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Advancing a Culture of Health Through Food Equity

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**FROGFOOT FARM**  
NEIGHBORS FEEDING  
NEIGHBORS

**GROW**  
EDUCATION

**SOUTHCOAST**  
FOOD POLICY COUNCIL

**BIOMED**  
PROGRAMS

**GREENHOUSE**  
INITIATIVES



# SFPC Quarterly Meeting Agenda



- SFPC Successes and Updates
- Farm Bill Action Alert
- Frogfoot Farm: Meet the Farmers and Volunteer Opportunity
- Food Summit: Shifting Perspectives from Food Security to Food Sovereignty
- Community updates

# Land Acknowledgement

We acknowledge that this land is the traditional unceded territory of the Wapanaak (Wampanoag). Pre-English invasion, this place, its gifts of fertile soil, waters, wildlife and beauty, had already sustained Indigenous tribes for 12,000 years. We honor and respect the precious food sources discovered, harvested and cultivated by Native peoples and remain grateful to them for their connectedness to this land and their food traditions. We further acknowledge the lands the Cape Verdeans, African Americans and Latinx farmed in this area that have been lost to them through structural racism. We make these acknowledgements with intention, and accept the responsibility of all we continue to learn. We will honor the resources which sustain us today through their protection. May food be just one of the many connections we use in our work to repair relationships with Indigenous, and People of color and of all Nations living here today.

# The SFPC Community Advisory Board and Working Groups



Community Advisory Board

Staff

Working Groups

Four Food Equity Advisors

# 2024 SFPC Plans

## SFPC Annual Events

- Legislative Breakfast
- Eat Local Southcoast Challenge
- Hunger Action Month
- Food Summit
- Statehouse Advocacy and Lobbying- Agriculture Day, HIP Day etc.
- SFPC Quarterly meetings
- Policy and Advocacy pieces of training are available for any group interested.
- Continue to engage the public in advocacy through the one-click tech of Action Network
- Candidate Forum (state legislature)

# 2024 SFPC Successes



## Policy Working Group:

- Legislative Breakfast with in collaboration with Women's Alliance of SE MA and Greater New Bedford Youth Alliance. +130 participants. Congressmen Keating and McGovern presented national issues, and local State Legislators there.
- SFPC members-at-large sent 166 letters to legislators advocating for specific food system food programs and budget priorities.
- 8 members of SFPC members lobbied at the Statehouse to protect the Healthy Incentive Program with 12 legislators.
- Five-module Legislative Advocacy training with a grant from Project Bread. If you or your organization would like to be trained in legislative advocacy, contact Christine at [sfpc@marioninstitute.org](mailto:sfpc@marioninstitute.org).
- Economic Development Bill letters to Senate Ways and Means- 5 of our 9 issues.

# 2024 SFPC Successes



## Education and Communication Working Group:

- 416 people registered for Eat Local Southcoast Challenge June 24 to July 27  
<https://www.marioninstitute.org/programs/sfpc/eat-local-southcoast-challenge-2024/>

## Capacity Building Working Group:

- Via a CAB member, we initiated the Community & Agriculture Resiliency Audit Tool (CARAT), instead of another Food System Assessment.

## Food Access Working Group

- Greater Boston Food Bank/USDA Commodities- SFPC worked with 7 partners and in 5 months, an additional 942 cases or 17,000 pounds of food were brought into food pantries in the Greater New Bedford area.

# Action Alert

Join us and receive Legislative Action Alert:

[sfpc@marioninstitute.org](mailto:sfpc@marioninstitute.org)

Contact your House Member and tell them to:

- 1.) protect and strengthen SNAP in the upcoming Farm Bill, and
- 2.) oppose the Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2024 and any other efforts to weaken or cut SNAP.

<https://actionnetwork.org/letters/contact-your-congressional-representative-to-protect-snap-in-the-farm-bill/>

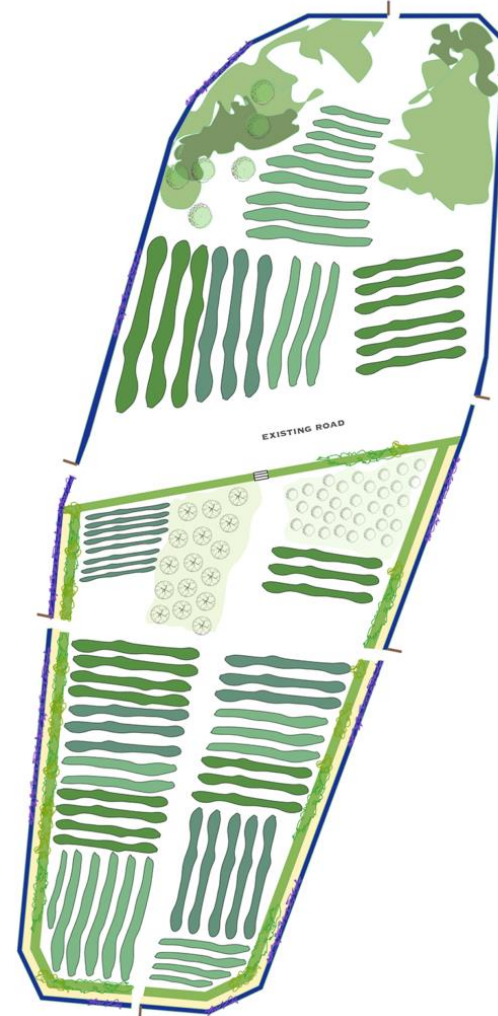


# Frogfoot Farm- Neighbors feeding Neighbors



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Community Farm  
Plymouth County, Massachusetts, 6.06 AC +/-



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1.) Upcoming “Meet the Farm Team” brown bag lunch dates held at A.D. Makepeace Company’s Box Mill Hall, and then tour the Farm.

- September 18

2.) Volunteer at the Farm

- Contact Hannah at

[htraggis@marioninstitute.org](mailto:htraggis@marioninstitute.org)

# 2024 Virtual Food Summit: Shifting Perspectives from Food Security to Food Sovereignty



**September 18, 6:30 – 8 pm**

Keynote: Alison Cohen, National Right to Food

Panelists:

- Poverty and Living Wages
- Price Gouging and the True Cost of Food
- Food and Seed Sovereignty
- Root Causes of Food Insecurity and How to Get Involved

Details to follow!

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