

Change happens when communities have the knowledge, resources and tools to grow connections between family farmers and underserved community residents.

Growing Food Connections aims to address the concerns of **struggling family farmers** and underserved community residents by building capacity of local governments and their partners to create, implement and sustain food system policies and plans that both promote food access and foster a healthy agricultural sector.



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LOCAL KNOWLEDGE

*Two-Way
Flow of Ideas
and
Information*

3 MAJOR ACTIVITIES

Researchers, educators, students, planners and community partners will work within the communities to understand the barriers and innovations to create and provide policy tools and training.

TEAM & PARTNERS

The project will be guided by a National Advisory Committee with representation from diverse disciplines, regions and research backgrounds.



An interdisciplinary and multi-institutional team of researchers and practitioners to integrate research, education and extension to grow food connections across communities.

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