



RESOURCES

GROWING FOOD CONNECTIONS

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GFC Team

American Farmland Trust – www.farmland.org works to save the land that sustains us by protecting farmland, promoting sound farming practices, and keeping farmers on the land. Its **Farmland Information Center** (www.farmlandinfo.org) provides a staffed answer service and a comprehensive collection of sample policies, statistics, literature, and other resources on farmland protection and planning for agriculture.

Cultivating Healthy Places – <https://cultivatinghealthyplaces.com/> is an international consulting business specializing in social equity, community health, and resilient food systems planning.

Food Systems Planning and Healthy Communities Lab at the University at Buffalo – <http://foodsystemsplanning.ap.buffalo.edu/> is dedicated to research that critically examines the role of planning and local government policy in facilitating sustainable food and healthy communities.

John Glenn College of Public Affairs – <http://glenn.osu.edu/> is committed to inspiring and developing leaders of a new generation of public and nonprofit professionals who can take on complex issues and make change a reality in civic life.

GFC Publications and Resources

Essential Food System Reader – <http://growingfoodconnections.org/tools-resources/food-systems-reader>

A collection of published resources related to community food production and community food security.

Local Government Food Policy Database – <http://growingfoodconnections.org/tools-resources/policy-database/>

A searchable collection of local public policies that support community food systems.

GFC Briefs

Exploring Stories of Innovation – <http://growingfoodconnections.org/publications/briefs/exploring-stories-of-innovation/>

Highlight the food system planning and policy work from GFC Communities of Innovation.

Exploring Stories of Opportunity – <http://growingfoodconnections.org/publications/briefs/exploring-stories-of-opportunity/>

Document the food system opportunities and challenges in the GFC Communities of Opportunity.

Planning and Policy – <http://growingfoodconnections.org/publications/briefs/planning-and-policy-briefs/>

Highlight planning and policy strategies used by local governments to promote agricultural viability and/or healthy food access.

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS AND NETWORKS

American Planning Association – www.planning.org

APA Food Systems Planning Interest Group
<https://apafig.wordpress.com>

ChangeLab Solutions – <http://www.changelabsolutions.org>

Johns Hopkins Center for a Livable Future's Food Policy Networks – <http://www.foodpolicynetworks.org/>

Michigan State University Center for Regional Food Systems
<http://foodsystems.msu.edu>

National Agricultural Law Center
<http://nationalaglawcenter.org/>

National Association of Conservation Districts
<http://www.nacdnet.org/>

National Association of Counties – <http://www.naco.org/>

National Association of Regional Councils – <http://narc.org>

National Good Food Network – <http://www.ngfn.org>

North American Food System Network
<http://foodsystemsnetwork.org/>

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

<https://www.usda.gov/>

USDA is the federal agency that administers federal laws related to agriculture and forestry, food and nutrition, natural resource conservation, rural development, and related issues. It is comprised of 29 agencies and has offices at more than 4,500 locations across the United States and abroad. USDA agencies mentioned in the guide include:

Agricultural Marketing Service – <https://www.ams.usda.gov>
For information about USDA resources, loans, and grants to support the local and regional food sector, visit: <https://www.ams.usda.gov/services/local-regional/food-sector>.

Economic Research Service – <http://www.ers.usda.gov/>

Extension Service – <https://nifa.usda.gov/extension>

Farm Service Agency
<https://www.fsa.usda.gov/state-offices/index>

Food and Nutrition Service – <https://www.fns.usda.gov/>

National Institute of Food and Agriculture – <https://nifa.usda.gov/>

Natural Resources Conservation Service – <https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/sitenav/national/states/>

Rural Development
<https://www.rd.usda.gov/contact-us/state-offices>



OTHER FEDERAL AGENCIES AND PROGRAMS

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention – <http://www.cdc.gov/>

Department of Health and Human Services: Healthy Food Financing Initiative – <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/oc/programs/community-economic-development/healthy-food-financing>

Department of Housing and Urban Development: Community Development Block Grant Program – https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/comm_planning/communitydevelopment/programs

Department of Transportation – <https://www.transportation.gov/>

Local Foods, Local Places

<https://www.epa.gov/smartgrowth/local-foods-local-places>

EXAMPLE PLANS

Agricultural Smart Growth Plan for New Jersey, New Jersey State Planning Commission – <http://www.farmlandinfo.org/agricultural-smart-growth-plan-new-jersey-0>

