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Dear Mayor Bronin,

I am pleased to submit this report on behalf of the City of Hartford Advisory Commission on Food Policy. This Annual Report outlines the progress of the Commission over the past year and our next steps to advance these policies. We trust you will find that the Commission remains committed to our and the City's goal of ensuring that all Hartford residents have permanent access to a safe, affordable, and healthy diet.

The Commission continues to emphasize the importance of healthy food retail in the City's development. We promote growing nutritious food on more City-owned land. We are testing out new strategies to increase fruit and vegetable consumption using nutrition programs. We are also working to ensure the sustainability of school gardens. We continue our work to reduce food waste in the City.

With this Annual Report, we are also examining what new issues are emerging in food policy that may be relevant for Hartford. You will find that this year's policy recommendations are actionable, achievable, and impactful. They call upon all sectors of our City – state and municipal government, businesses, schools, community organizations, and Hartford residents – to work together toward a food secure Hartford. The Commission was created in 1991 with the understanding that no single sector can resolve the complex issues of food insecurity, and this year's recommendations reflect that understanding.

We thank you and your staff for your continued support and consideration as we strive to make food security a top priority in the City of Hartford. As always, we encourage you to call on any of us at any time to discuss the state of the City's food system.

Sincerely,

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Hartford Advisory Commission on Food Policy 2018 Annual Report

Introduction

The Hartford Advisory Commission on Food Policy was established by City ordinance in 1991 to implement recommendations from the Mayor's Task Force on Hunger. Continuously operational since then, its purpose is to integrate all City agencies in a common effort to improve the availability of safe and nutritious food at reasonable prices for all Hartford residents, particularly those in need.

The Commission's work is guided by four goals:

1. To eliminate hunger as an obstacle to a happy, healthy and productive life in the City;
2. To ensure that a wide variety of safe and nutritious food is available for City residents;
3. To ensure that access to food is not limited by economic status, location or other factors beyond a resident's control; and
4. To ensure that the price of food in the City remains at a level approximating the level for the state.



Part of a mural at the Grow Hartford garden at the corner of Main and Park Street.

Photo Credit: Hartford Food System

The original goals of the Commission continue to be relevant today. A study by the University of Connecticut to evaluate community food security across all 169 Connecticut towns found that Hartford's population is the most at risk of food insecurity above any other town in the state (University of Connecticut 2012). Food insecurity is defined as the inability to access enough food for an active and healthy life at all times. Significant socioeconomic and health disparities, including limited and inconsistent access to affordable and healthy foods persist in Hartford and the Greater Hartford area. At approximately \$31,000, the median household income in Hartford is less than half of that of Hartford County at large. Furthermore, nearly one third of Hartford residents (and more than 40% of Hartford's children) live below the poverty level (ACS 2014 5-year estimates). As the ability to access healthy food is linked directly to socioeconomic status, food insecurity and diet-related diseases are entrenched problems for many Hartford residents.

HACFP History

As one of the oldest food policy councils in the country, the Hartford Advisory Commission on Food Policy has a long history of advocacy to end hunger. The mission and goals have remained the same, but over the years, the Commission has taken on different structures and used different strategies to engage Commissioners, residents, and City officials to achieve its goals. In the past, the Food Policy Commission has:

- Received a \$3,000 - \$5,000 annual budget from the City to complete program work such as surveys or community events
- Completed grocery store price surveys and compiled data about hunger and federal nutrition program participation to assess need in the City
- Written letters to state and national legislators to advise on issues such as welfare reform and child nutrition
- Advocated for the development of new bus lines to improve access to grocery stores
- Met with City officials and business leaders to advocate for grocery stores to be located in Hartford and to demand fair pricing at grocery stores in Hartford
- Lobbied the City to hire a local vendor to administer the Summer Food Service Program
- Celebrated the work of food activists and school food service programs through community events like the Community Food Security Awards and the Golden Muffin Awards
- Had a staffperson from the Mayor's office attend monthly meetings to report back to the Mayor

The Commission's work has included legislative advocacy at the state and national level, negotiations with large companies, grassroots organizing, and education. Over the years the Commission has shown adaptability and a willingness to try new strategies to achieve its goals. Many of these strategies are worth revisiting to tackle the complex problems Hartford faces today.

