

FOOD

# Have a seat at the Sustainable Table

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Celebrations of wholesome, organic and local foods are nothing new to Ann Arbor. But on Saturday a sustainable foods extravaganza like none before will roll into town in none other an enormous, green bio-fueled bus, complete with cartoon cows in outfits spoofing "The Matrix" painted on its sides.

It's the Sustainable Table's "Eat Well Guided Tour of America," and Ann Arbor will be city 23 on the nonprofit organization's 29-city excursion through the country's most sustainable food stops.

So how did a nonprofit in New York decide to add Ann Arbor to its list of places to visit? According to the Sustainable Table's executive director Diane Hatz, it was our nationwide reputation. "This whole tour was planned by word of mouth," she said. "I was told, 'You really should go to Ann Arbor, there's so much



The "Eat Well Guided Tour of America" stops in Ann Arbor on Saturday.

going on there.' "

The Ann Arbor stop will begin with lunch at Zingerman's Deli, followed by a tour of the Farmer's Market, People's Food Coop, Eve Restaurant, Growing Hope Community Gardens and the Agrarian Adventure school garden project.

The local tour stop will culminate in a public, "Pie Lovers Unite" pie festival at the Ypsilanti

Women's Literary Club, 218 N. Washington St. in Ypsilanti, co-hosted by Slow Food Huron Valley and Growing Hope. All area residents are encouraged to attend with their own homemade pies in tow for judging, tasting and a pie walk. For more information on the Sustainable Table and the "Eat Well Guided Tour of America," visit [www.sustainabletable.org](http://www.sustainabletable.org).

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