



New York State Council on Food Policy

Identifying Food Policy Councils in NYS to Expand the Dialogue between Government and Local Initiatives

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Broome	VINES
Chemung	Food and Health Network of South Central New York
Chenango	Food and Health Network of South Central New York
Cortland	Food and Health Network of South Central New York
Delaware	Food and Health Network of South Central New York
Delaware	Slope Farms LLC
Erie	American Farmland Trust
Erie	Massachusetts Avenue Project
Erie	Food for All
Erie	Field and Fork
Herkimer	NY Farmers and Friends
Kings	The Fort Greene / Clinton Hill Community Food Council formed by the Myrtle Avenue Revitalization Project (MARP)
Kings	Brooklyn Botanic Garden Children's Garden
Monroe	Foodlink
Nassau	United Food and Commercial Workers Union Local 1500
New York	NYC Food and Fitness Partnership
New York	Food Systems Network NYC
New York	City Harvest



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New York	FamilyCook Productions
New York	CUNY School of Public Health
New York	Karp Resources
Oneida	Food Policy Advisory Council of the Mohawk Valley Food Action Network
Ontario	Hobart and William Smith Colleges
Orange	Farmroot
Oswego	Mexico School District
Otsego	Food and Health Network of South Central New York
Queens	Queens Harvest Food Cooperative
Rensselaer	Transition Troy
Schoharie	Schoharie Valley Farm to School Project
Schoharie	Schoharie County Planning and Development
St. Lawrence	Local Living Venture
St. Lawrence	Lisbon Central School
St. Lawrence	Gardenshare
Statewide	Hunger Action Network of NYS
Statewide	Designing a Strong and Healthy New York
Statewide	New York State Dietetic Association
Suffolk	Long Island Community Agriculture Network
Tioga	Food and Health Network of South Central New York
Tompkins	Cornell Cooperative Extension of Tompkins County



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Tompkins	Food and Health Network of South Central New York
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Food Policy Advisory Council of the Mohawk Valley Food Action Network

Date Established	May 18, 2013 Food Policy Council Formalized, March 2011 MVFAN formalized
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Primary scope of work:

- ✓ Farms/farmers
- ✓ Farmers' markets/ CSA's/ youth markets/mobile markets
- ✓ Farm to School and School Gardens
- ✓ Food Hubs
- ✓ Processing/ added value
- ✓ Food Retail/grocery/supermarket
- ✓ Promotion of Food and Nutrition Programs (e.g., SNAP, FMNP, Summer Feeding Program, School Meal Program, etc)
- ✓ Food Distribution
- ✓ Procurement
- ✓ Emergency food (e.g., food banks, pantries, and soup kitchens)

Most accurately described as:

- ✓ Coalition
- ✓ Not a part of a national organization, but part of the NYS Food Policy Council Network



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Catalyst for establishment:

- ✓ USDA Hunger Free Community grant enabled us to be funded in order to create formalized Food Policy Council. Concern for improving the health of our people, environment and economy was major catalyst

Current priorities and initiatives:

- ✓ See primary scope of work

Previous initiatives, accomplishments, and published work:

- ✓ <http://www.myfoodaction.com/assessing-our-food-system>

Partner organizations:

Catholic Charities of Oneida and Madison Counties; The Community Foundation of Herkimer and Oneida Counties; Cornell Cooperative Extension of Oneida County; For the Good, Inc.; Food Bank of Central New York; Foothills Rural Community Ministry Hope House; Mohawk Valley Community Action Agency; Mohawk Valley Housing and Homeless Assistance Coalition; Mohawk Valley Resource Center for Refugees; New York State Council on Food Policy; New York Farm Bureau; Oneida County Board of Legislators; Oneida County Health Department; Oneida County Agricultural Economic Development Program; Oneida-Herkimer-Madison BOCES; District Oneida-Herkimer Solid Waste Authority; Small Business Development Center at SUNY-IT; United Way of the Valley and Greater Utica Area; Utica City School District; Utica Public Library; Young Scholars Liberty Partnerships Program.

NYC Food and Fitness Partnership

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[NYC Food and Fitness Partnership]

Primary scope of work:

- ✓ Farmers' markets/ CSA's/ youth markets/mobile markets
- ✓ Farm to School and School Gardens
- ✓ Food Retail/grocery/supermarket
- ✓ Promotion of Food and Nutrition Programs (e.g., SNAP, FMNP, Summer Feeding Program, School Meal Program, etc)
- ✓ Food Distribution
- ✓ Procurement

Most accurately described as:

- ✓ Not-for-profit entity
- ✓ Not part of a national organization

Schoharie Valley Farm to School Project // Cornell Coop Ext Schoharie & Otsego Co.

Date Established	2007
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[Schoharie Valley Farm to School Project]

Primary scope of work:

- ✓ Farm to School and School Gardens

Most accurately described as:

- ✓ Not-for-profit entity
- ✓ CCE, the umbrella organization, is a 501(c)3 organization with primary mission of education
- ✓ Not part of a national organization

Catalyst for establishment:

- ✓ A call made by Cornell University, and partners, for connecting school children with farms, with the primary desired outcomes of improving school menus to help decrease the rates of childhood obesity and that of providing support to local small farms so that they may remain economically feasible, and maintains local food supply systems.

Current priorities and initiatives:

- ✓ Developing strategies for growth with the assistance of a recently formed Executive Planning Council.
- ✓ Submissions for grant support for needed equipment by school food service and nutrition education materials for both food services and teachers in targeted grades, to conduct field trips and to plant school gardens.
- ✓ Increase the involvement of members of the community of participating schools.

Previous initiatives, accomplishments, and published work:

- ✓ Successful media local coverage of activities on an ongoing basis;
- ✓ Coordinating and hosting a segment of the local touring of a State Department delegation of Ministers of Agriculture from over 20 countries, which included field trips to 2 local small farms;
- ✓ Partnering with up to 8 area school district food service managers. Initiated a branded annual program during harvest season entitled "Traveling Lunch Ladies" which brings in fresh local produce for sampling to elementary schools;
- ✓ Initiated Culinary Arts training for school food service personnel.

Partner organizations:

- ✓ Represented on the Executive Council is a farmer, a town government official, the Creating Healthy Places county coordinator, Bassett HC Network School Clinic Program.



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- ✓ Several more farms, NYS Farm Bureau Ed Foundation Manager and nationally respected sponsorship business woman, serve as Advisory Panel Members. Capital Area BOCES has shown support with the services of a NY State Prostart award winning culinary arts instructor.
- ✓ School Food Service Managers for the following school districts have been partners since the inception of the project: Berne/Knox/Westerlo, Gilboa/Conesville, Duanesburg, Cobleskill/Richmondville, Middleburgh, Sharon Springs, Schoharie. CCE Schoharie County continues in the capacity of rendering administrative support for the Project

American Farmland Trust

Date Established	1980
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Primary scope of work:

- ✓ Farms/farmers

Most accurately described as:

- ✓ Not-for-profit entity
- ✓ American Farmland Trust is the only national conservation organization dedicated to protecting farmland, promoting sound farming practices, and keeping farmers on the land.