HACFP Commissioners

There are currently 13 volunteers who serve the Hartford Advisory Commission on Food Policy. Some are individuals who reside in Hartford; others represent nonprofits or city agencies that address food issues in Hartford. They are:

Valerie Bryan, *Hartford Resident*. Val serves on the Sustainability Working Group and the Growing Healthy Food Working Group of the Commission.

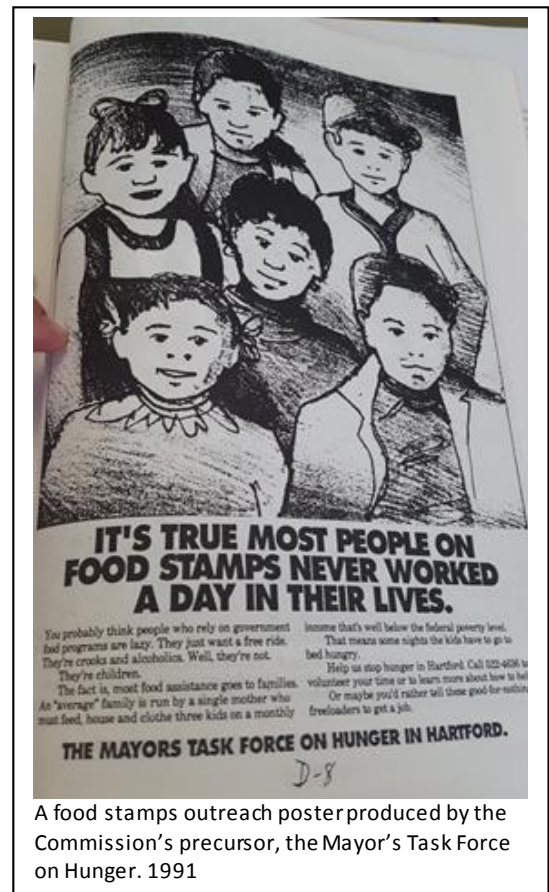
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A food stamps outreach poster produced by the Commission's precursor, the Mayor's Task Force on Hunger. 1991

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Cary Wheaton, *Billings Forge Community Works*. Cary serves on the Selling Healthy Food Working Group of the Commission.

There are currently 2 vacant seats on the Commission, for which we are actively seeking volunteers.

Overview of 2017-2018 HACFP Work

This year, the Commission has continued to work towards greater food security for Hartford residents by bringing together diverse stakeholders including Hartford residents and representatives from various organizations working on food and public health in the City. The group conducts monthly meetings on the second Wednesday of every month in the Green Room of City Hall from 3:30 to 5:15 pm.

Community Engagement



130 Likes
(+52%)



97 Followers
(+125%)



170 Subscribers
(+13%)

From February 2017 to February 2018, the Commission had the support of an AmeriCorps VISTA servicemember, Marielena Lima, hosted by Hartford Food System, to increase the community engagement and develop the strategic direction of the Commission. Through her work, the Commission enjoyed higher visibility from residents and community practitioners.

- **Food Day Community Breakfast** – The Commission released the 2017 Annual Report in October of 2017 in alignment with the celebration of World Food Day of the United Nations. Participants broke out into groups and worked to create action steps around the five recommendations proposed last year. These included: increasing consumption of fruits and vegetables using federal nutrition programs, expanding nutrition curriculum, increasing the number of school gardens in Hartford, increasing the amount of food grown on City-owned property, and reducing the amount of food waste and cost of food waste management in Hartford. Approximately 50 individuals attended. Conversations that started at the breakfast spun off into larger conversations, such as the effort to start a grocery co-op that has been meeting for the last year to bring a community-owned source of healthy food to the city.
- **Community Food Security Awards** – The Commission continued its annual tradition of hosting the Community Food Security Awards in March 2018. This year Chelsea Morrison was the Youth Individual award recipient for her work as Farm and Grounds Manager at KNOX, working to build new food businesses and urban farms in Hartford. Lydia Velez-Herrera was the recipient of the Adult Individual award for her work serving families displaced from Puerto Rico by Hurricane Maria. This year's award recipient for the Business category was Blue Earth Compost for collecting over 2 million pounds of food waste from the

Greater Hartford area and converting it to compost for gardeners across the area. Lastly, the KNOX Incubator Farm Program was the award recipient for the Nonprofit/Government Agency category for developing Hartford residents into urban farmers. Dr. Liany Arroyo addressed the awardees, who all received original artwork by Hartford artist and activist Tenaya Taylor and a proclamation from Mayor Luke Bronin.