California Agriculture Vision, American Farmland Trust <http://www.farmlandinfo.org/california-agricultural-vision-strategies-results-progress-report-spring-2012>

Connecting Strategies to Better Kentucky's Agricultural Economy and Rural Communities: 2013–2018, Kentucky Agricultural Council Task Force on the Future of Agriculture – <http://www.farmlandinfo.org/connecting-strategies-better-kentuckys-agricultural-economy-and-rural-communities-2013-2018-0>

Food and Agriculture Sector-Specific Plan, U.S. Department of Homeland Security and USDA – <http://www.farmlandinfo.org/food-and-agriculture-sector-specific-plan>

The Future of Farming: Strategic Plan for Washington Agriculture 2020 and Beyond, Washington State Department of Agriculture – <http://www.farmlandinfo.org/future-farming-strategic-plan-washington-agriculture-2020-and-beyond-0>

Go to 2040: Chicago Region Comprehensive Plan, Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning – <http://www.farmlandinfo.org/chicago-region-il-comprehensive-plan>

Hawaii State Plan for Agriculture, State of Hawaii Department of Agriculture – <http://www.farmlandinfo.org/hawaii-state-agricultural-functional-plan-1991-0>

Massachusetts Local Food Action Plan, Metropolitan Area Planning Commission – <http://www.farmlandinfo.org/massachusetts-local-food-action-plan>

Rural-Urban Connections Strategy, Sacramento Area Council of Governments – <http://www.farmlandinfo.org/rural-urban-connections-strategy>

Vermont Farm to Plate Strategic Plan, Vermont Sustainable Jobs Fund – <http://www.farmlandinfo.org/farm-plate-strategic-plan-10-year-strategic-plan-vermonts-food-system>

A Vision for Rhode Island Agriculture: Five-Year Strategic Plan, Rhode Island Agricultural Partnership <http://www.farmlandinfo.org/vision-rhode-island-agriculture-five-year-strategic-plan-0>

GUIDES, TOOLKITS, AND SURVEYS

County Health Rankings and Roadmaps, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation – <http://www.countyhealthrankings.org/>

The Economics of Local Food Systems, USDA Agricultural Marketing Service – <https://www.ams.usda.gov/sites/default/files/media/Toolkit%20Designed%20FINAL%203-22-16.pdf>

Food Innovation Districts: An Economic Gardening Tool, Northwest Michigan Council of Governments <http://foodsystems.msu.edu/uploads/files/fid-guide.pdf>

Good Laws Good Food: Putting Local Policy to Work for Our Communities, Harvard Food Policy and Law Clinic – <http://www.chlpi.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/12/FINAL-LOCAL-TOOLKIT2.pdf>

Healthy Food and Small Stores: Strategies to Close the Distribution Gap in Underserved Communities, National Good Food Network – <http://www.ngfn.org/resources/ngfn-database/knowledge/healthy-food-and-small-stores.original.pdf>

A Planners Guide to Community and Regional Food Planning: Transforming Food Environments, Facilitating Healthy Eating, American Planning Association <https://www.planning.org/publications/report/9026878/>

Shared Use Kitchen Planning Toolkit, Leopold Center for Sustainable Agriculture – <https://www.leopold.iastate.edu/files/pubs-and-papers/2014-09-shared-use-kitchen-planning-toolkit.pdf>

Supporting Agricultural Viability and Community Food Security: A Review of Food Policy Council and Food System Plans, American Farmland Trust – <http://www.farmlandinfo.org/supporting-agricultural-viability-and-community-food-security-review-food-policy-councils-and-food>

Supporting Local & Regional Food Systems: Helping American Farmers Feed the Country, USDA Agricultural Marketing Service – <https://www.ams.usda.gov/publications/content/ams-supporting-local-regional-food-systems>

Urban Agriculture: Growing Healthy, Sustainable Places, American Planning Association <https://www.planning.org/publications/report/9026887>

What's Cooking in Your Food System? A Guide to Community Food Assessment, Community Food Security Coalition <http://www.clas.wayne.edu/Multimedia/clas.wayne.edu/Files/CFA%20guide%20final%203%20w%20cover.pdf>

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