Catalyst for establishment:

- ✓ Loss of farmland nationwide.

Previous initiatives, accomplishments, and published work:

- ✓ <http://newyork.farmland.org/>



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Local Living Venture

Date Established	2009
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Primary scope of work:

- ✓ Collaborating on a regional food economy through homestead education skills

Most accurately described as:

- ✓ Not-for-profit entity

Current priorities and initiatives:

- ✓ Creating a Homestead Learning Community to feed more local farmers into the local food system

Previous initiatives, accomplishments, and published work:

- ✓ Educating public on resourceful living skills;
- ✓ Production of three highly successful Local Living Festivals and produce a year-round schedule of Resourceful Living Skills Workshops.

Partner organizations:

GardenShare; St. Lawrence Health Initiative; St. Lawrence CCE; Hands On Health Holistic Healing; Seedcorn; and many others



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Food Systems Network NYC

Date Established	2004
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Primary scope of work:

- ✓ Farms/farmers
- ✓ Farmers' markets/ CSA's/ youth markets/mobile markets
- ✓ Farm to School and School Gardens
- ✓ Food Hubs
- ✓ Processing/ added value
- ✓ Food Retail/grocery/supermarket
- ✓ Promotion of Food and Nutrition Programs (e.g., SNAP, FMNP, Summer Feeding Program, School Meal Program, etc)
- ✓ Food Distribution
- ✓ Procurement
- ✓ Emergency food (e.g., food banks, pantries, and soup kitchens)

Most accurately described as:

- ✓ FSNYC is a membership organization dedicated to fostering communication and cultivating collaboration amongst stakeholders to achieve a food system that provides healthful, safe, and sustainably and regionally produced food to all New Yorkers and treats food producers and workers fairly. Our members and supporters include professionals, academics, students, advocates, and other individuals from community groups, not-for-



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profit organizations, and government agencies with interest and expertise in nutrition, hunger, health, urban and rural agriculture, and our regional farm and food economy. FSNYC members work on all of the food systems issues listed above and accordingly, as an organization, FSNYC's policy advocacy takes a food systems approach and touches on each of these issues as well.

Catalyst for establishment:

- ✓ FSNYC was established to address the gaps and imbalances in the food systems serving New York City. These gaps and imbalances negatively affect the nutrition and health of New York City residents as well as the strength of our regional food and farm economy, and they require a coordinated response to achieve significant improvement.

Current priorities and initiatives:

- ✓ Much of the current work focuses on food policy advocacy as New York City's 2013 election season approaches. The upcoming City elections present an important opportunity to draw public attention to food policies and initiatives that can help us achieve a more sustainable and resilient, economically stronger, and fairer food system, one benefiting every New Yorker. FSNYC recently published *The Recipe for the Future of Food in New York City* as the vision for food systems change in New York. FSNYC drafted the Recipe to inspire policy change by our city's leaders, and to invite the next Mayor of the City of New York, and other elected officials, to lead the way towards a better and more secure food future, one that is good for our economy, good for our environment, and good for our health and well-being. For a copy of the Recipe, see, www.foodsystemsnyc.org/recipe-for-the-future-of-food-in-nyc.
- ✓ FSNYC also co-hosted the Mayoral Candidate Forum for the Future of Food in New York City in July 2013, with several other important food policy organizations, moderated by Marion Nestle. The Wall Street Journal declared the Forum the first of its kind in the Nation. For more information, see, <http://www.foodsystemsnyc.org/announcement/round-mayoral-candidate-forum-future-food-nyc>.
- ✓ FSNYC is partnering with Heritage Radio Network to host an 8-part radio series in the fall of 2013, called "Everything's on the Table: What is the Recipe for the Future of Food in NYC?" The series examines food policies impacting our everyday lives that hang in the balance as New Yorkers go the polls this fall, what work is being done now and what the next administration can do to provide for a healthier, fairer, more sustainable City. The series runs every Thursday at 2 p.m. starting on September 19 through November 7 and can be accessed live or on podcast at www.heritageradionetwork.org. FSNYC is in the process of creating a Food Policy Compendium of past, present, and planned food systems policy achievements and projects happening in the New York City region. The compendium can serve as a valuable resource for educating the public and informing policy makers and advocates about the work being done to address the issues facing the New York City food system. FSNYC is continuing to host educational and networking programs, including our monthly Open Networking Series that focus in issues as well as noteworthy initiatives in the New York regional food system, as well as host food-related fundraising events, such as our annual Tomato Fest.

Previous initiatives, accomplishments, and published work:

- ✓ Past achievements include successfully advocating to New York City's Mayor's Office of Long Term Planning and Sustainability to add consideration of food issues to the Mayor's PlaNYC2030. The original version was issued in 2007 without any mention of the role of food in creating a sustainable city.



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- ✓ In 2010, FSNYC submitted a document called “Food for the Future” to make the case for recognizing this role of our local and regional food system in sustainability and urged the City to revise the plan to address hunger and nutrition, our regional farm and food economy, and the need for the City to take an active role in shaping food policy on all governmental levels. (Download a copy at www.foodsystemsnyc.org/files/FSNYC_2010_Food%20for%20the%20Future.pdf). The City heeded the suggestions of FSNYC and other food advocates and added consideration of food to its 2011 update to the plan. The 2011 PlaNYC2030 update adds references to food initiatives throughout the 200-page document and in a short section in a chapter called “Cross-Cutting Topics.” It includes initiatives to: increase physical access to healthy food; facilitate urban agriculture; further promote sustainable agricultural practices in the City’s upstate watershed; study the City’s food distribution pathways with a view to improving freight movement and make remediated “brownfields” available for urban agriculture; and create more opportunities to recover food waste. For more information, see, www.foodsystemsnyc.org/articles/planyc2030-foodupdate.
- ✓ Along with numerous other food policy organizations, FSNYC has submitted testimony on several New York City Council bills. Examples include the “City Land Inventory Reporting Bill” creating a free, searchable, public database of city-owned property and features of that property, including suitability for urban agriculture and the Food Metrics Reporting Bill, required city agencies to report on a comprehensive set of metrics related to the City’s food system. Both bills passed the Council, and lay groundwork for creating enormous entrepreneurial, food-access and public health opportunities around our local food system, particularly given the critical mass and sheer size of New York City’s land holdings and our regional food economy. For more information, see, www.foodsystemsnyc.org/blog/foodworks-food-bills-2011

Partner organizations:

FSNYC has partnered with numerous organizations on several initiatives and programs, including the 2013 New York City Mayoral Forum on the Future of Food. These organizations include: Brooklyn Food Coalition City Harvest Food Bank For New York City Food Chain Workers Alliance Food Studies program at The New School for Public Engagement Hunger Action Network NYS Just Food New York City Coalition Against Hunger New York City Food Policy Center at Hunter College NRDC Action Fund Public Health Solutions For a more complete list of partner and member-affiliate organizations, see, <http://www.foodsystemsnyc.org/mayoral-candidate-forum-future-of-food-NYC>.