2017 Recommendations

In order to address the barriers to healthy and affordable food for many Hartford residents, the Food Policy Commission has been working on the following recommendations identified last year to improve food access and food security. The purpose of this report is to provide City leadership with recommendations to improve the food system in Hartford and to raise awareness about the persistent food insecurity that affects many Hartford residents.

Policy Priority:

- **Prioritize healthy food retail in the City's development**

Policy Recommendations:

- Increase fruit and vegetable consumption using nutrition programs
- Support efforts to divert wasted food from the City's waste stream
- Ensure the sustainability of school gardens
- Promote growing nutritious food on more City-owned land

The Commission identified this policy priority (prioritize healthy food retail in the City's development) to highlight its importance and build support and awareness across all sectors of the City. This policy priority offers significant public health and economic benefits for the City. The four policy recommendations that follow are also important and offer key proposals to achieve food security and sustainability for Hartford. The Commission feels that a limited number of recommendations can help maximize the strained resources of the City without exhausting our most valuable asset – people.

POLICY PRIORITY: PRIORITIZE HEALTHY FOOD RETAIL IN THE CITY'S DEVELOPMENT

WHAT? Lack of large food retailers in Hartford has resulted in sales "leakage" from Hartford to suburban supermarkets, with associated losses of economic and health benefits to the City.

WHY? Strategies to develop more high quality food retail would retain residents' food purchasing dollars in Hartford and reap many health and economic benefits for the City.

HOW? The Hartford Advisory Commission on Food Policy advises the City to publicly identify healthy food retail as an economic priority. Healthy food retailers, specifically midsize grocery stores, must be recognized as community assets.

KEY STATISTICS

- 1 out of 4** Hartford residents live in an area with low food access
- 8** Midsize grocery stores in Hartford
- 36%** of households do not own a car

2017 TARGETS

- Determine the general tax revenue contributions for the **eight** midsize grocery stores in Hartford to implement and support efforts to increase general tax revenue from food retail.
- Convene a meeting between the City's Development Services and at least **five** food retail managers/owners to **discuss opportunities for capital improvements and form a better understanding of needs.**

PROGRESS

The HACFP Healthy Food Retail Working Group has made progress toward this policy recommendation. Last year, Mayor Luke Bronin addressed the Commission and identified food retail as an economic priority for the City. The Commission continues to promote this as an avenue to increase food security and economic development in Hartford.

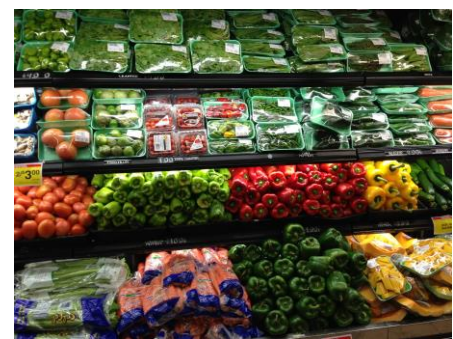
Some of the Commissioners are working with Hartford Community Loan Fund, Community Solutions, Hartford Department of Health and Human Services, Trinity/Saint Francis Hospital, UConn, and community members on a plan to develop a new grocery store as part of the Downtown North development. The plans will include additional community services such as a health clinic or afterschool programming, as identified by community members engaged in the process.

Commissioners are in communication with the organizers working to start a grocery co-op in Hartford. The Commission is prepared to support and promote this effort as a new avenue for getting healthy food in the city.

NEXT STEPS

The Commission will work with university partners to study the economic contributions of food retail to the city and compile a guide for starting a food business in Hartford.

Across Connecticut, food policy councils are showing an interest in policies that support and promote healthy food retail; the Commission will work with the New Haven Food Policy Council and Bridgeport Food Policy Council to identify ways to collaborate on this emerging topic.



Produce section at C-Town Supermarket on Wethersfield Ave.

Photo Credit: C-Town Supermarket

Key Stakeholders

- City of Hartford, especially Development Services and the Dept. of Health and Human Services
- Existing midsize grocery retailers in Hartford (Bravo, Compare, C-Town, Save-A-Lot, etc.)
- Hartford Community Loan Fund
- Public and private funders
- Trinity/Saint Francis Hospital
- University of Connecticut

POLICY RECOMMENDATION: INCREASE FRUIT & VEGETABLE CONSUMPTION USING NUTRITION PROGRAMS

WHAT? Hartford has several valuable sources of fresh produce, such as farmers' markets and the Hartford Mobile Market (HMM), which could be leveraged more fully to increase fresh food access in the city.

