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BUTTIGIEG JOINS EPA ADMINISTRATOR TO HIGHLIGHT SUSTAINABLE FOOD MANAGEMENT

Mayor Pete Buttigieg and EPA Region 5 Administrator Susan Hedman discussed sustainable food management and the EPA's Food Recovery Challenge with local restaurateurs. The program is a pledge businesses and organizations can take to prevent and divert wasted food.

“There is a need within our community, where many residents are hungry on a daily basis while tons of wasted food gets dumped into our landfills,” Mayor Buttigieg says. “EPA's challenge brings attention to potential solutions to this problem and encourages sustainable food production and consumption practices.”

South Bend restaurants Brew Werks and LaSalle Grill, food cooperative Purple Porch, and Ivy Tech Community College North Central Hospitality Administration program are taking steps to prevent unnecessary food loss, while the Food Bank of Northern Indiana and YWCA North Central Indiana have programs to put excess food safely into the hands of the hungry.

One in five children in Indiana suffers from food insecurity, and an estimated third of all food produced becomes disposed waste, generating both economic and environmental losses.

“Area businesses are trying out programs from smart inventory tracking to composting to donation of surplus food,” says Therese Dorau, South Bend's sustainability director. “Working together, we can reduce food loss and waste in order to improve overall food security and conserve natural resources.”

The EPA offers resources for sustainable food management at www2.epa.gov/sustainable-management-food.

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