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**5th Annual EAT LOCAL NOW! DINNER BONDS LOCAL FOOD PRODUCERS,
CITY FOLK & CHEFS OVER GREAT LOCAL FOOD**

Event at high school encourages youth involvement

SEATTLE (March 27, 2008) – Sustainable Ballard and BALLE Seattle present: the 5th Annual Eat Local Now! Dinner at Ballard High School on April 29th, 2008 with Ballard High Schools Youth Earth Service Corps. Always a sell-out, Eat Local Now! promotes year-round support of local food, and it gives neighbors the opportunity to share in community with those who feed them.

The 2008 Eat Local Now! will look at how flooding issues affect Western Washington farmers and farmland. Mike Peroni, from Boistfort Valley Farm in Curtis, WA, and Erick Haakenson, from Jubilee Farm in Carnation, WA, two farms affected by flooding over the last two winters, will be the evenings featured speakers. A portion of the proceeds from a silent auction during the event will be donated to a local farmer emergency relief fund.

The 2008 Eat Local Now! will also remain accessible to the community with affordable ticket prices, as the event's goals are both to support our local food system and to allow our urban community the opportunity to mingle with the wonderful farmers, fishers, ranchers, bakers; all those who make our whole local food system possible. Those willing are welcome to purchase tickets at the "supporter" level.

The Earth Service Corp, an environmental student club at Ballard High School, will also contribute to the event by publicizing it in their school, helping with day-of logistics and providing some perspective on their school composting program.

Sustainable Ballard is a non-profit organization developing a grassroots vision of sustainability for the community of Ballard. Currently working with over 25 different organizations, Sustainable Ballard invites all people, organizations, and businesses to find their place on the spectrum of responsibility and sustainability.

BALLE Seattle is a member of the Business Alliance for Local Living Economies, whose goal is to promote, educate and connect local businesses to enhance the King County economy through different programs such as BALLE Business Basics workshops, the Local First Campaign, the Eat Local Now! Dinner and collaborating with other organizations.

(Go to www.eatlocalnow.org for tickets & info.)

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