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Schoharie County Planning and Development

Date Established	1974
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Primary scope of work:

- ✓ Farm Promotion
- ✓ Tourism
- ✓ Ag Business Development
- ✓ Grant Writing
- ✓ County Planning

Catalyst for establishment:

- ✓ County agency

Current priorities and initiatives:

- ✓ Agribusiness and Economic Development, County Planning,
- ✓ Agriculture is Schoharie County's number one industry. This organization works to develop those businesses that support and encourage agriculture and food development growth.



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Karp Resources

Date Established	1990
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Primary scope of work:

- ✓ Farms/farmers
- ✓ Farm to School and School Gardens
- ✓ Food Hubs
- ✓ Food Retail/grocery/supermarket
- ✓ Procurement
- ✓ Emergency food (e.g., food banks, pantries, and soup kitchens)
- ✓ Food Cluster analyses, policy development, strategy all across the food chain

Most accurately described as:

- ✓ For-profit entity

Catalyst for establishment:

- ✓ Improving access to good food for all people; improving access to good and secure markets for farmers.
- ✓ Bringing strong business skills to non-profit program operations
- ✓ Applying a sustainability approach to food operations all along the chain



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[Karp Resources]

Current priorities and initiatives:

- ✓ NYC Green Cart Initiative - providing all vendor education and technical assistance to partners, public relations, government relations, program development Foundation Food Strategy Research - national foundations supporting regional food economies, food access initiatives, etc. Design, Development and Execution of Food Systems Education - James Beard Foundation, International Culinary Center, Johnson & Wales University, Hostos Community College Organizational Effectiveness, Recruiting: City Harvest, Open Door.

Previous initiatives, accomplishments, and published work:

- ✓ Strategic Sourcing, Regional Food System Strategies, Food Access Initiatives, Sustainability Education, Human Resources Services (for food and ag organizations)
- ✓ Accomplishments: "New Yorker of the Week" (NY1), 2008 Entrepreneur of the Year (Enterprising Women Magazine). Published Work: Edible Manhattan, Oxford Encyclopedia of Food & Drink in America

Partner organizations:

NYC Department of Health & Mental Hygiene; The Health Trust of Santa Clara County; James Beard Foundation International Culinary Center.

Hobart and William Smith Colleges

Date Established	1830's/1908
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Primary scope of work:

- ✓ Farms/farmers
- ✓ Farmers' markets/ CSA's/ youth markets/mobile markets
- ✓ Farm to School and School Gardens
- ✓ Food Hubs
- ✓ Food Distribution
- ✓ Education on checked issues

Most accurately described as:

- ✓ Not-for-profit entity
- ✓ Not part of a national organization

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Tompkins County

Date Established	1913
Contact Individual	Monika Roth
County	Tompkins
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Primary scope of work:

- ✓ Farms/farmers
- ✓ Farmers' markets/ CSA's/ youth markets/mobile markets



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- ✓ Farm to School and School Gardens
- ✓ Food Hubs
- ✓ Processing/ added value
- ✓ Promotion of Food and Nutrition Programs (e.g., SNAP, FMNP, Summer Feeding Program, School Meal Program, etc)

Most accurately described as:

- ✓ Not-for-profit entity
- ✓ Part o the national land grant university and USDA extension system

Catalyst for establishment:

- ✓ Improving farm production
- ✓ Improving the quality of life for citizens
- ✓ Information transfer

Current priorities and initiatives:

- ✓ Local foods promotion (local foods guide, event outreach), farmers markets: promotion, & youth markets;
- ✓ Promotion of FMNP & EBT at farmers markets; Fresh Connect; Healthy Bucks (\$5 incentive to shop at markets)
- ✓ Local meats-Meat Suite website; education-Meat Fair; meat locker development (bulk freezer space)
- ✓ Commercial kitchen - looking for sites and funding -Food enterprise training -Beginning Farmer training and ongoing advice to farmers
- ✓ Community gardens - new sites since the main site is threatened by development
- ✓ Low income CSA shares - raise funds to subsidize shares for low income residents (120 shares) - farmers get paid full price for share, consumer pays half
- ✓ Nutrition education - classes for low income households -Food Dignity project - USDA project focused on engaging disenfranchised individuals in engagement in the food system
- ✓ Gardens for Humanity - gardening with youth and adults to encourage food independence
- ✓ Creating Healthy Places grant - facilitating garden and market development as efforts to bring fresh foods to low income neighborhoods
- ✓ Grow to Learn -working with OCFS statewide to offer food gardening in youth prisons (9 facilities)
- ✓ Community Food Assessment - completing work on this - data gathering about food security



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- ✓ Agriculture & Farmland Protection Plans - County/town level - including food as a priority in plans
- ✓ Research projects: Cheese marketing; Market Channel Assessment for farmers -Collaboration with community groups on food system dialogs

Previous initiatives, accomplishments, and published work:

- ✓ Started Finger Lakes Culinary Bounty (regional farm and food/tourism promotion)
- ✓ Started Finger Lakes Cheese Trail
- ✓ Numerous food system studies: quantified volume of fruits and veg produced and consumed locally; food desert study for Tompkins County; organic production; community food assessment, and many others that relate to past grant projects (please email contact for information)

Partner organizations:

All Tompkins county farmers markets Greenstar Community Projects GIAC/Southside Community Centers TC Planning, Health Depts. and Social Services Groundswell Center for Food and Farming Cornell Small Farm Program TC Food Pantry Network Schools Farms

Food and Health Network of South Central New York

Date Established	2005
Contact Individual	Erin Summerlee
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- ✓ Processing/ added value
- ✓ Food Retail/grocery/supermarket
- ✓ Promotion of Food and Nutrition Programs (e.g., SNAP, FMNP, Summer Feeding Program, School Meal Program, etc)
- ✓ Food Distribution
- ✓ Procurement
- ✓ Emergency food (e.g., food banks, pantries, and soup kitchens)\

Most accurately described as:

- ✓ A network

Catalyst for establishment:

- ✓ The Food and Health Network (FaHN) was established as an interdisciplinary, collaborative effort among participants and stakeholders that aims to create food-secure communities and improve the quality of life in South Central New York. Partners include farmers, farm organizations, U.S.D.A. staff, health professionals, dietitians, Cornell Cooperative Extension staff, public school administrators and food service directors, food bank and food pantry leaders, and more. The Network has membership and representation from eight counties in South Central New York.

