

**Maine's Community
Food Councils
Spread Rapidly
and Create
The Maine Food Atlas**



Vision & Mission:

The Maine Network of Community Food Councils (MNCFC) has a vision for our state to have resilient, vibrant and self-reliant local and regional food systems, so that all Maine communities will have enduring food sovereignty and our citizens will have access to healthy, local food.

Our mission is to increase the capacity of local level food systems efforts through collaboration, coordination and resource sharing, resulting in sustainable, sovereign food systems across the state of Maine.

Food Councils Spreading Across Maine

- • **Hunger Free York County**
- • **Portland Food Council**
- • **Cumberland Cty Food Security Council**
- • **Community Food Matters (Norway)**
- • **Local Food Connection (Bethel)**
- • **Good Food Council of Lewiston – Auburn**
- • **Capital Area Food Council**
- • **Merrymeeting Food Council (Brunswick)**
- • **Lincoln County Food Council**
- • **Waterville Area Food Council**
- • **Bangor Area Food Council**
- • **Washington Cty Food Council**
- **Start-up Conversations in:**
 - • Hancock County, Belfast, Rockland, North Conway, Dover Foxcroft

What do Food Councils Do?

Formative Stage:

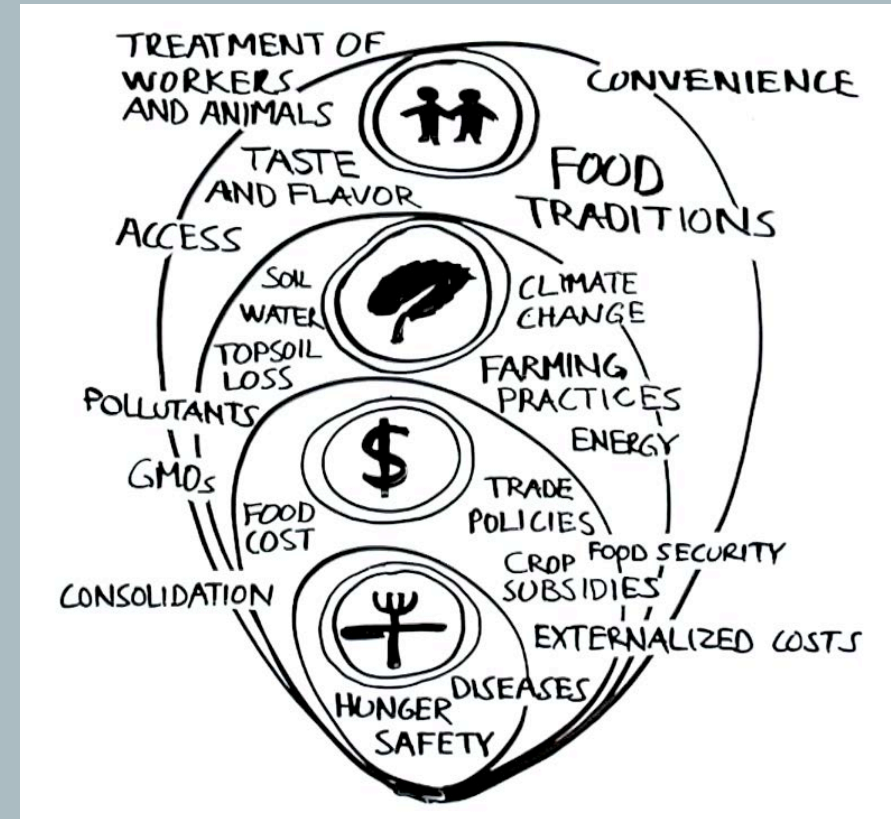
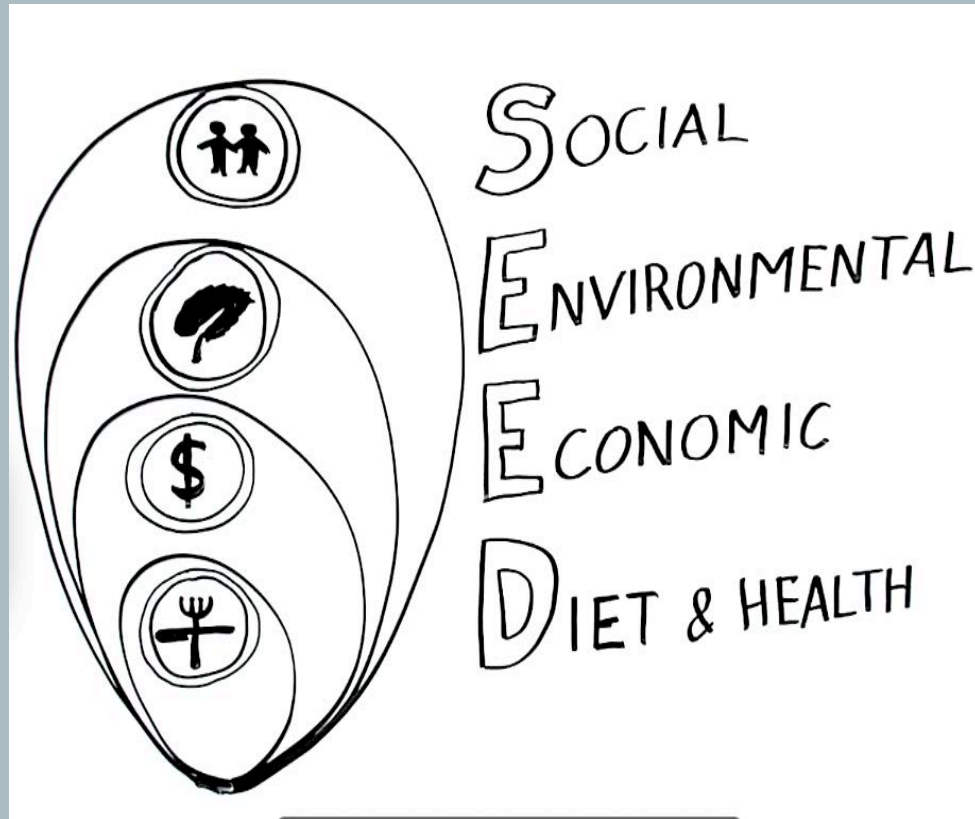
- **Organizing**
- **Engagement**
- **Education – How does Food System Work?**
- **Networking:** knitting together across supply and values chains.

