

2020 Local Foods, Local Places Action Plan for Lewiston Auburn - Goals, Actions, and Leads At-a-Glance - Current as of July 2023

Action #	Action Title	Action Status	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.	COMPLETE Update: Now in Phase 2, Development	Beckie	Conrad	Cooperative Development Institute
			Sherie	Blumenthal	St. Mary's Nutrition Center
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.	ONGOING	Ben	Daley	Lewiston Farmers Market
			Sherie	Blumenthal	Lewiston Farmers' Market
			Joshua	Nagine	Lewiston Farmers' Market
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.	Not being pursued	Lead Vacancy		
1.4	Build awareness and increase use of existing and emerging direct-to-consumer food-connection platforms.	Not being pursued	Lead Vacancy		
GOAL 2 - Integrate Local Food and Agriculture into City Planning and Economic Development Strategies					
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. - DONE 2021 Finalized Comp Plan Chapter	COMPLETE	Camille	Parrish	Good Food Council of Lewiston-Auburn
2.1 + 2.3	Pass urban agriculture ordinances in Lewiston and Auburn & Pass the Food Sovereignty Act in Lewiston	ONGOING	Camille	Parrish	Good Food Council of Lewiston-Auburn
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).	Not being pursued	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.	EVOLVED	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. - UPDATE: SBCA (2020) & New Roots (2022) have purchased farmland! 4.1b: Record process of securing land so it may be used by other land seekers. UPDATE: SBCA has published a case study of their land access journey.	ONGOING	Sarah	Robinson	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
			Julia	Harper	Good Food Council of Lewiston-Auburn
4.3	Increase awareness among landowners and land seekers about organizations that support land access, land transfer, land preservation, and land justice	ONGOING	Ethan	Miller	Land In Common
4.2	Develop a local land fund that provides land loans and grants that are specifically interest-free loans.	EXPLORATORY PHASE	Jonah	Fertig-Burd	Sewall Foundation
4.4	Create sustainable land access for subsistence farmers and gardeners who seek to grow food for their families and community.	EXPLORATORY PHASE	Muhidin	Libah	Somali-Bantu Community Association
			Sarah	Robinson	Somali-Bantu Community Association
			Sherie	Blumenthal	St. Mary's Nutrition Center
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