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**HAMILTON COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT AND THE FARMERS BANK
CONTINUE SUMMER PRODUCE DONATION PROGRAM**

(Noblesville, IN)..... The Hamilton County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) and The Farmers Bank are relaunching an annual program that encourages the public to donate fresh produce for county food pantries. 2017 was the inaugural year which successfully provided over 400 lbs. of produce to people experiencing food insecurity. Every Monday from July 2 – September 24 (excluding Labor Day), the public may drop off produce donations to the Sheridan branch of The Farmers Bank (987 South White Avenue) between 9am – 4:30pm. Every Wednesday from June 27 – September 26 (excluding Independence Day), the public may drop off produce donations to the Noblesville branch of The Farmers Bank (16940 Clover Road) between 9am – 5pm. All donations will stay local and be given to food pantries in Sheridan and Noblesville. People are welcome to donate produce they have grown themselves or that they have purchased at farmers markets or grocery stores.

The convenient locations of both branches will make it easy for people to drop off donations while running errands or on their lunch hour. No donation is too small—even smaller donations of a few tomatoes or a few ears of corn all add up and make an impact on local food insecurity.

For more information about the summer produce donation program, call (317) 773-2181 or email andrew.fritz@hamiltoncounty.in.gov.

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