Current initiatives and priorities:

- ✓ FaHN aims to improve the quality of life in South Central New York by supporting practices, projects, and policies leading to increased use of nutritious, locally produced foods. FaHN is currently focusing on Farm to Institution as part of developing a strong regional food system. Initiatives include the 2013 Farm to Institution Educational Meeting Series; 2012 Community Garden and Urban Agriculture Inventory; USDA Farm to School Grant through the NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets, and Comprehensive Cancer Prevention Grant on Food Procurement through the Broome County Health Department. FaHN also partners with community agencies and organizations on local and regional events such as Farm to You Fest, National Food Day and community forums.



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Previous initiatives, accomplishments, and published work:

- ✓ Regional Food System Assessment for South Central NY. 2011 and 2012 reports completed:
<http://www.foodandhealthnetwork.org/faqs/food-system-assessment>
- ✓ Regional Community Garden and Urban Agriculture Inventory:
<http://www.foodandhealthnetwork.org/faqs/regional-community-garden-inventory-1/regional-community-garden-inventory>
- ✓ HUFED Local Food Access Feasibility Study in Binghamton 2009 – 2010 Signature Projects:
<http://www.foodandhealthnetwork.org/faqs/2009-signature-project>

Partner organizations:

The Food and Health Network is a collaborative partnership of diverse organizational representatives and individuals committed to developing a regional community food system that maximizes local food production and consumption. 2013 Organizational members include:

Broome County Council of Churches; Broome County Health Department; Broome-Tioga BOCES; Food Service Center For Agricultural Development and Entrepreneurship (CADE); Chenango County Department of Public Health; Chenango Health Network; Cornell Cooperative Extension of Delaware County; Cornell Cooperative Extension of Tioga County; Extended Harvest; Finger Lakes Fresh Food Hub; Food Bank of the Southern Tier; Hatherleigh Foundation; NYS Grazing Lands Conservation Initiative; Rural Health Network of South Central New York; Seven Valleys Health Coalition; Tioga County Health Department; Tioga United Way, Inc.; TouchPoint Support Services at Lourdes Hospital; VINES: Volunteers Improving Neighborhood Environments; Watershed Agricultural Council

Transition Troy

Date Established	2011
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Scope of work:

- ✓ Farms/farmers
- ✓ Farmers' markets/ CSA's/ youth markets/mobile markets
- ✓ Farm to School and School Gardens
- ✓ Food Hubs
- ✓ Processing/ added value
- ✓ localizing food supply and distribution

Most accurately described as:

- ✓ Collection of groups and individuals
- ✓ Part of national organization Transition U.S

Catalyst for establishment:

- ✓ Concern about depletion of natural resources, climate change and environmental crises, increasing inequity, and economic instability leading to the need for local community resilience and well being.

Current priorities and initiatives

- ✓ Diverting food scraps from waste stream, composting and returning to the soil; support of local farms and urban agriculture, community and neighborhood building, alternative transportation policy work, reducing carbon emissions, public policy work re: renewable energy, many more.

Partner organizations:

- ✓ Troy Bike Rescue; Community Gardens; Sanctuary for Independent media; Troy Compost; City of Troy and Troy City Council; Local churches; Oakwood Community Center; and many more.

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Lisbon Central School

Contact Individual	Rick Anderson
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Primary scope of work:

- ✓ Farm to School and School Gardens
- ✓ Promotion of Food and Nutrition Programs (e.g., SNAP, FMNP, Summer Feeding Program, School Meal Program, etc)

Most accurately described as:

- ✓ Not-for-profit entity
- ✓ Part of the National School Lunch Program (NSLP)

Current priorities and initiatives:

- ✓ Establishing working relationships with local growers

Previous initiatives, accomplishments, and published work:

- ✓ Attended Health Initiative meetings and purchased locally grown apples

Partner organizations:

- ✓ St Lawrence Health Initiative; Fobares Fruit; Potsdam Cooperative Extension



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New York Farmers and Friends

Date established	2009
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Primary scope of work:

- ✓ Farms/farmers

Most accurately described as:

- ✓ Not-for-profit entity
- ✓ Farmer network

Catalyst for establishment:

- ✓ The Milk Price Crash of 2009

Current priorities and initiatives:

- ✓ Establishing communications with food interested groups in NYC to further mutual understanding by consumers and commodity farmers.

Previous initiatives, accomplishments, and published work:

- ✓ Articles in farm magazines,
- ✓ Article in Daily Yonder at www.DailyYonder.com
- ✓ Presentation of "Introduction to the NY Milkshed" to the Just Food 2012 conference
- ✓ Working on photo tour showing portraits and faces of rural NY dairy farmers; speaker at NYU Food Day 2012
- ✓ Working with FarmAid to provide images of actual NY dairy farmers



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City Harvest

Date established	1982
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Primary scope of work:

- ✓ Promotion of Food and Nutrition Programs (e.g., SNAP, FMNP, Summer Feeding Program, School Meal Program, etc)
- ✓ Emergency food (e.g., food banks, pantries, and soup kitchens)
- ✓ Increasing access to affordable nutritious food in low income communities

Most accurately described as:

- ✓ Not-for-profit entity
- ✓ Part of national organization Feeding America

Current priorities and initiatives:

- ✓ Distributing 46 million pounds of food that would otherwise go to waste to soup kitchens and food pantries
- ✓ Healthy Neighborhoods Initiative which aims to make healthy, affordable food available and in high demand in low income communities throughout NYC.



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Mexico School District

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Primary scope of work:

- ✓ Farm to School and School Gardens
- ✓ Promotion of Food and Nutrition Programs (e.g., SNAP, FMNP, Summer Feeding Program, School Meal Program, etc)

Most accurately described as:

- ✓ Not-for-profit entity
- ✓ Part of the National School Lunch Program

VINES

Date established	2008
Contact Individual	Amelia Lodolce
County	Broome

Primary scope of work:

- ✓ Urban farms
- ✓ Community gardens



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Massachusetts Avenue Project

Date Established	2000
Contact Individual	Diane Picard
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Primary scope of work:

- ✓ Farms/farmers
- ✓ Farmers' markets/ CSA's/ youth markets/mobile markets
- ✓ Processing/ added value
- ✓ Youth employment and training

Most accurately described as:

- ✓ Not-for-profit entity

Catalyst for establishment:

- ✓ High vacancy rates, high rates of youth unemployment, high rates of food insecurity

Current priorities and initiatives:

- ✓ The goal of Growing Green is to foster youth leadership and create an environmentally and economically sustainable and just regional food system, which includes the reuse of vacant urban land to produce food and increase food sovereignty for all residents. We partner with young people, employing 4 main strategies to meet our goals which include: Urban Farming: Demonstrating intensive, sustainable food production techniques through urban farming and Aquaponics Food Distribution and Enterprise Development: Distributing healthy



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affordable produce through a farm stand and Mobile Market and developing a youth-run business specializing in locally made, value-added food products Community education and training: providing urban agriculture and food systems training, technical assistance, farm tours and field trips to community members, schools and other organizations Advocacy and policy: Engaging youth and community members to promote policies for healthier neighborhoods and greater food security

Partner organizations:

Buffalo Niagara Medical Campus (BNMC) is home to the region's top clinical, research and medical education institutions. Massachusetts Avenue Project currently partner with the BNMC on a Healthy Kids/ Healthy Communities project that allows youth city-wide leadership opportunities to impact other youth and advocate for healthier neighborhoods.

