



## The Plan

The Regional Food System Plan will address the food system from a regional planning perspective and is aimed at identifying how to achieve several objectives concerned with ensuring accessible and affordable healthy and fresh food options for all residents, reducing economic and health disparities, supporting locally owned and sustainable farming operations, and preserving productive agricultural land and sensitive natural resources.

Key objectives of the plan include:

- Connecting the existing stakeholders throughout the Region
- Providing readily accessible and affordable fresh food options
- Reducing economic and health disparities
- Improving and expanding transportation options
- Increasing locally owned and sustainable farming operations
- Continuing stewardship of productive agricultural land and sensitive natural resources
- Increasing educational efforts and food literacy



## The Regional Food System

The food system is a complex web of activities, processes, and actors involved in the production, processing, distribution, transportation, consumption, and disposal of food products. A sustainable food system supplies food security and adequate nutrition for all in a way that protects economic, social, and environmental interests for future generations.



# The Region

- > **3,521** Farms
- > **739,840** acres of Farmland (1156 sq. miles)
- > Total Annual Market Value of Agricultural Products: **\$604,186,000**
- > **52%** Crops
- > **48%** Animal Products

## Local Governments

- > 29 Cities
- > 66 Villages
- > 52 Towns

## Area

- > 2,689 Square Miles (5% of State)

## Population

- > 2.05 Million (35% of State)

## Employment

- > 1.30 Million Jobs (35% of State)

Kenosha  
Milwaukee  
Ozaukee  
Racine  
Walworth  
Washington  
Waukesha

7  
Counties



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