Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission



Regional Food System Plan

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••••• Introduction

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 - 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.



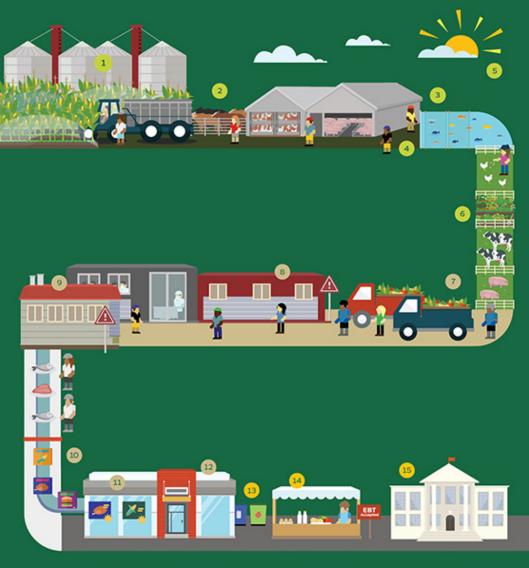








•••• The Food System



- 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

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•••• Community Impact

- 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!

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