



MARION INSTITUTE

Reconnecting Food & Community

FROGFOOT FARM
NEIGHBORS FEEDING NEIGHBORS

FIELDS TO FAMILIES
CERTIFIED GLEANING

GROW EDUCATION
A FARM-TO-SCHOOL

SOUTHCOST
FOOD POLICY COUNCIL

May 19, 2026 12 pm - 1 pm

Agenda SFPC Quarterly Meeting

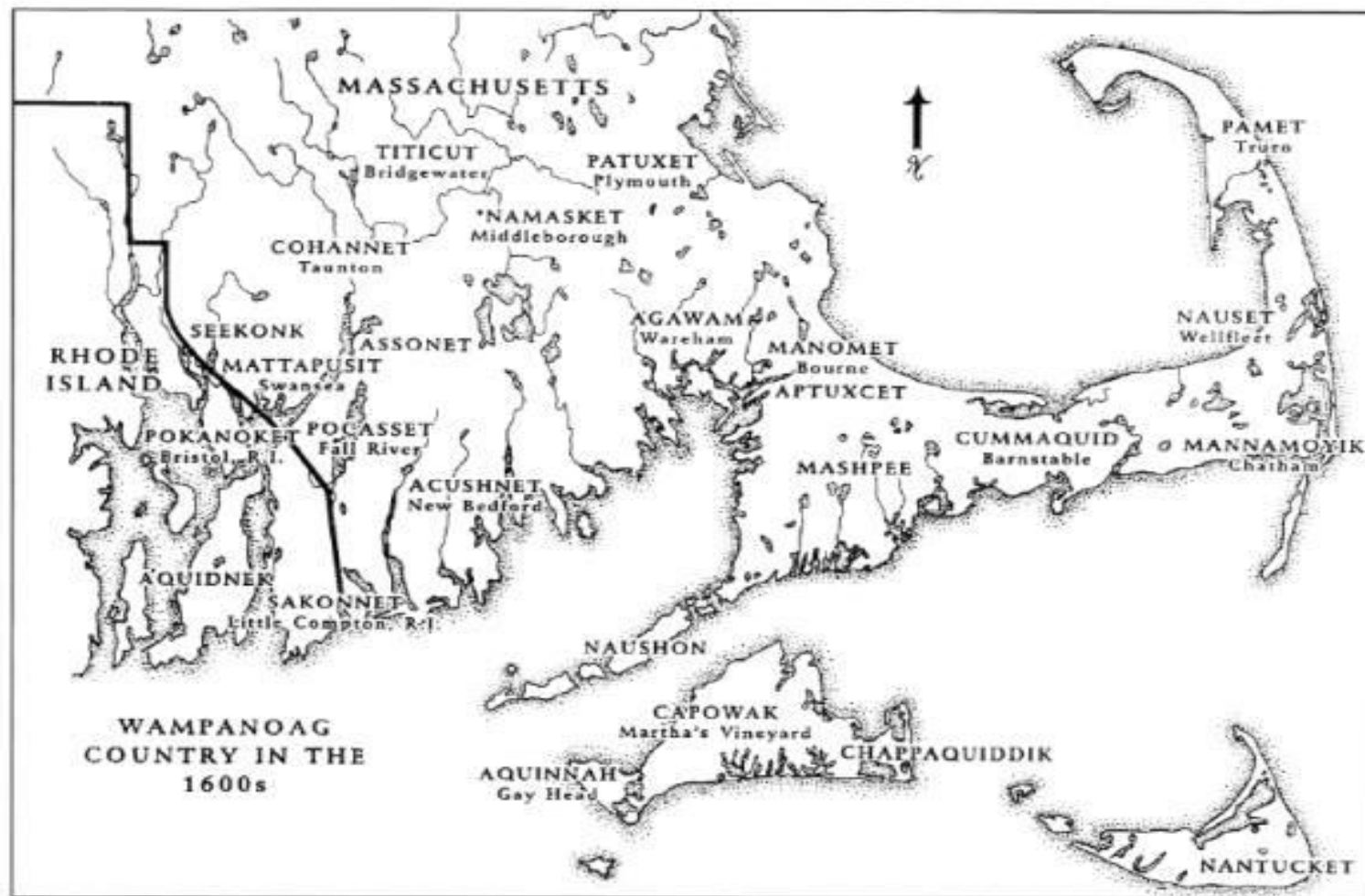


- **Welcome, Introductions**
- **Grounding**
- **Review Status of Working Groups**
- **Upcoming Events for SFPC**
- **Community Updates**
- **Department of Public Health Survey**

**Introduce yourself, and in one sentence,
what does a 'food-secure' Southcoast look
like to you?**

Map of Wampanoag Country in the 1600s

Wampanoag territory in the 1600s was made up of about 67 villages. This map shows some of them. The large print shows the Wampanoag name of a village. The small print gives the modern name.



Education and Communication Working Group 2026



We challenge you to...
**EAT FOOD FROM A
200-MILE RADIUS
FOR 4 WEEKS!**

July 6 - 31, 2026

Initiatives:

- Lunch and Learn Legislative Issue Briefings Feb- March 2026.
- Eat Local Challenge, July 6-31, 2026
- Food Summit: September 24, 2026.
- FarmCoast Documentary

Policies:

- Farm-to-School Grant S.311/H.565
- Food Literacy S.392/H.735
- Testimony/Storytelling

Food Access Working Group 2026

Initiatives:

- Emergency Food Resource Meetings
- Southcoast Food Alert at sfpc@marioninstitute.org.



Policies:

- Healthy Incentives Program HIP (S.104/H.129)
- Basic Needs Assistance for MA Immigrant Resident (S.117/H.207)
- HIP Lobby Day at the Statehouse. Three SFPC Food Equity Advisors provided video testimony
- Testimony/Storytelling

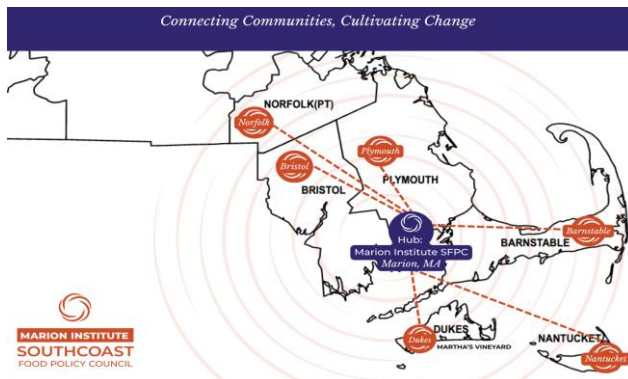
Capacity Building Working Group 2026

Initiatives:

- Aquaculture Policy Coalition Launch
- CARAT

Policy:

- An Act Encouraging the Donation of Food To Persons in Need (S.1043/H.3154)
- Equity in Agriculture (H.111/S.53)
- Coastal Wastewater Infrastructure Financing Commission (S.638/H.1000)
- Testimony/Storytelling



Upcoming SFPC events



- 1.) Emergency Food Resource Meetings for food relief organizations and addressing emerging issues: 1st Wednesday monthly at 2 pm**
- 2.) April through July- Action Alerts**
- 3.) Eat Local Challenge, July 6-31**
- 4.) Food Summit: Thursday, September 24, 2026**
- 5.) Possible Candidate Forum in late summer/early fall**
- 6.) Release of FarmCoast Documentary and 2026 Southeastern MA Food System Assessment in the Fall**

Community Updates



Department of Public Health Survey

