

Local Foods Local Places Action Plan - Goals, Actions, and Leads At-a-Glance - Current as of September 2021

Action #	Action Title	Lead First Name	Lead Last Name	Lead Organization/Business/Municipality
GOAL 1 - Strengthen Access To Local Food While Expanding Market Opportunities and Infrastructure for Farm and Food Businesses				
1.1 & 1.5	Conduct a feasibility study to determine the demand and need for a shared-use processing space, storage facility, commercial kitchen, as well as a cooperatively run, low-cost, local foods store in the Tree Streets neighborhood. - DONE Update: Now in Phase 2, Development	Emmy	Andersson	Community Development Institute
		Sherie	Blumenthal	St. Mary's Nutrition Center
1.2	Conduct a feasibility study to determine the potential of renovating the Lewiston Middle School Kitchen for job training and school- and community-wide meals that feature locally sourced ingredients.	<i>Lead Vacancy</i>		
1.3	Identify and secure a year-round, indoor/outdoor, permanent location for the Lewiston Farmers Market that is walkable from downtown Lewiston-Auburn and holds the potential for growth and expansion.	Ben	Daley	Lewiston Farmers Market
		Sherie	Blumenthal	Lewiston Farmers' Market
		Joshua	Nagine	Lewiston Farmers' Market
1.4	Build awareness and increase use of existing and emerging direct-to-consumer food-connection platforms.	<i>Lead Vacancy</i>		
GOAL 2 - Integrate Local Food and Agriculture into City Planning and Economic Development Strategies				
2.1 + 2.3	Pass urban agriculture ordinances in Lewiston and Auburn & Pass the Food Sovereignty Act in Lewiston	Shelly	Norton	Good Food Council of Lewiston-Auburn & Androscoggin Valley Council of Governments
		Jesse	Tannenbaum	Good Food Council of Lewiston-Auburn & Eli's Homestead
2.2	Ensure that food and farm sectors are represented as critical to and integrated in Auburn's 2020-2030 comprehensive plan. This includes crafting a robust and inclusive community engagement process to identify priorities.	Camille	Parrish	Good Food Council of Lewiston-Auburn Consultants hired by the City to Guide the Comprehensive Plan Process
2.4	Develop a regional economic growth strategy to support agricultural production, processing, and distribution to grow the agriculture sector and bring new business and jobs (e.g. new farmers).	Shanna	Cox	Lewiston Auburn Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce
GOAL 3 - Build Food and Agriculture as a Defining Brand for Lewiston-Auburn				
3.1 & 3.2	Craft a Request for Proposal (RFP) and hire a consultant to co-create a local foods/ag brand identity for Lewiston-Auburn. Ensure the proposal selected encompasses a community-driven process to create the brand. Develop and implement a marketing strategy/plan for the new local foods/ag brand identity for LA that includes a 'buy local foods' campaign that will support local food producers, increase the availability of and access to local foods, and support the local economy as a whole.	Shanna	Cox	Lewiston Auburn Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce
				Good Food Council of Lewiston-Auburn
GOAL 4 - Increase equitable access, ownership, and preservation of land to grow food in Lewiston-Auburn				
4.1	4.1a: Assist New Roots Cooperative Farm, the Somali Bantu Community Association, and other potential farmland seekers to purchase and secure farmland. 4.1b: Record process of securing land so it may be used by other land seekers.	Ashley	Bahlkow	Somali-Bantu Community Association
		Muhidin	Libah	Somali-Bantu Community Association
		Jim	Hanna	Somali-Bantu Community Association
		Omar	Hassan	New Roots Cooperative Farm & Cooperative Development Institute
		Jonah	Fertig-Burd	Sewall Foundation
		Hussein	Muktar	Cultivating Community
4.2	Develop a local land fund that provides land loans and grants that are specifically interest-free loans.	Jonah	Fertig-Burd	Sewall Foundation
4.3	Increase awareness among landowners and land seekers about organizations that support land access, land transfer, land preservation, and land justice	Ethan	Miller	Land In Common
4.4	Create sustainable land access for subsistence farmers and gardeners who seek to grow food for their families and community.	Muhidin	Libah	Somali-Bantu Community Association
		Ashley	Bahlkow	Somali-Bantu Community Association
		Sherie	Blumenthal	St. Mary's Nutrition Center

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