Buffalo Public School Health Related Services: Recognizing the multiple health and academic benefits of school nutrition, the Director of Health Related Services for the Buffalo Public Schools recently established a School Nutrition Committee. MAP's Youth Education Director, Rebekah Williams serves on this committee.

City of Buffalo partner in establishing Buffalo-Erie County Food Policy Council and provides support and funding to MAP Department of Urban and Regional Planning, University of Buffalo (UB). For the past nine years, Dr. Samina Raja has conducted research and an independent evaluation of the Growing Green program. We plan to continue this contract into the future.

Grassroots Gardens of Buffalo is an organization committed to supporting community gardens throughout the city of Buffalo to increase the self-reliance of communities to provide for their own food needs. They will provide links with suppliers, seeds and plants and technical assistance for the Growing Green project. Houghton College will provide 4 summer interns that will serve as mentors to program youth.

The Mayors Summer Youth Employment Program is a partner in employing youth who participate in our summer program. MAP serves as a worksite for approximately 30 youth placed by the Mayors Summer Youth Employment Program. Partnership for the Public Good provides a summer intern to work with Growing Green youth through their High Road to Learning partnership with Cornell University.

People United for Sustainable Housing (PUSH) provides additional vacant lots for us to farm on, allowing us to increase food production and training opportunities for youth. Pilgrim St. Luke's Episcopal Church provides kitchen and dining facilities for the meal preparation and food product development components of our program.

Promised Land CSA Farm in Alden, NY will host field trips for our youth and donate produce for our Mobile Market project. School of Preventative Medicine, University of Buffalo provides at least 2 nutrition interns that work with youth on nutrition education and meal planning as well as accompany youth working on our Mobile Market.

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Farmroot

Date Established	2013
Contact Individual	Christopher Pawelski
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Primary scope of work:

- ✓ Public policy development and advocacy in behalf of specialty crop farmers

Most accurately described as:

- ✓ Not-for-profit entity

Current priorities and initiatives:

- ✓ Farmroot is a broad-based organization that includes experts in specialty crop farming, health, labor, economic and environmental science as well as sustainable farming and conservation advocates.

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Slope Farms LLC

Date Established	2004
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Primary scope of work:

- ✓ Farms/farmers
- ✓ Farm to School and School Gardens
- ✓ Food Hubs
- ✓ Food Distribution
- ✓ Procurement

Most accurately described as:

- ✓ For-profit-entity

Catalyst for establishment:

- ✓ To create a production and distribution company for grass fed beef and help get local production up to scale.

Previous initiatives, accomplishments, and published work:

- ✓ Established grass fed beef production, aggregation, and distribution business.
- ✓ Creation of successful scalable farm to school farm to school program.



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New York City Food Policy Center at Hunter College

Date Established	2012
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Primary scope of work:

- ✓ Farms/farmers Farmers' markets/ CSA's/ youth markets/mobile markets
- ✓ Food Hubs
- ✓ Food Retail/grocery/supermarket
- ✓ Promotion of Food and Nutrition Programs (e.g., SNAP, FMNP, Summer Feeding Program, School Meal Program, etc)
- ✓ Procurement
- ✓ Emergency food (e.g., food banks, pantries, and soup kitchens)
- ✓ Municipal food policies

Most accurately described as:

- ✓ Government entity
- ✓ Academic research center, City University of New York

Catalyst for establishment:

- ✓ Receiving a grant from NYC City Council



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[New York City Food Policy Center at Hunter College]

Current priorities and initiatives:

- ✓ Promoting health and reducing food insecurity through public policy at the local level
- ✓ Engaging CUNY students and faculty with the NYC food system

Previous initiatives, accomplishments, and published work:

- ✓ Good Food Jobs Report on food system jobs that promote health: <http://nycfoodpolicy.org/research/>

Partner organizations:

- ✓ All sponsors from the 2013 NYC Mayoral Forum on NYC food policy.

Food for All

Date Established	1982
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Primary scope of work:

- ✓ Promotion of Food and Nutrition Programs (e.g., SNAP, FMNP, Summer Feeding Program, School Meal Program, etc)
- ✓ Emergency food (e.g., food banks, pantries, and soup kitchens)
- ✓ To increase food security by educating the public about hunger and motivating food system change

Partner organizations:

Hunger Action of NYS Hunger Solutions Food Bank of WNY



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Hunger Action Network of NYS

Date Established	1982
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Primary scope of work:

- ✓ Farmers' markets/ CSA's/ youth markets/mobile markets
- ✓ Processing/ added value
- ✓ Promotion of Food and Nutrition Programs (e.g., SNAP, FMNP, Summer Feeding Program, School Meal Program, etc)
- ✓ Procurement
- ✓ Emergency food (e.g., food banks, pantries, and soup kitchens)
- ✓ Food policy

Most accurately described as:

- ✓ Not-for-profit entity

Catalyst for establishment:

- ✓ Rise in demand for emergency food and the number of Emergency Food Programs

Current priorities and initiatives:

- ✓ The major priority of Hunger Action is to end hunger and its root causes.



