

Southeastern Wisconsin **Regional Planning Commission**



Regional Food System Plan

Environmental Justice Task Force Meeting
October 7, 2020

➤ Miranda Page | Lead for America, Fellow

- Planning Fellow, RFSP
 - Research, plan writing, & public outreach
- Listening Tour Goals
 - Active listening
 - Build trust & credibility
 - Commitment to values of cultural competence, inclusion, and equity



●●●●● Central Question(s)

- How do we better connect food producers, distributors, and consumers in the Region to ensure greater access to healthy and fresh food for all?
- How might we:
 - Identify and connect existing plans, strategies, and initiatives?
 - Improve access and affordability for residents of food deserts and other economically distressed areas?
 - Create and improve employment opportunities in the food & beverage industry?
 - Identify methods to increase funding to improve and expand public transportation options that improve food access?
 - Support locally owned and sustainable farming operations?
 - Encourage a compact land use development pattern to preserve productive agricultural land and environmental corridors?
 - Follow best practices for all aspects of agriculture to preserve sensitive natural resources and avoid land use conflicts?



●●●●● Objectives

- A well-connected regional system of food producers, distributors, and consumers.
- Readily accessible and affordable healthy and fresh food options for all residents.
- Reduced economic and health disparities.
- Improved and expanded public transportation, bicycle lanes, pedestrian walkways, etc.
- More locally owned and sustainable farming operations.
- Continued stewardship of productive agricultural land and sensitive natural resources.
- Increased educational efforts and food literacy.



The Food System



1. Crop production
2. Food animal production
3. Seafood production
4. Food chain workers
5. Climate change
6. Agroecology
7. Food distribution
8. Food safety
9. Food processing
10. Food labeling
11. Food marketing
12. Food environments
13. Food waste
14. Hunger and food security
15. Food policy

Image credit: *Exploring Our Food System*. FoodSpan. Johns Hopkins Center for a Livable Future.



- Economic inequality, health disparities, and inadequate access to food for many communities
 - Especially in communities of color.
- Continued Efforts
 - There have been initiatives related to food access, equity, agriculture, and the environment in the past...
 - This plan will hopefully strengthen and expand those existing efforts at the regional level.



Thank You

Please reach out with any tips, suggestions, or insight!

Miranda Page | Fellow, RFSP

mpage@sewrpc.org

SEWRPC.org



[/SEWRPC](https://www.facebook.com/SEWRPC)



[@SEW_RPC](https://twitter.com/SEW_RPC)