



## Takoma Park City Council Meeting – February 17, 2021 Agenda Item 1

### **Presentation**

Crossroads Farmers Market Update

### **Recommended Council Action**

Hear the presentation.

### **Context with Key Issues**

The Crossroads Farmers Market was established in 2007 as a producers-only market that features a range of food options from vendors selling fresh fruits, vegetables, eggs, meat and other value-added food products, as well as food demos and tastings, kids' activities, live music, and other events. Located in Ward 6 on Anne Street, between University Boulevard East and Hammond Avenue, the Crossroads Market was the first farmers market in Maryland to accept federal nutrition benefits, and the first in the country to launch a "double dollar" incentive program to match the value of these benefits.

The City of Takoma Park has long been a supporter of the market providing numerous grants to the market and its parent organization, the Crossroads Community Food Network.

Sara Servin, Farmers Market Program Manager, will provide the update. She will be accompanied by Lauren Goldberg, Crossroads Community Food Network Executive Director, and Janet Rumble, Deputy Director.

### **Council Priority**

Livable Community for All  
Environmentally Sustainable Community

### **Environmental Considerations**

The activities of the Crossroads Farmers Market help advance the Council's sustainability and environmental goals as food sold at producer only farmers markets are typically grown using methods that minimize the impact on the environment, are transported shorter distances, and are less likely to be sold with extra packaging than that found in most retail stores.

### **Fiscal Considerations**

N/A

### **Racial Equity Considerations**

The Market is located in a community with many immigrants and people of color.

### **Attachments and Links**