



IUAN Milestones

2011

SPRING:

Growing Power founder Will Allen pitches idea to UW-Milwaukee Chancellor Mike Lovell, agreement to start an institute for urban agriculture.

Representatives from UW-Milwaukee, UW-Madison, UW Extension and Growing Power begin developing long-term planning for establishing an institute with other partners.

NOVEMBER:

Institute holds its first academic/community symposium at UW-Milwaukee with more than 200 attendees.

2012

APRIL: Temporary steering committee convenes, representing the member institutions: six universities/colleges, City of Milwaukee, Growing Power, and Milwaukee Food Council.

JULY: Baseline funding provided by Chancellor Lovell, first staff member is hired.

NOVEMBER:

IUAN hosts reception for Milwaukee community to update stakeholders on the development of IUAN and to enlist the support of multiple organizations.

2013

JANUARY: Leaders of each member institution sign MOU agreeing to work together to establish IUAN.

JULY: Growth Agenda for Wisconsin grant is awarded to IUAN, supporting the development of the IUAN Organizational Structure, including the Community Collaborative Council (CCC), the community advisory group of IUAN. Additional staff are hired.

FALL: Organizational Structure Taskforce convenes with members of IUAN steering committee, and later augmented with community-based executive consultants (CEC).

2014

JANUARY: Healthier Wisconsin Partnership Program grant is awarded to support three pilot projects.

CCC convenes via the Milwaukee Food Council, discussions begin surrounding IUAN's organizational structure.

APRIL: IUAN holds first Symposium at UW-Madison.

APRIL/MAY: P3 Development retained as facilitators of summer Organizational Structure retreats. CCC and steering committee meet.

MAY: IUAN holds second Symposium at MSOE.

JUNE: First retreat is held with CCC, CEC, and steering committee members and staff. Agenda: Establish shared guiding principles for IUAN, and establish draft historical timeline of Milwaukee Food System.

JULY: One-on-one meetings held with additional food system stakeholders (outside of Milwaukee Food Council) to gather critical feedback.

Second retreat is held. Agenda: Review Organizational Structure options based on established guiding principles.

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER: Share draft Organizational Structure Recommendation document with Milwaukee Food Council, CCC, CEC, additional stakeholders, and member institutions. Gather feedback.

OCTOBER: Third retreat is held to finalize Organizational Structure Recommendation document.

2015

OCTOBER 2014:

IUAN holds third Symposium in partnership with Clinical and Translational Science Institute, Marquette University, and Medical College of Wisconsin.

IUAN launches FoodLink-Milwaukee website.

DECEMBER 2014:

IUAN holds fourth Symposium at UW-Milwaukee.

DECEMBER 2014 – MAY 2015:

Organizational Structure Recommendation document reviewed by the institutions' leadership and legal departments. Revisions made.

SUMMER 2015:

Organizational Structure is ratified.

FALL 2015: Legal proceedings begin to establish Organizational Structure.