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Overview of Community Food Systems


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<p>Who We Are</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Created in 2012 - 13 food systems specialists - Michigan, national & international - 90% of funding through grants - Re-granter as a member of SAFSF - Convener of the Michigan Good Food Charter 	<p>Content Areas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Farm to Early Care & Education (ECE) - Farm to School & Institution - Food procurement - Food hubs - Food policy (councils) - Healthy food financing - Healthy food access - Food systems networks - Equity - food systems - Organic systems
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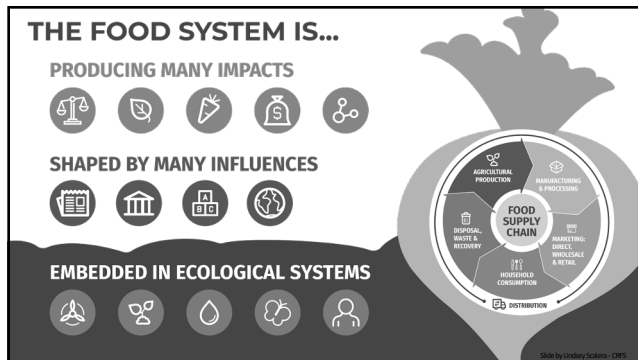
Food Supply Chain – A way to think of the food system

In every part of the process, people's labor, input costs, distribution and other costs add to the value of the food we eat.

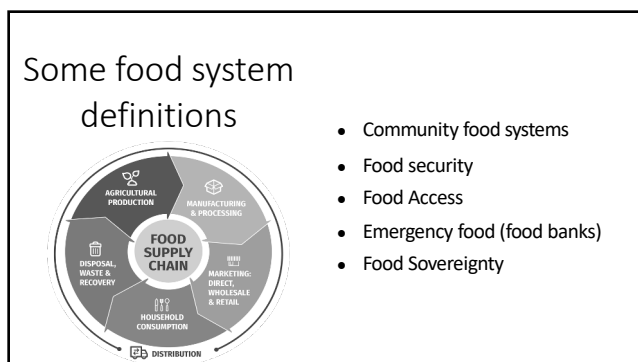
Ideally, for a resilient and sustainable food system, everyone who contributes to bringing food to your table needs to be respected and paid a living wage and work in safe conditions...



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	<p>Faith-based programs promoting food security Additional Examples</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Muslim Youth Against Hunger • Buddhist Global Relief • Bread for the World • Hazon • Hindu American Foundation • Catholic Rural Life (National Catholic Rural Life Conference) • Plainsong Farm & Ministry (Michigan)
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EQUAL EXCHANGE				
Founded in 1986				
Mission Build long-term trade partnerships that are economically just and environmentally sound, to foster mutually beneficial relationships between farmers and consumers and to demonstrate the contribution of worker cooperatives and Fair Trade to a more equitable, democratic and sustainable world.	Interfaith Program		Products	
	Baptist	Catholic	COFFEE	CHOCOLATE & OTHER FOOD PRODUCTS
	Church of the Bretheren	Episcopal		
	Friends Service Committee (Quaker)	Jewish	TEA	
	United Church of Christ	Methodist		

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U.S. Food Sovereignty Alliance




Faith-based members


- Presbyterian Hunger Program
- Maryknoll Office of Global Concerns
- United Methodist Committee on Relief

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Beyond emergency food:
Examples of food systems programs that can build community resilience, create local ownership and job opportunities, and address root causes of poverty



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**MICHIGAN
GOOD FOOD
CHARTER**

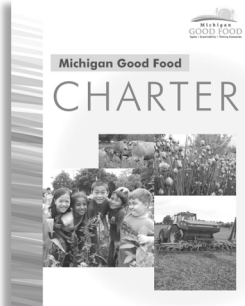
What is the Charter?

The Michigan Good Food Charter is a roadmap for a food system that is rooted in local communities and centered on good food.