WHY? Increasing access to fresh produce improves the health and wellbeing of Hartford residents, but many recipients of nutrition programs are unaware of the City's fresh produce assets.

HOW? The City should encourage the use of farmers' markets and the HMM by sharing the Commission's video and other promotional materials for farmers' markets and the HMM. Community organizations should educate staff and volunteers about these resources for their clients.

KEY STATISTICS

5 out of 8

Hartford farmers' markets accept SNAP and also offer SNAP incentives

49%

of households in Hartford receive SNAP (FY 2016)

92%

of Senior FMNP coupons redeemed in 2016 (CT DoAg)

\$15,000

sales made on the Hartford Mobile Market in 2017

2017 TARGETS

- **Identify 8-10 food pantries to distribute printed materials** with information about Hartford farmers' markets.
- **Convene a meeting** of farmers' market managers to explore the possibility of a gleaning program for food pantries at farmers' markets.

PROGRESS

A major accomplishment of the Healthy Food Access Working Group was the use of bilingual videos and radio announcements to promote the use of SNAP benefits at local farmers markets. The goal of sharing the videos and radio announcements was to make residents more aware that they could spend their SNAP dollars at farmers markets and even double the value of their benefits. Working Group members leveraged their networks and community relationships to have the video and radio announcement shared through many outlets, including Hartford's Health and Human Services and WIC offices, CT Children's Medical Center's One World Café, Hartford Public Television, and www.RevitalizeHartford.com.

The Working Group met and surpassed its target to work with 8-10 food pantries. Through Urban Alliance's Revitalize initiative, 14 food pantries distributed information about Hartford farmers' markets, along with \$5 farmers' market coupons to their clients.

The Working Group did not meet its second target to convene a meeting of farmers' market managers about a gleaning program, but the group may revisit this next year.

NEXT STEPS

Inspired by the launch of a new bike share program in the city and a new farmers' market developed in partnership with church ministries, the Working Group would like to pursue opportunities to address transportation barriers to accessing fruits and vegetables and engaging faith communities in gardening and urban agriculture.

Key Stakeholders

- Farmers' markets
- City of Hartford (Dept. of Health and Human Services)
- Food pantries
- Hartford Mobile Market
- Hispanic Health Council
- Urban Alliance
- Connecticut Children's Medical Center
- CT United Way



Oh SNAP! bus ad in Hartford informs riders that SNAP can be redeemed at farmers' markets.

Photo Credit: Oh SNAP! Hartford

POLICY RECOMMENDATION: SUPPORT EFFORTS TO DIVERT WASTED FOOD FROM THE CITY’S WASTE STREAM

WHAT? It is estimated that 40 million pounds of food is wasted in Hartford every year.

WHY? Reducing and re-directing wasted food can save the City of Hartford money that would otherwise be spent on trucking waste to a landfill. Recovering safe surplus food can alleviate hunger, and composting food waste can provide rich soil that can be used in urban gardens.

HOW? The Hartford Advisory Commission on Food Policy will host educational events to raise awareness of food waste, facilitate conversations for a food recovery program, and convene an informational meeting for restaurants to compost. Community organizations can share data about food waste.

KEY STATISTICS

31% of food in the US is wasted (EPA, 2017)

40 million lb. of food wasted in Hartford annually (DEEP, DPW, & HACFP, 2016)

41% of waste in CT is compostable (CT DEEP, 2016)

2017 TARGETS

- Encourage a food recovery pilot with a school or cafeteria to divert surplus food to feed hungry people.
- Host **two public events** to increase residents’ awareness of how to reduce food waste and compost organic waste.
- Compost **280,000 pounds of organic waste** in 2018.
- **Collect data** to determine the extent of institutional and residential food waste in Hartford.

PROGRESS

The Sustainability Working Group of the HACFP worked to advance policy goals for reducing food waste in Hartford this year. The group focused on waste higher up the food recovery hierarchy, learning about efforts to capture safe, fresh food before it enters the waste stream and redirecting it toward emergency food services. The group is researching safe food recovery, working with the City Health and Human Services Department to identify procedures and risks to maximize the amount of food donated and minimize the risks associated with it. The Sustainability Working Group met with leaders in this work, including Food Rescue US, to learn more about food recovery efforts in other localities.

