportunities and offer to fund some preliminary assessments.

WHEREAS, several school were interested in the idea and Sangamon County funded three additional preliminary assessments for Pawnee CUSD #11, Springfield District 186's Lanphier High School and Jefferson Middle Schools.

WHEREAS, Springfield District 186 plans to move forward to with its own further planning and implementation; and

WHEREAS, Pawnee CUSD #11 was very enthusiastic about moving forward and partnering with Beyond Green Partners on a 3-year training program to transform its operation to a scratch cooking foodservice program with a diverse menus that uses local and fresh ingredients.

WHEREAS, Sangamon County's Farm to Table Advisory Committee recommends that BGP works with Pawnee CUSD#11 to create a project plan and implement a program that is detailed in the contract and proposal that will be considered a pilot project where the learnings can be shared with other entities that are interested in funding their own projects in the future.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sangamon County Board, in session this 12th day of September, 2023, does hereby engage the Sangamon County administration to execute a contract with Beyond Green Partners on a 3-year pilot program in Pawnee for an amount not to exceed \$180,000.

Chairman, Sangamon County Board

ATTEST:

County Clerk

Approved by the Finance Committee August 23, 2023

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Don Hayes
Sangamon County Clerk

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