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Advancing a Culture of Health Through Food Equity

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INITIATIVES

December 10, 2024 SFPC Quarterly Meeting Agenda



- Land Acknowledgement
- Discuss 2024 Successes
- Priorities for 2025 and How You Can Get Involved
- Open call to join the Community Advisory Board Meetings and Food Equity Advisors
- 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 people 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.

2024 SFPC Successes

- Advocated and engaged the community in legislative advocacy.
- Provided opportunities for Food Equity Advisors to engage directly with decision-makers.
- Created and maintained relationships with legislators.
- Promoted democratic activity and civic engagement.
- Launched the 2nd annual Eat Local Southcoast Challenge
- Initiated the Community and Agricultural Resilience Audit Tool.
- Organized the annual virtual Food Summit
- Created five-module advocacy training for the CAB and the public.
- Collaborated with partners to bring more food to food pantries.

Food Policy priorities in 2025

Why is this important? Who does this impact?

- The Healthy Incentive Program
- State-Funded SNAP for MA Immigrants
- Farm-to-School Grant
- Food Literacy
- Equity in Agriculture
- Cottage Laws
- Encouraging Donations to People in Need
- Food System Budget programs

Working Group priorities for 2025



Education and Communication – Farm-to-School Grant and Food Literacy, Eat Local Southcoast Challenge and Food Summit.

Policy- Issues briefings, Equity in Agriculture and Food System Budget programs, relationships building with legislators, district meetings.

Food Access- The Healthy Incentive Program and State-Funded SNAP for MA Immigrants, convene when needed.

Capacity Building- Cottage Laws/Ordinances, and Encouraging Donations to People in Need, continue CARAT audit and reporting.

How you can get involved and why it is important in 2025!



ATTEND Issues Briefings to learn.

CONTACT your Legislators when we send an Advocacy Alert.

PARTICIPATE in HIP Lobby Day at the Statehouse.

ENGAGE in Eat Local Southcoast Challenge.

ATTEND the Annual Food Summit.

REPRESENT your community by joining the SFPC Community Advisory Board or as a Food Equity Advisor.