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Fresno Urban Ag Project



History

- EPA-sponsored Fresno workshops
 - Implementation Plan
- ARC award 2011 to Fresno RDA
- CMC – FYC interest in community garden
- Urban AG project proposed
 - Partnerships
 - Research
 - Outreach & Workshops
- EPA / SRA / CCLR roles



The Center for
Multicultural Cooperation



The
California
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Fresno Youth Council (FYC) & Center for Multicultural Cooperation (CMC)



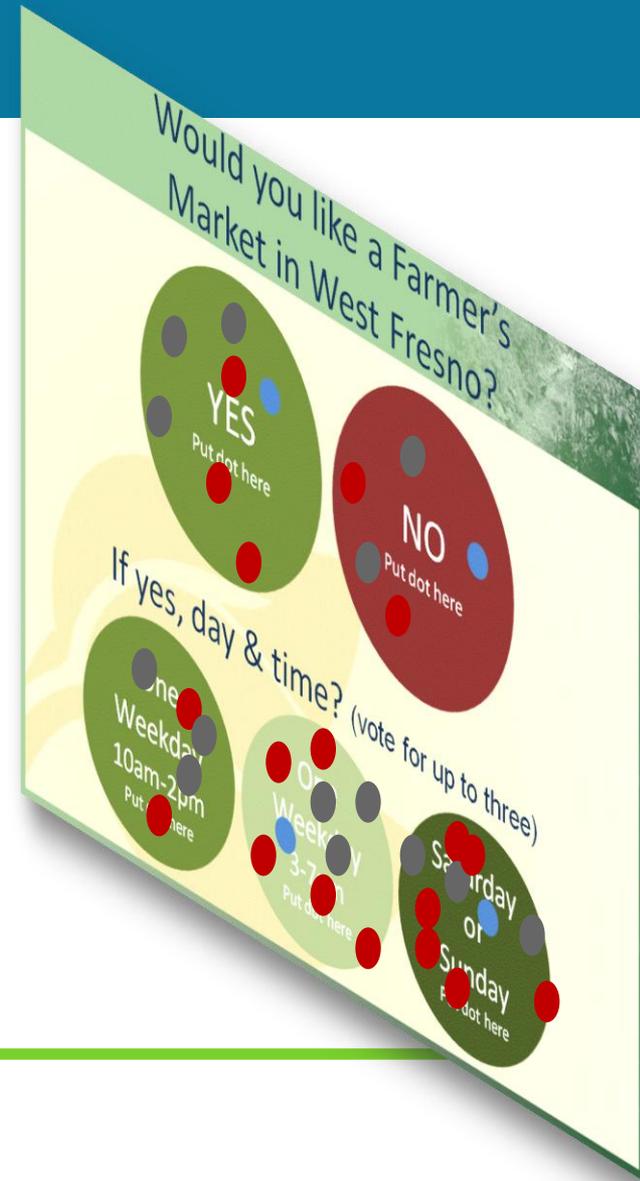
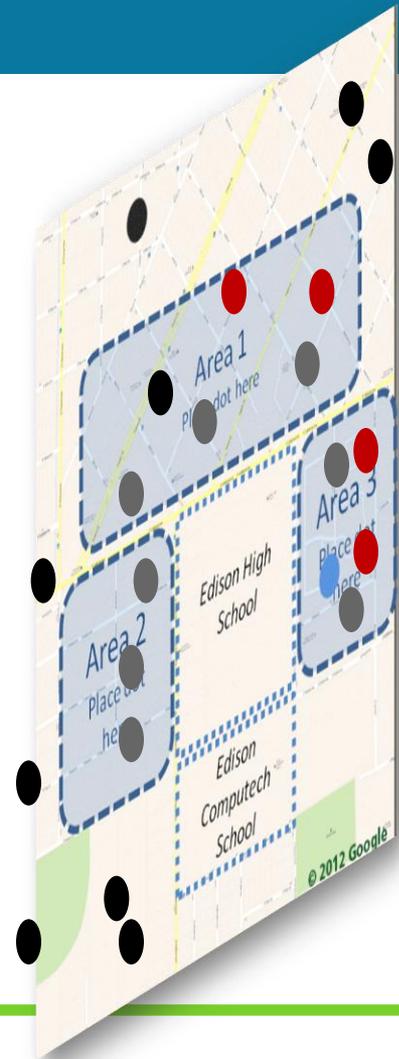
“To ensure that youth are not left out of important decisions that help transform our communities into thriving, healthy places, preserve the environment and provide economic opportunities for all people.”

CMC is a non-profit organization that focuses on producing outcomes for social justice that empower, revitalize and transform communities..



Youth at Work

- Program formulation
- Site selection and research
- Refine program
- Outreach
- Organize workshop



Interim Findings & Final Recommendations

Interim

- Incorporation of other issues
 - Food security issues
 - Youth safety & education
 - Art & recreation
- Create urban garden near a school
- Incorporate in school curriculum

Final

- Network of community gardens
- Food distribution system
- Steps for first garden - implementation
- More outreach and research for network of gardens – capacity

Twists of Fate

- Redevelopment abolished / staff
- Workshop & Final Report
- CMC staff realignment
- Fresno Metro Ministry – one of the partners – assuming project
- TBA for site and EPA cooperation on future assessments / cleanup

Lessons Learned

- Other EJ issues
- Local capacity issues
- City leadership & commitment
- Planning & zoning process/regulations
- Partnerships
 - Federal
 - Non-profit
 - Schools
 - Neighborhoods
 - Churches
- Perseverance