

***Imagine KC: Building Healthy, Local Food Systems***

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Kansas City residents are looking for better access to fresh, local food, and are showing an interest in producing and selling food closer to home. KCPT will air *Imagine KC: Building Healthy, Local Food Systems*, Thursday, June 30, at 7:30pm. Host Sue Patterson explores the efforts that are being made to create a more sustainable local food system.

In this episode of *Imagine KC*, we interview Beth Low, Director of the Greater Kansas City Food Policy Coalition and Gretchen Kunkel, President of KC Healthy Kids. Both organizations strive to improve the health and nutrition of Kansas City residents.

We take a look at Urban Farming in Kansas City. Farmers featured include Urbavore & Badseed Farmers Market, which was named the 2011 Farmers' Market of the Year by the Missouri Department of Agriculture, as well as Natural Grown Farm in Shawnee, and the New Roots for Refugees program at Juniper Farms in Kansas City, KS.

We also look at a growing concern around food accessibility. Many residents of Kansas City live in neighborhoods where healthy food is scarce to non-existent. The residents in these food deserts are taking action - like the Ivanhoe Neighborhood, along Prospect between 31st and Emmanuel Cleaver Boulevard. The neighborhood has received a grant from the Healthcare Foundation of Greater Kansas City to address the problem and soon residents will have access to a network of farm stands and will boast a new brand "Made in Ivanhoe."

In the final segment we take a quick tour of two schoolyard gardens mentored by Kansas City Community Gardens - Hogan Preparatory High School in Kansas City and Ridgeview Elementary School in Olathe, Kansas.

For more information visit [www.imaginekc.org](http://www.imaginekc.org), <http://kcpt.org/blog/2011/05/01/imagine-kc-creating-sustainable-places/> or the Friends of KCPT Facebook page.

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