Production

Increase Farmland in Production → Identify unutilized or underutilized farmland and analyze opportunities to expand production on said land.

Look at Labor → Understand farm and food industry labor issues and identify solutions in our region.

Increase Markets & Food Access → Identify local markets for regional farmers and identify underserved communities with purchasing capacity for market development.

Understand Regulations → Identify opportunities and requirements for regional farmers to expand markets.

Future Farmers → Inventory support for retiring and new/young farmers.

Distribution

Distribution Channels & Networks → Understand food distribution in the Greater Capital Region.

Outside Markets → Identify local food which is being distributed outside of the regional foodshed.

Identify Weaknesses → Assess the barriers and gaps in locally grown regional food distribution networks.

Increase Resilience & Food Access → Identify economic development opportunities for locally grown regional food distribution, with a focus on exploring opportunities to increase food access for low-income consumers.

Processing

Map Regional Processing → Understand local food processing in the region.

How to Expand → Identify barriers and solutions to expanding local food processing.

Consumer Demand → Identify food in high demand that can be produced and processed regionally.

Increase Markets → Identify regional markets for locally produced and processed food.

Understand Regulations → Identify opportunities & requirements for regional processors to expand markets.

Generate Jobs → Inventory food processing industry job training programs and identify successful models geared towards at-risk adults.

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