Understanding Systems

So we can identify Levers of Change



Values & Impacts of our Food System:



Ongoing Community Education

WINNER hotdocs 2014
 WINNER VIFF 2014
 Official Selection IFFA 2014
 WINNER INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL
 WINNER E FILM FESTIVAL
 WINNER CPD 2014

"Hugely entertaining.... will leave audiences gobsmacked"
 - VARIETY

"Powerful"
 ★★★★★
 - NOW



where is *your* food going?

JUST EAT IT.

A food waste story

Friday May 6th, 7pm @ CEBE
 447 MAIN STREET, NORWAY

alan day community garden * FARE SHARE CO-OP

CEBE CENTER FOR AN ECOLOGY-BASED ECONOMY
 447 MAIN STREET, NORWAY | ECOLOGYBASEDECONOMY.ORG

CREATORS OF QUEEN OF THE SUN & THE REAL DIRT ON FARMER JOHN

WINNER Grand Jury Prize NASHVILLE
 WINNER Green Planet Award RHODE ISLAND
 WINNER Environmental Award SHEFFIELD
 WINNER Best in Festival PRINCETON
 WINNER Honorable Mention PORTUGAL CINE ECO
 WINNER Audience Award LUNENBERG
 WINNER Best Documentary LUNENBERG
 WINNER Audience Award SAN DIEGO
 WINNER Best Feature Film TUTTI NELLO STESSO PIATTO
 WINNER Best Cinematography UNITED NATIONS FILM FESTIVAL
 SELECTED Best of Fests IDFA
 WINNER Audience Award AMERICAN CONSERVATION
 WINNER Best Environmental Film ET CULTURA



SEED

THE UNTOLD STORY

Which future will you grow?

COLLECTIVE EYE FILMS PRESENTS SEED: THE UNTOLD STORY IN ASSOCIATION WITH SENECA FALLS PICTURE COMPANY
 DIRECTOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY TAGGART SIEGEL ORIGINAL MUSIC BY GARTH STEVENSON BENJY WERTHEIMER GAEA CRITZA RIVER
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 SEEDTHEMOVIE.COM

Assessing Local Food Systems

COMMUNITY FOOD ASSESSMENT

LEWISTON, MAINE 2013



Good Food Council of Lewiston-Auburn

Executive Summary

Access the report at www.goodfood4la.org

Community Food Profile

for

Oxford County

Prepared by Laura Crossley and Ken Morse
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Celebrating Community Foods



LAUNCH PARTY

at

FORK FOOD LAB
72 Parris Street, Portland

COME CELEBRATE!

HEAR FROM COMMUNITY SUPPORTERS
AND LEARN HOW TO GET INVOLVED

MONDAY, JANUARY 30

4-7 PM

LOCAL SNACKS, CASH BAR



Launching Community Food Charters



L-A COMMUNITY FOOD CHARTER

Because we believe *good food*:

- Is safe and nutritious, enabling people to live healthy, active lifestyles, and helping children learn and play;
- Supports a strong local economy and a thriving food system;
- Is produced with respect for and provides livable wages to workers;
- Stewards and conserves natural resources for future food production; and
- Fits cultural and/or religious beliefs.

Statement of Commitment:

I/We support a Lewiston-Auburn community that values *good food* and honors our enduring values, rich cultural heritage, and the diverse needs of our population.

I/We will:



Strive for every member of our community to have a **food secure** future. No one in Lewiston-Auburn should go hungry.



Consider **local and sustainable agriculture** when making food decisions for ourselves and our families. Production systems should enhance healthy soil and clean water; similarly, economic systems should return a fair wage to labor and a fair income to farmers.



Enable **leadership** by all members of our community by sharing knowledge of *good food* and related resources and empowering individuals to take action.



Elevate *good food* **policy** by engaging and informing our local officials and leaders, lifting up examples of what works in other places, and using the definition of *good food* to evaluate relevant legislation and policy decisions.



Support the preservation of **working landscapes** and development of **community infrastructure** that enhances production of and access to *good food*.

Food Councils' Grassroots Activities

Moving from Planning to Action

- **Farm to School**
- **Gleaning Projects**
- **Seed Saving**
- **Seed & Tree Orders**
- **Municipal Food Policies**
- **Growers Directories**
- **Edible Main Streets**
- **Food Security & Access**
- **Support Fisheries**
- **Local Composting**
- **Support Co-ops**
- **Shared Metrics**

Maine Food Atlas

launched as tool for understanding community food systems

- [Maine Food Atlas](#)
- [Crescent Run Farm](#)
- [Wolfe Neck Farm](#)
- [Alan Day Community Garden](#)
- [Good Shepherd Food Bank](#)
- [Sheepscot General Store](#)
- [Gardiner School Nutrition](#)
- [Fiddlestick Farm](#)

Food Atlas Improvements

- 10,000 map points in 3 years
- Mapping Workshops around Maine
- Key Word Searches
- Partnership Council
 - Atlas views on Affiliate Websites
 - Integration with other food maps, eg. Get Real, Get Maine, Local Catch
- List Printing Tool