Commissioners worked on an EPA proposal to pilot food waste reduction at senior centers.

The Sustainability Working Group reached out to farmers in the area to explore gleaning fields to donate excess produce.

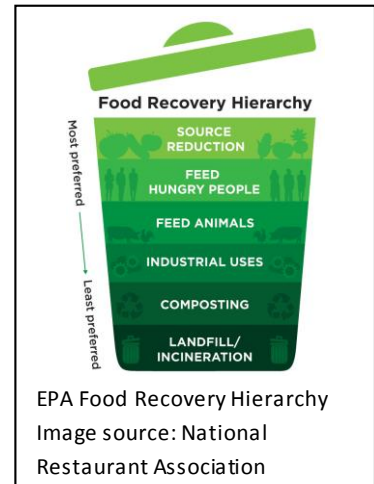
The Working Group forged deeper relationships with the Advisory Commission on the Environment (ACOTE), the Hartford Climate Stewardship Initiative, and the Office of Sustainability.

NEXT STEPS

The Hartford Advisory Commission on Food Policy will raise awareness about food waste by co-hosting a screening of *Wasted!*, a documentary about food waste. The event will include a panel discussion and snacks made from recovered “waste” food.

The Sustainability Working Group of the HACFP will continue to meet with large producers of food waste, such as hospitals and institutional cafeterias, to promote composting and food recovery as well as discuss the barriers to, incentives for, and successes in composting and food recovery.

The HACFP will co-host a compost bin sale with KNOX and offer a free urban composting class to connect more residents with composting.



Key Stakeholders

- Blue Earth Compost
- City of Hartford
- CT Dept. of Energy and Environmental Protection
- Foodshare
- KNOX
- Hartford Business Improvement District (HBID)
- Local colleges

POLICY RECOMMENDATION: ENSURE THE SUSTAINABILITY OF GARDENS AT HARTFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

WHAT? Less than half of public schools in Hartford have active gardens. The Hartford School Garden Council (HSGC) supports schools in the installation and maintenance of gardens.

WHY? School gardens are an important hands-on learning tool for students as it increases interest and achievement in science and supports nutrition education.

HOW? The City should encourage Hartford Public Schools (HPS) to hire a districtwide school garden manager through grant funding and support the district's development of garden-related curriculum. Community organizations can partner with HPS to host teacher professional development days.

KEY STATISTICS	of studies on school gardens have shown an increase in student performance in science
93%	
< 1/2	schools in Hartford currently have gardens (out of roughly 50)

2017 TARGETS

Develop and implement plans for **the sustainability of three school gardens at Hartford schools**. School gardens will be considered to be **sustainable** when there is a dedicated team of parent and staff volunteers who will maintain the garden throughout the year and when there is garden-related curriculum used by classroom and/or enrichment teachers.

PROGRESS

The HACFP Growing Healthy Food Working Group and the Hartford School Garden Council are working with administrators at Hartford Public Schools (HPS) to write a grant to hire a district-wide School Garden Coordinator position. HPS is supportive of the effort, and the position is now partially funded.

As a result of funding through Compass and Friends of Pope Park, several schools have had garden beds added or rebuilt. These schools include Noah Webster Microsociety, Belizzi Asian Studies Academy, and Hartford Trinity Magnet Middle School.

Formal sustainability plans for Hartford school gardens were not developed this year, but HSGC and the Growing Healthy Food Working Group continue to identify volunteers and support needed for the school gardens throughout Hartford.

Key Stakeholders
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• FoodCorps• Hartford Public Schools staff and students• Hartford School Garden Council• KNOX• School PTOs• Keney Park Sustainability Project• UConn• Friends of Pope Park

NEXT STEPS

The Commission is now focused on fully funding the district-wide School Garden Coordinator position. The Growing Healthy Food Working Group will also continue to publicize the successes and challenges of the city's school gardens.



Second graders at Fred D. Wish School planting their new garden beds in fall 2017. Photo Credit: Alice Gold



The gardens at Fred D. Wish School. Photo Credit: Brunella Ibarrola



Second graders at Mary Hooker Environmental Studies Magnet studying the plant life cycle with carrots they grew. Photo Credit: Travis Clark

POLICY RECOMMENDATION: PROMOTE GROWING NUTRITIOUS FOOD ON MORE CITY-OWNED LAND

WHAT? Hartford has over 20 community gardens and a few urban farming sites. Food grown in Hartford helps meet the critical need for nutritious fresh fruits and vegetables.