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- ✓ Work on a host of economic justice issues including fair taxes, higher minimum wage, living wage jobs, single payer health care, and fair taxes.
- ✓ Hunger Action is seeking to strengthen and expand its work on food policy issues at the city, state and federal levels. A major effort will be made to highlight a NYC food policy agenda in NYC, with key emphasis on: local food democracy (e.g., NYC Food Policy Council); ending hunger (universal school breakfast in the classroom); healthy foods; living wages for food workers; reducing food waste; and, using food purchases to drive reform. The initial focus will be highlighting the issue as part of the 2013 Mayoral race, but then following up with the new Mayor to implement the agenda.
- ✓ At the state level, the project will continue to promote all efforts to use the state purchasing power to increase the procurement of local foods; support the labeling of GMO foods; strengthen the NYS Food Policy Council; and, provide support and technical assistance to local groups working on food policy issues.
- ✓ Hunger Action Network will continue to coordinate work in NYC and NYS for a Farm Bill that ends hunger, assists family farmers, promotes healthy food, and supports agriculture sustainability and environmental conservation.
- ✓ Hunger Action will continue to help coordinate the work of the NYC Food and Farm Bill working group (NYCFFWG) and to network with local and state organizations in the rest of the state. Hunger Action has worked closely with groups such as Just Food, Brooklyn Food Coalition, NESAWG, American Farmland Trust, NYS Farm Bureau, Food and Water Watch, National Sustainable Agriculture Coalition, FRAC, NOFA, and Bread for the World.
- ✓ Hunger Action has been doing outreach to congressional members about the importance of protecting SNAP (e.g., House Resolution 90) as well as the value of marker bills such as Local Farms, Food, and Jobs Act and Beginning Farmer and Rancher Opportunity Act. It will do public outreach and education campaigns about the need for a Farm Bill that embraces a more sustainable, healthy and anti-hunger agenda for the Farm Bill.
- ✓ As part of the NYCFFBWG it is working to organize a Farm Bill forum with Senator Gillibrand, a member of the Senate Agriculture committee, both to thank her for her work on the Farm Bill and to mobilize grassroots groups who are feeling burnt out from two years of work on the issue with little progress.
- ✓ Hunger Action Network has also been focusing on educating Cong. Sean Patrick Maloney, a recently elected member who is on the House Agriculture committee, about food policy issues. It has met with the Congress member and regularly communicates with his staff. Hunger Action will expand our statewide food policy advocacy. Along with NOFA, Hunger Action Network has convened several meetings of a NYS Food Policy Council Network, bringing together groups seeking to establish Food Policy Councils locally.
- ✓ Hunger Action Network has established a list serve and webpage for the Network. Hunger Action will continue to push the NYS Food Policy Council to develop a more robust agenda. It has recruited an intern to help survey organizations and individuals around New York State to establish some suggested short term goals for the Council.
- ✓ Hunger Action Network is working with Just Food; Brooklyn Food Coalition; Food Systems Network of NYC; and, NYC Coalition Against Hunger to organize a Mayoral Forum on Food Policy. Hunger Action will seek to work with these groups to create some form of food justice network in NYC that will strengthen grassroots education and mobilization in support of changes in the NYC food system, both in the fall during the Mayoral election but to continue on an ongoing basis.



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- ✓ A major priority will be to establish a universal school breakfast in the classroom program. Hunger Action will also work with other groups to begin the effort of creating a NYC Food Policy Council that will operate as an independent nonprofit, representing a wide range of stakeholders in the food system; the Council however will have formal participation by the Mayor and will seek to obtain public and private resources to sustain it. Hunger

Action Network will also work to have the city review and strengthen its plans for dealing with food emergencies resulting from events such as the recent hurricanes.

Previous initiatives, accomplishments, and published work:

- ✓ Hunger Action has always had a strong community food program component. One of Hunger Action Network's roles has been to develop innovative approaches to ending hunger that have later been adopted by the emergency food program and anti-hunger movement. Model projects have included: assisting EFP guests in applying for food stamps and other federal nutritional benefits; promoting the use of food stamps at Farmers Markets; Farm to Market initiatives to increase use of local foods in school meal programs; developing EFP vegetable gardens; gleanings; low-income participation in CSAs; purchase of CSA shares by EFPs; strengthening nutritional standards for emergency food distribution; Seed and Seedlings projects to assist EFP guests to grow their own food; and Grow an Extra Row to have community and backyard gardeners donate food to their local EFPs.
- ✓ Notable achievements in recent years include: • Obtaining a 10% annual hike in the welfare basic grant in NYS for three years beginning in 2009. • Obtaining an increase in the state minimum wage in 2013, though only to \$9 an hour over three years. • Organizing hundreds of anti-hunger education and media events to raise awareness of hunger in our communities which helped lead to a \$26 million increase in funding for emergency food programs over the last 25 years • Working with other groups to convene a statewide revenue and progressive budget campaign that successfully worked towards the enactment of a series of progressive revenue options including a hike in the personal income tax rate for the wealthiest New Yorkers. • Initiating a campaign for public funding of transitional jobs for welfare participants that resulted in the allocation of more than \$70 million in 2009-10 • Convincing the Governor to issue an Executive Order to establish a NYS Food Policy Council (2007, renewed in 2011) • Founding Community Voices Heard in NYC in 1994 to increase the advocacy role of welfare participants. CVH has become an influential voice for low-income New Yorkers.

Partner organizations:

In NYC, Hunger Action Network, in partnership with Just Food, has convened, a citywide "coalition" of more than 130 NYC-based organizations to coordinate advocacy and outreach efforts around the reauthorization of the federal Food and Farm Bill. This has included an extensive community outreach educational program that has reached hundreds of individuals, and a rural-urban alliance to connect with farm groups out of NYC. We coordinate a listserv on community food security issues in NYS with more than 60 organizations.

Along with NOFA-NY, Hunger Action Network has convened the NYS Food Policy Councils Network. Hunger Action coordinates work with national groups when appropriate, such as the Food Research Action Center, Northeast Regional Anti-Hunger Network, Bread for the World, Center for Law and Social Policy, WhyHunger, and Coalition for Human Needs. In NYC, Hunger Action is one of the four core organization of the No Bad Grand Bargain Coalition, which has pulled together a network of 50 organizations to respond to the federal budget cuts and fiscal cliff; NBGBC works to protect Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid and safety net programs while raising revenues through progressives taxes and cuts in military spending.



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In NYC, Hunger Action started Community Voices Heard to empower welfare participants and we continue to coordinate with them on particular projects. Hunger Actions works on hunger issues with groups such as Just Food, NYC Coalition Against Hunger, City Harvest and the Food Bank of NYC. Hunger Action Network has been active statewide with the Occupy Movement.

Hunger Action is a member of the steering committee of the Growing Together NY campaign that worked for progressive revenue strategies to reduce the cuts to human service, education and health care programs. Members of the steering committee include New Yorkers for Fiscal Fairness, Alliance for Quality Education, Environmental Advocates of NY, Coalition for the Homeless, Community Voices Heard, Fiscal Policy Institute, PEF, VOCAL-NY, NYS Episcopal Public Policy Network, NYSUT, Empire Justice Center, AFSCME NY, Citizen Action of NY, NYS AFL-CIO, NYS Community Action Association, Hunger Action Network of NYS, Statewide Senior Action Council of NYS Hunger Action helps coordinate the Empire State Economic Security (ES2) Campaign, with more than 200 endorsing organizations including the Federation of Protestant Welfare Agencies, Welfare Rights Initiative, University Settlement House, NYS Coalition Against Domestic Violence, National Association of Social Workers, and Western NY Committee on Homelessness. Key issues include welfare, education and training, health care, transportation, and jobs creation. Hunger Action is on the steering committee of a similar NYC-based coalition the Economic Justice and Social Welfare Network. The Faith and Hunger Network is a thirteen year partnership with Bread for the World to mobilize faith groups around our agenda.

