



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

August 18, 2026 12 pm

Agenda SFPC Quarterly Meeting



- **Welcome, Introductions**
- **Review Status of Working Groups**
- **What's New**
- **Pain points, observations, successes you want to share**

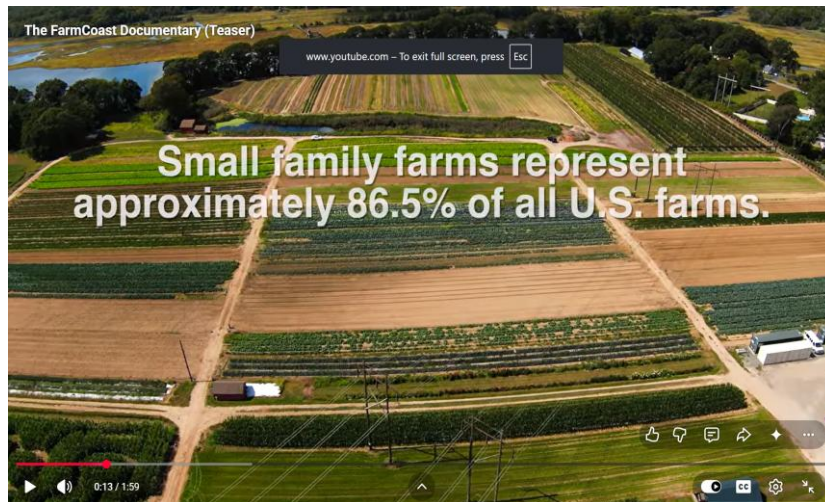
Education and Communication Working Group 2026



We challenge you to...
**EAT FOOD FROM A
200-MILE RADIUS
FOR 4 WEEKS!**
July 6 - 31, 2026

Initiatives:

- 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
- Community Testimony

Food Access Working Group 2026

Addressing Emergency Food Gaps in Southeastern, MA



Initiatives:

- Emergency Food Resource Meetings –
- DTA/SNAP crisis- take action now!
- Southcoast Food Alert at sfpc@marioninstitute.org.

Policies:

- Healthy Incentives Program HIP (S.104/H.129) & MA Farm Bill
- Basic Needs Assistance for MA Immigrant Residents (S.117/H.207)
- Community Testimony



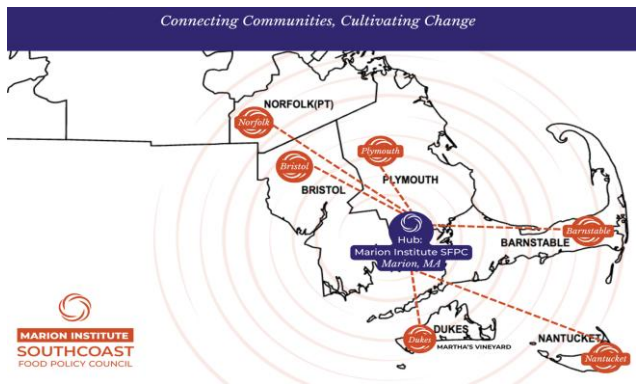
Capacity Building Working Group 2026

Initiatives:

- CARAT- Community & Agriculture Resilience Audit Tool
- Aquaculture Policy Coalition

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)
- Community Testimony



What's New

- 1.) Food Summit: Thursday, September 24, 2026**
- 2.) Candidate Forum before Nov. 3 general election?**
- 3.) Release of 2026 Food System Assessment, FarmCoast Documentary**
- 4.) Next Quarterly Meeting: November 17, 2026 at 12 pm**