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HISTORY
Initially published in 2010, the Michigan Good Food Charter helped build momentum for efforts across Michigan to advance a **food system that promotes equity, health, sustainability, and thriving economies.**




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2010 MICHIGAN GOOD FOOD CHARTER
PUBLISHED JUNE 2010 Slide by Lindsey Scalera - CFFS

Vision		Six Goals		25 Agenda Priorities	
We envision a thriving economy, equity, and sustainability for all of Michigan and its people through a food system rooted in local communities and centered on good food.		Michigan institutions will source 20 percent of their food products from Michigan growers, producers and processors.	Eighty percent of Michigan residents (twice the current level) will have easy access to affordable, fresh, healthy food, 20 percent of which is from Michigan sources.	2 Scales Local Statewide	7 Strategy Types State agency Research Market Land Use Community Business or non-profit Legislation
Good Food Is...		Michigan farmers will profitably supply 20 percent of all Michigan institutional, retailer and consumer food purchases and be able to pay fair wages to their workers.	Michigan Nutrition Standards will be met by 100 percent of school meals and 75 percent of schools selling food outside school meal programs.	5 Arenas Youth Good food access Farms and farmers Institutions Food system Infrastructure	
Healthy	Affordable	Michigan will generate new agri-food businesses at a rate that enables 20 percent of food purchased in Michigan to come from Michigan	Michigan schools will incorporate food and agriculture into the pre-K through 12th grade curriculum for all Michigan students and youth will have access to food and agriculture entrepreneurial		
Fair	Green				

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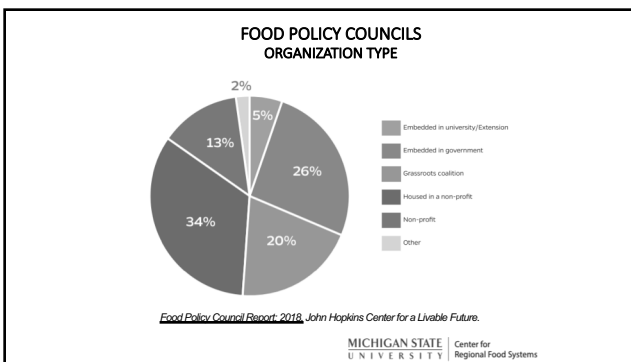
Food Policy Councils

The How & Why they came to be

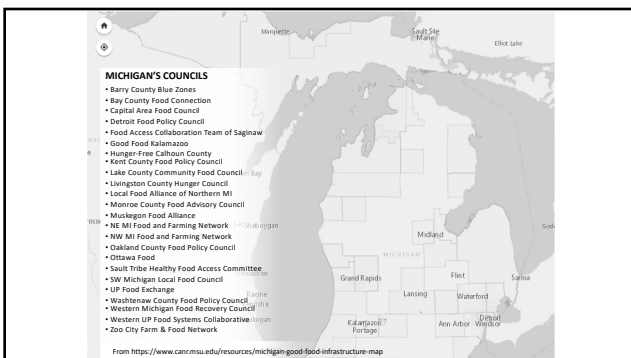
- Addressing gaps in local policies that focus on food
- Diverse network of stakeholders from across the food system working locally (regional/statewide) to improve food system outcomes and inform/change policy
- Policy changes at local and state government levels or through Native American tribal governments (food sovereignty projects)
- Emerged in 1980s (Knoxville, Tennessee, Hartford Connecticut, Toronto, Ontario)

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MICHIGAN'S COUNCILS

- Barry County Blue Zones
- Bay County Food Connection
- Capital Area Food Council
- Detroit Food Policy Council
- Food Access Collaboration Team of Saginaw
- Good Food Kalamazoo
- Hunger-Free Calhoun County
- Kent County Food Policy Council
- Lake County Community Food Council
- Livingston County Hunger Council
- Local Food Alliance of Northern MI
- Monroe County Food Advisory Council
- Muskegon Food Alliance
- NE MI Food and Farming Network
- NW MI Food and Farming Network
- Oakland County Food Policy Council
- Ottawa Food
- Sault Tribe Healthy Food Access Committee
- SW Michigan Local Food Council
- UP Food Exchange
- Washtenaw County Food Policy Council
- Western Michigan Food Recovery Council
- Western UP Food Systems Collaborative
- Zoo City Farm & Food Network