Designing a Strong and Healthy New York (DASH)

Date Established	2010
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Primary scope of work:

- ✓ Food policy that supports chronic disease prevention



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[Designing a Strong and Healthy NY]

Most accurately described as:

- ✓ Not-for-profit entity

Catalyst for establishment:

- ✓ The epidemic rate of obesity and other diet-related illnesses.

Current priorities and initiatives:

- ✓ The DASH-NY coalition and policy center identifies policy, systems, and environmental changes that will lead to healthier community environments where people can access affordable healthy food and opportunities to be physically active.
- ✓ DASH-NY works across sectors to identify policy opportunities and have been supportive of the NYSCFP food procurement guidelines.

Previous initiatives, accomplishments, and published work:

- ✓ DASH-NY has produced a number of policy briefs on topics related to economic development, healthy food procurement, regional food distribution, etc. and can be found on www.dashny.org.

Partner organizations:

The DASH-NY Steering Committee is listed below with hundreds of partners: Action for Healthy Kids The Alliance of New York State YMCAs, Inc American Farmland Trust American Heart Association Empire State Future Golisano Children’s Hospital at University of Rochester Medical Center HUD Partnership for Sustainable Communities Independent living center of Hudson Valley NAACP North Country Healthy Heart Network NYS Department of Health NYS Council on Food Policy Parks & Trails NY The Children’s Agenda

New York State Dietetic Association

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[NYS Dietetic Association]

Primary scope of work:

- ✓ Promotion of Food and Nutrition Programs (e.g., SNAP, FMNP, Summer Feeding Program, School Meal Program, etc)
- ✓ Procurement

Most accurately described as:

- ✓ Not-for-profit entity

The Fort Greene / Clinton Hill Community Food Council formed by the Myrtle Avenue Revitalization Project (MARP)

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Primary scope of work:

- ✓ Farms/farmers
- ✓ Farmers' markets/ CSA's/ youth markets/mobile markets
- ✓ Food Retail/grocery/supermarket
- ✓ Promotion of Food and Nutrition Programs (e.g., SNAP, FMNP, Summer Feeding Program, School Meal Program, etc)
- ✓ Emergency food (e.g., food banks, pantries, and soup kitchens)

Most accurately described as:

- ✓ Not-for-profit entity

Catalyst for establishment:

- ✓ As MARP was researching and forming our methodology for the 2011 Get Fresh! Community Food Assessment (CFA) we called to the community to form a council that would help inform the process and have the residents' voice be heard throughout.

Current priorities and initiatives:

- ✓ 29 Community Food Projects were identified in the CFA. Following publication MARP put an application out for residents to form a Community Food Council Steering Committee. MARP received 12 applications, ages 17-65+, and the council was first charged with choosing 10 of the 29 as "priority projects".
- ✓ Organizing and leading "healthy shopping tours" at local supermarkets to help residents learn how to read labels and shop healthy on a budget.
- ✓ Creating a Neighbors Kitchen Journal, for print and electronic, that will highlight local resources & national resources about food, health and policy, local residents telling their "food stories" and sharing local shopping tips and be a publication that residents can contribute to on an on-going basis.
- ✓ Connecting with community gardeners and sharing best practices and scoping out underused land, specifically on public housing developments, that can be used for growing your own food.
- ✓ Partnering with the NYCHA Ingersoll Youth Alliance to create and disseminate a Just Say YES! to Healthy Eating campaign.
- ✓ Working with local businesses to 1) accept EBT/WIC and find outlets for food waste within the community and do direct outreach to residents, WIC centers, hospitals, schools to share the word that Food Stamps can be used at farmers markets on fresh, healthy food items.

Previous initiatives, accomplishments and published work:

- ✓ <http://www.myrtleavenue.org/GetFreshCommunityFoodAssessmentWith2012Updates.pdf>
- ✓ Reached nearly 1,000 residents through 4 food drives, providing left over Farm Stand produce to Brooklyn Teen Challenge and the Willoughby Senior Center.
- ✓ Through a partnership with Farming Concrete the CFC SC worked with 75 gardeners to learn how to weigh their harvest and record their outputs. Data was then put into a city-wide Harvest Count Database, ensuring that their food production was counted into a city-wide Harvest Report.
- ✓ The Ingersoll Youth Alliance has been awarded a grant from Citizens Committee for NYC to help fund the Community Health Fair where participating youth will share their work and spread the word about their "Just Say Yes! to Healthy Eating" campaign.



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- ✓ “The Neighbor’s Kitchen Journal: a guide for Cooking and Eating at Home in Fort Greene and Clinton Hill” has also been awarded a grant to fund the printing of the first journal. –
- ✓ Nearly 50 residents have taken a Healthy Shopping Tour and a “training of the trainer” workshop will take place in late August of this year.

Partner organizations:

Willoughby Senior Center; Ingersoll Community Center; Ingersoll Resident Association; Whitman Resident Association; St. Joseph's College; Nolasco Farm; J. Glebocki Farms; Ingersoll Garden of Eden; Whitman Victory Garden; Farming Concrete; Share Our Strength; Child Development Support Corporation; Duffield Daycare Center; Brooklyn Hospital; Cumberland Diagnostic Center / WIC Center; Brooklyn Dept. of Health; Woodhull Medical Center; NYC HRA; Dept of Social Services; Brooklyn Food Coalition; Greene Hill Food Co-op; Red Apple Supermarket; NYSDAM; Farmers’ Market Federation of NY; Hunger Action Network; NYS Food Systems Network; NYC Partnership for a Healthier NYC.

Field and Fork

Date Established	2008
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Primary scope of work:

- ✓ Farms/farmers
- ✓ Farmers’ markets/ CSA’s/ youth markets/mobile markets
- ✓ Farm to School and School Gardens
- ✓ Food Hubs
- ✓ Promotion of Food and Nutrition Programs (e.g., SNAP, FMNP, Summer Feeding Program, School Meal Program, etc)
- ✓ Food Distribution



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Most accurately described as:

- ✓ Not-for-profit entity

Current priorities and initiatives:

- ✓ Food Hub planning project
- ✓ Regional Farm-to-School 3
- ✓ SNAP match program pilot in 2014 at area farmers markets

Previous initiatives, accomplishments, and published work:

- ✓ Successfully held a food conference in WNY since 2009 with the goal of connecting more individuals to local agriculture and jump-start the regional food economy.

Partner organizations:

- ✓ Cornell Cooperative Extension in Erie, Niagara, Chautauqua, Alleghany/Cattaraugus, Wyoming, Genessee and Orleans Counties; P2 Collaborative; American Farmland Trust.

