



Official Invitation to Food Shed Co-op's Groundbreaking Ceremony

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The official groundbreaking ceremony for McHenry County Food Cooperative, DBA Food Shed Co-op, is scheduled to take place on Tuesday, July 18th, 2023 from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm at 10806 US-14, Woodstock, IL 60098.

With some of the co-op's 1700+ founding owners having invested as far back as 2014, groundbreaking for the store has been long anticipated. A ceremony is being planned for this milestone that will include comments from Mike Turner, mayor of the city of Woodstock, Clint Gabbard, president of McHenry County College, as well as Scott Brix, vice president of the co-op's board of directors. Other McHenry County and city officials will be on hand to witness the start of the store's building project.

Food Shed Co-op invites its owners, members of the public and the press for the launch of their community-owned grocery store.

Earlier this month, a partnership between Food Shed Co-op and Gallant Building Solutions was announced, along with news that pre-construction would begin in late June of this year and groundbreaking would soon follow. The July event will be held in the open space of the neighboring business, Woodstock Sterile Solutions, and parking will be available in their lot for attendees of the groundbreaking ceremony.

Food Shed Co-op is a community-owned and controlled grocery store open to the public. They prioritize local suppliers whenever possible. It will be a place for community members to gather, shop and nourish their families. The co-op is committed to offering shoppers access to affordable quality foods and teaching people about the foods they eat. The store will have a full breadth of departments, with Produce being their signature category. Their mission is to offer only the best quality, sustainable, local, and organic produce in the marketplace. When open, the store will be 9,000 square feet and offer approximately 5,000 items.

You can support the Food Shed Co-op by signing up now to become a Founding Owner at <https://www.foodshed.coop/become-an-owner> (<http://www.foodshed.coop/become-an-owner>).

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