Food System Plan Progress Update:

Three Directions, 10 Goals proposed for Tompkins County's Food Future

The ideas, insights, and perspectives garnered through our public engagement efforts have laid the groundwork for the food system plan. We are currently bringing this framework to the community to generate specific policies, programs and actions that our community can take toward a more secure food future.

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Three Directions for our Food System

- 1. Build Resilience
- 2. Cultivate Equity, Sovereignty and Economic Opportunity
- 3. Promote Human and Ecosystem Health

10 Priority Goals

Build Resilience

Goal #1: Identify and prepare for key climate impacts including mitigation and adaptation

Goal #2: Expand capacity for local food production and support farm viability

Goal #3: Enhance coordination, communication and collaboration among food system stakeholders

Cultivate Equity, Sovereignty and Economic Opportunity

Goal #4: Increase access to and affordability of nutritious, safe, desirable food for all residents

Goal #5: Grow the local food economy and support viability of food system professions

Goal #6: Expand access to affordable land and participation within the food system, especially for BIPOC residents those historically marginalized or excluded

Goal #7: Facilitate opportunities for entrepreneurship and innovation

Promote Human and Ecosystem Health

Goal #8: Protect natural resources (water, soil, and air)

Goal #9: Expand food waste reduction and recovery initiatives

Goal #10: Improve health by making good nutrition possible for all

Next Steps

Over the coming months, we will continue meeting with, listening to, and learning from food system stakeholders and residents in the community to develop clear recommendations that will inform the forthcoming Food System Plan. This draft plan will be presented to the Tompkins County Legislature and the community at large later in 2022.

There are many ways to follow our progress and to get involved:

Email: Katie Hallas (Coordinator) at <u>kh788@cornell.edu</u>
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Thank you to everyone who has lent their voice to this process so far! Because we are all eater, we are all central to the future of our food system. Please connect with us to share your concerns, ideas, and hopes for our community's food future.