From <https://www.canr.msu.edu/resources/michigan-good-food-infrastructure-map>

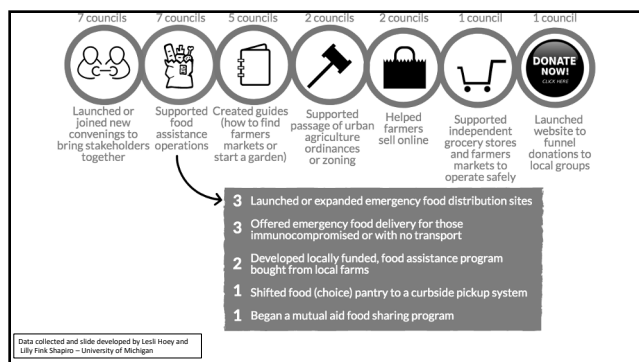
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Issues raised by MI food councils – responding to COVID 19

- Councils meet weekly – March – July (rather than monthly)
- Small farmers struggle to access CARES Act funding
- Local municipalities face zoning ordinance challenges
- Supply chains strained with outbreaks and pandemic purchasing
- Bottlenecks in meat processing
- Shift in school meals delivery and need
- Dramatic increase in food assistance need

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Farm to Early Care and Education

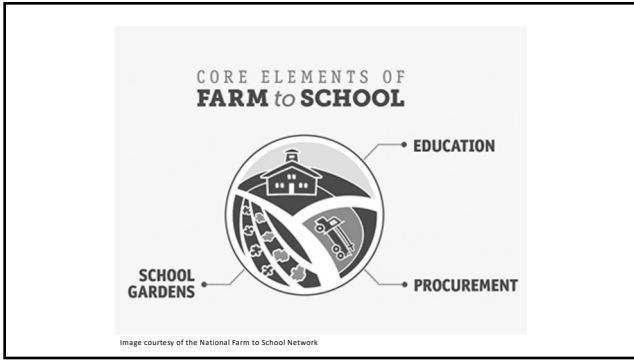
Cultivating healthy habits for our littlest eaters

A Vision for Farm to Early Care and Education



Image courtesy of the National Farm to School Network

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TAKING ROOT

Hoophouses for Health + MI Farm to School

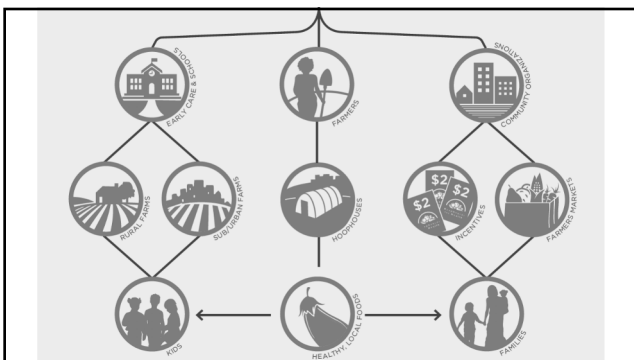
GOALS:

- Increase vulnerable children and families' access to and awareness of healthy, local foods
- Expand farmers' good food production and season-extension infrastructure

THIS INNOVATIVE PROJECT:

- Creates measurable and lasting collective impact
- Allows investments to work twice
- Is adaptable to communities of any size

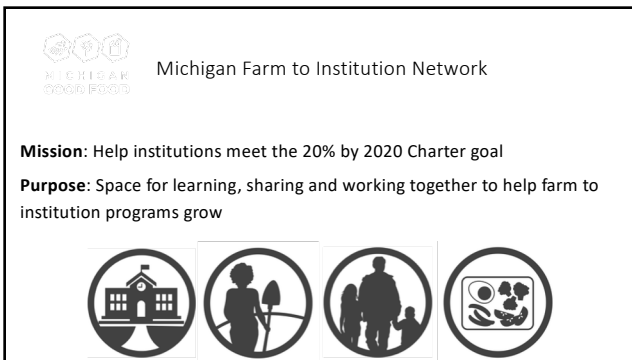
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Thank you!



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