WHY? Urban agriculture in Hartford, including small scale gardening, enables Hartford’s low-income households to stretch their food budgets while increasing their nutrition.

HOW? The City can make lands available through long-term lease agreements to various nonprofits in order to create more community gardens and urban farms for Hartford residents to grow healthy food.

KEY STATISTICS	
\$450,000	in food value for Hartford residents from KNOX community gardens and incubator farm
25	acres of land in Hartford used for community gardening and urban farming

TARGETS

- **Preserve** at least 50% of current City-owned growing space for at least the next 5 years.
- Identify and begin the process of creating **5 acres** of new outdoor growing space on City-owned land over the next two years.

PROGRESS

The Growing Healthy Food Working Group of the HACFP has identified that there are many structural barriers to farming in the City of Hartford. The group is examining lease agreements with the City, which are often short term and discourage urban farmers from developing long-term infrastructure such as farm outbuildings and water.

Efforts such as the KNOX Frog Hollow Farmers’ Market, where only urban farmers in the City of Hartford are vendors, serve as a steady market for urban farmers as they develop marketing skills and clientele. This type of effort encourages urban farmers in a challenging landscape.

NEXT STEPS

The Growing Healthy Food Working Group will work with the City to explore diverse lease options that foster urban farming while also maximizing space that can be used for economic development. The group will also examine vacant City-owned property and assess which plots are ideal for urban farming and are unlikely to attract other types of development.

The Commission will continue to promote urban agriculture in the City, highlighting the updated zoning codes which permit urban agriculture and many of its accessories.

Key Stakeholders

- City of Hartford, especially Planning and Zoning Commission, Hartford Development Services, Hartford Redevelopment Agency
- Community Solutions
- KNOX
- Hartford Food System



Community gardeners on their KNOX community garden plot.
Photo Credit: KNOX

Emerging Issues

The Commission is building on progress from the 2017 policy recommendations this year, but has identified several emerging issues to consider in the future. They include:

- Engaging healthcare institutions in food policy (such as: educating doctors about nutrition and food insecurity; leveraging the Community Health Needs Assessment to study food access issues)
- Engaging religious institutions to address food insecurity (such as: growing food on church property; doing outreach for SNAP and other federal nutrition programs at synagogues and mosques, etc.)
- Addressing transportation as a barrier to food access (such as: examining bus routes and the feasibility of using public transit to buy groceries; examining public transit cost as a barrier to food access; promoting bikeshare discounts for SNAP recipients).

The Commission will further examine these issues and work with community residents to learn the community's priorities regarding food access and sustainability in Hartford.

Conclusions

The policy priority and recommendations outlined above require buy-in from the Commission, City officials, State government, Hartford residents, and community organizations. Some of the key stakeholders common to multiple recommendations include: City government, community members, colleges and universities, Community Solutions, Foodshare, Hartford Food System, Hartford Public Schools, Hispanic Health Council, and KNOX; many of these organizations are already represented on or otherwise engaged with the Commission. The Commission exists in part to build coalition between and “de-silo” these sectors; therefore, much of this work is already done over the years of collaboration and trust-building on the Commission.

Common threads throughout these recommendations include: bringing together different groups to develop partnerships, working together to host educational activities, and collecting data and input from residents.

The Commission will continue to develop cross-sector relationships, increase opportunities for residents to share their input, and build credibility with City officials to achieve the targets listed above.

The Commissioners and stakeholders who helped develop these recommendations have a shared vision that guided the research and development of the proposals.

The Hartford Advisory Commission on Food Policy has been working on food issues in Hartford continuously for 27 years. While the original goals of the Commission were focused around food security, access, and prices, the Commission regularly examines issues outside of this scope, including food and nutrition education, sustainability, and enjoyment of food.

Since 2016, the Commission expanded its recommendations to include strategies and actions for community organizations and state government to take, in recognition of the difficulties faced by City and state government and understanding of the Mayor's call for regionalism as a solution to the inequities Hartford faces. Hartford is not and will never be a closed food system (i.e., an area that produces all the food it consumes); therefore, solutions must come not just from the City but from outside the City as well. This is another reason the Commission is reaching out to the food policy councils of New Haven, Bridgeport, and New London County. Together we can develop policies that contribute to robust food systems throughout Connecticut.

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