



Western New York Regional Economic Development Council

Agriculture Work Group Meeting

May 14, 2012 – 9am-11am
Martin Room – Larkin @ Exchange – 6th Floor
726 Exchange Street, Buffalo, NY 14210

AGENDA

1. **Erie County Food System Report Presentation** – Prof. Samina Raja, Tamara S. Wright, Brian W. Conley
– University at Buffalo, School of Architecture and Planning
2. **Regional “Buy Local” Campaign Development**
3. **NYS Pesticide Regulation Review** – Jim Strickland – NYS DEC
4. **Agriculture Labor Project Discussion** – We need projects and ideas that will help relieve the extreme pinch the industry is feeling
 - a. Capital projects that increase efficiency and decrease need for labor (i.e. automation)
 - b. Alternative sources of labor (i.e. training programs, transportation) which might offer some advantages over H2a
 - c. H2a shortcomings