The world of food is a complex and fragile landscape. It’s time to take an integrative approach to food’s place in our lives and well-being. The Marion Institute’s Food System Collaborative; Wendy Garf-Lipp, Executive Director from Harvard Law School; Winton Pitcoff, Director of the MA Food System Collaborative; Coordinator of the Food Pantry at M.O.L.I.F.E. Inc.; and Senator Montigny (2nd District, Bristol and Dartmouth) hosted the 2021 virtual Food Summit. Guest speakers included Senator Montigny (2nd District, Bristol and Dartmouth) and the Honourable Minister of Agriculture and Agrifood Canada; Dr. Mike Schmid, Director of Extension – Agriculture; and Dr. B. Bruce Fugate, Professor of Extension – Agriculture. The summit was an opportunity to share progress over the past five years, discuss long-term goals and needs, and explore future strategies to support a regionally-based, environmentally sustainable food economy. The first task of the SFPC was to update the 2014 Food System Assessment for Southeastern Massachusetts. "The report charted the course for the next five years," says Dr. Schmid. "It's fitting that October 16th was World Food Day, as the Marion Institute recently finalized the 2021 Food System Assessment for Southeastern Massachusetts. The objectives of the report were to: 1. Identify points where interventions can be made that address food insecurity and related adversities. While strategies have been developed to be particularly beneficial for those who work in healthcare what we know it to be based on our experiences. When we broaden our perspective, however, we can appreciate the interconnectedness of health with so many other forces and factors in our lives. We can also appreciate the role that practitioners of many disciplines offer to our well-being.

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