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Who: Public Informational Meeting
What: **Building a Resilient Food System in Plymouth County**
When: Wednesday, June 25, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.
Where: Virtual via Zoom: register at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/foodresiliency>

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AGENDA

1. Welcome & Introductions (2 minutes)

- *Mary Waldron, Old Colony Planning Council*
 - Welcome and purpose of the meeting
 - Acknowledgment of partners and attendees

2. Project Overview (5 minutes)

- *Joanne Zygmunt, Old Colony Planning Council*
 - Background on the MVP grant
 - Project partners: OCPC, Plymouth County, Marion Institute
 - Why a food system resilience plan, and why now?
 - Project timeline and major phases (June 2025–June 2026)

3. Introducing the Marion Institute and the CARAT Process (15 minutes)

- *Liz Wiley and Rita Higgins, Marion Institute*
 - Who is the Marion Institute
 - What is the Community and Agriculture Resilience Audit Tool (CARAT)?
 - How and why the CARAT is being used
 - Themes and indicators
 - How it complements technical assessments and supports long-term planning

4. Ways to Participate (10 minutes)

- *Rita Higgins, Marion Institute (7 minutes)*
 - Community Advisory Board (CAB): purpose, themes, time commitment
- *Joanne Zygmunt, Old Colony Planning Council (3 minutes)*
 - Project Steering Committee
 - Interviews, focus groups, and public events
 - Other volunteer roles (pop-ups, community dinners, outreach)

5. Q&A and Open Discussion (25 minutes)

- *Liz Wiley and Rita Higgins, Marion Institute; Bill Napolitano and Joanne Zygmunt, Old Colony Planning Council*
 - Questions or comments from participants
 - Opportunity to express early ideas, concerns, or priorities

6. Next Steps & Closing (3 minutes)

- *Joanne Zygmunt, Old Colony Planning Council*
 - Upcoming Community Advisory Board (CAB) and Steering Committee meetings
 - Webpage and contact info
 - Thank you, and a reminder to spread the word – who's missing?

Questions about this agenda should be directed to Joanne Zygmunt at jzygmunt@ocpcrpa.org or (774) 539-5059.