Long Island Community Agriculture Network

Date Established	2009
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[Long Island Community Agriculture Network]

Primary scope of work:

- ✓ Community Gardens
- ✓ Grow-to-give gardens

Most accurately described as:

- ✓ Not-for-profit entity

Catalyst for establishment:

- ✓ Hunger

Current priorities and initiatives:

- ✓ Making fresh food available to people through their own efforts (2 community gardens) and through donations, religious organizations to food banks and pantries.
- ✓ Utilized Gateway Park Community Garden as a teaching resource for 2 programs for low-income children in Huntington Station where they learn gardening skills, taste and eat a wide variety of fresh vegetables.
- ✓ Also use gardens and affiliated CSA farm, Fox Hollow, to employ paid interns and teachers who lead the children's garden programs.

Previous initiatives, accomplishments, and published work:

- ✓ In 2012, engaged 10 religious congregations in building grow-to-give gardens. Report, A Guide to Creating Community Service Gardens, was published and is available on www.LICAN.org

Partner organizations:

The Open Space Institute's Citizen Action Program is the fiscal sponsor.

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Foodlink

Date Established	1978
Contact Individual	Martha Brown
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Primary scope of work:

- ✓ Farmers' markets/ CSA's/ youth markets/mobile markets
- ✓ Farm to School and School Gardens
- ✓ Food Hubs
- ✓ Processing/ added value
- ✓ Food Retail/grocery/supermarket
- ✓ Promotion of Food and Nutrition Programs (e.g., SNAP, FMNP, Summer Feeding Program, School Meal Program, etc)
- ✓ Food Distribution
- ✓ Procurement
- ✓ Emergency food (e.g., food banks, pantries, and soup kitchens)

Most accurately described as:

- ✓ Not-for-profit entity
- ✓ Part of national organization Feeding America



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[Foodlink]

Catalyst for establishment:

- ✓ Most food banks across the country belong to Feeding America on a contractual basis. Foodlink one of 205 food banks in the country that belong to Feeding America.

Current priorities and initiatives:

- ✓ Foodlink is transitioning from a food bank to a regional food hub model to address food access and the root causes of hunger with market based solutions focusing on consumer access versus producer access to markets.

Previous initiatives, accomplishments, and published work:

- ✓ <http://foodlinkny.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/05/FoodlinkAnnualReport1.pdf> Our FYE2012 Annual Report

Partner organizations:

- ✓ Foodlink partners with over 450 organizations in their 10 county region and service partnering agencies in a variety of ways. If more detail is necessary, please contact Foodlink.

FamilyCook Productions

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Primary scope of work:

- ✓ Farmers' markets/ CSA's/ youth markets/mobile markets
- ✓ Farm to School and School Gardens
- ✓ Promotion of Food and Nutrition Programs (e.g., SNAP, FMNP, Summer Feeding Program, School Meal Program, etc)



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[FamilyCook Productions]

Most accurately described as:

- ✓ Not-for-profit entity
- ✓ Part of national organization FamilyCook Productions

Catalyst for establishment:

- ✓ To address growing need to connect youth to the source of their food and support healthy eating through hands-on cooking and gardening.

Current priorities and initiatives:

- ✓ 9 curricula to license and train to schools, community organizations, farms etc. that are all evidence-based and work in conjunction with policy and environmental changes in communities across the US. Emphasize the promotion and education of high school youth as agents of change who are out in the community and teaching others to cook and inspiring them to eat healthy. Also working on job training for 'new food jobs' that related to sustainable food.

Previous initiatives, accomplishments and published work:

- ✓ Curricula:
www.familycookproductions.com - there are links here that describe our curricula available and our new book that was just released.
- ✓ Research & Impact:
<http://www.familycookproductions.com/component/content/article?id=24>
<http://www.familycookproductions.com/about/program-impact>

Partner organizations:

- ✓ <http://www.familycookproductions.com/component/content/article?id=112>

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United Food and Commercial Workers Union Local 1500

Date Established	1930
Contact Individual	Bruce Both
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Primary scope of work:

- ✓ Grocery workers union

Most accurately described as:

- ✓ Labor union
- ✓ Part of the national organization UFCW International Union

Catalyst for establishment:

- ✓ Represent grocery workers

Current priorities and initiatives:

- ✓ Bringing more supermarkets to underserved communities.

Previous accomplishments, initiatives, and published work:

- ✓ UFCW Local 1500 created the Building Blocks Program. A program dedicated to bringing more supermarkets to low income communities.



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Gardenshare

Date Established	2001
Contact Individual	Aviva Gold
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Primary scope of work:

- ✓ Farms/farmers
- ✓ Farmers' markets/ CSA's/ youth markets/mobile markets
- ✓ Promotion of Food and Nutrition Programs (e.g., SNAP, FMNP, Summer Feeding Program, School Meal Program, etc)
- ✓ Food system education, direct market assistance

Most accurately described as:

- ✓ Not-for-profit organization

Catalyst for establishment:

- ✓ The organization was started as a network of gardeners sharing their extra produce with food pantries and such, but the vision soon expanded to include finding solutions to the root causes of hunger in our communities.

Current priorities and initiatives:

- ✓ Work to improve our local, community-based food system, and end hunger in St. Lawrence County through initiatives that improve accessibility to fresh, healthy, local food to all families in our community.



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Partner organizations:

St. Lawrence Health Initiative; Cornell Cooperative Extension; area service providers; health care providers and more.

Queens Harvest Food Cooperative

Date Established	2009
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Primary scope of work:

- ✓ Food Retail/grocery/supermarket
- ✓ Promotion of Food and Nutrition Programs (e.g., SNAP, FMNP, Summer Feeding Program, School Meal Program, etc)
- ✓ Food Distribution
- ✓ Procurement

Most accurately described as:

- ✓ Not-for-profit entity

Catalyst for establishment:

- ✓ Providing a meaningful alternative source of sustainable and ethically sourced food to the Western Queens community.

Current priorities and initiatives:

- ✓ Program development leading to the opening of a storefront.



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Brooklyn Botanic Garden Children’s Garden

Date Established	1914
Contact Individual	Patricia Hulse
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Primary scope of work:

- ✓ Farm to School and School Gardens
- ✓ Children and Youth Gardens

Most accurately described as:

- ✓ For-profit-entity

Catalyst for establishment:

- ✓ In 1912, identifying need for children and teens to know about food production through hands-on gardening, harvesting and cooking/eating activities. This is still true today.

Current priorities and initiatives:

- ✓ Providing space in a dense urban area for children ages 2-18 to learn how to grow food in all four seasons.

Previous initiatives, accomplishments, and published work:

- ✓ BBG’s Children’s Garden will be celebrating 100 years of growing food with NYC children in 2014. Growing Youth Growing Food: How Vegetable Gardening Influences Young People’s Food Consciousness and Eating Habits Peer reviewed Direct link Libman, Kimberly Applied Environmental Education and Communication, 2007.



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Partner organizations:

American Horticultural Society (AHS); American Public Gardens Association (APGA); Brooklyn Academy for Science and the Environment (BASE); high school (school garden)

CUNY School of Public Health

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