



# LOCAL FOODS LOCAL PLACES

LEWISTON–AUBURN  
ACTION PLAN 2020–2023

Overview &  
Milestones

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## ABOUT LFLP 2020-23

Since 2020, the Local Foods Local Places (LFLP) Action Plan has served as a road map for Lewiston and Auburn to grow and strengthen the local food system and economy.

The LFLP Action Plan captures the local food vision of approximately 80+ attendees to a community workshop and planning event in October 2019. The Action Plan crystallized this vision into **NUMEROUS ACTIONS** under **FOUR GOALS** that community leaders have pursued over the last three years.

Please **READ ON** to learn more about the LFLP Action Plan goals, actions, and milestones, along with the engagement structure and partners who helped make this great work possible.



STRENGTHEN



INTEGRATE



BUILD



INCREASE

For more about Local Foods Local Places Lewiston Auburn visit [HERE](#)

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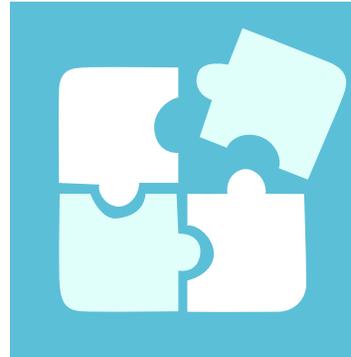
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# GUIDING GOALS



**1** **STRENGTHEN** Access To Local Food While Expanding Market Opportunities and Infrastructure for Farm and Food Businesses



**2** **INTEGRATE** Local Food and Agriculture into City Planning and Economic Development Strategies



**3** **BUILD** Food and Agriculture as a Defining Brand for Lewiston-Auburn



**4** **INCREASE** Equitable Access, Ownership, and Preservation of Land to Grow Food in Lewiston-Auburn

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# ACTIONS

for complete actions visit [tinyurl.com/LFLP2020](https://tinyurl.com/LFLP2020)



STRENGTHEN

ASSESS feasibility for a Community Food Center with grocery & commercial kitchen ✓

SECURE a permanent riverfront home for the Lewiston Farmers' Market 



STRENGTHEN



INTEGRATE

INTEGRATE food & farming as critical in Auburn's Comprehensive Plan ✓



INTEGRATE

PASS urban agriculture ordinances in Auburn & Lewiston to increase food access 



BUILD

BUILD  awareness of & engagement in Auburn & Lewiston's unique food and farm scene



BUILD



BUILD



INCREASE

ASSIST  landless farmers in securing farmland & document the process

INCREASE awareness of land access and transfer resources 

CREATE sustainable land access for subsistence growers 

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# MILESTONES



Lewiston-Auburn Community Market, an emerging cooperative grocery, community kitchen, and shared use storage facility incorporates; elects a multi-cultural, multi-lingual Board of Directors from greater Lewiston and Auburn to lead the project; and secures financing and grants to fund the project.



The Lewiston Farmers' Market incorporates as the Lewiston Farmers' Market Association; secures and moves to a temporary location by the Riverfront while continuing to work in partnership with the City and community stakeholders to identify and secure a permanent home through the Riverfront Island Master Plan.



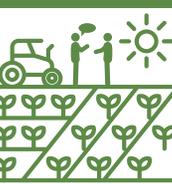
The City of Auburn incorporated a new chapter in their 2021 Comprehensive Plan Update titled, "Promoting Food Access & Production, and Growing the Agriculture Economy." The inclusion of this Chapter is historic, representing the first time goals for both Food Access and Food Based-Businesses have been enshrined in the city's Comprehensive Plan.



Lewiston-Auburn Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce hosts "Taste the Harvest," a first of its kind annual farm-to-table event in downtown LA, helping to showcase local food businesses and culinary talents and building awareness of the importance of the local food economy, and the multi-sector collaborative work of the Lewiston-Auburn Local Foods Local Places Action Plan.



Liberation Farms (Somali Bantu Community Association) and New Roots Cooperative Farm secure and complete purchase of farm and project land for their food-based community initiatives. Liberation Farms published a Case Study of their land access journey including land access tools and resources for under-resourced and non-traditional farmers.



The LFLP Land Access Working Group hired a LA Land Access Outreach Worker for a project to assess community needs and challenges around land access for food-based livelihood initiatives to inform future land access and transfer work.

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## CIRCLES OF ENGAGEMENT & LEADERSHIP

*How the work has moved forward!!*



### COORDINATING TEAM

Ensures the full Action Plan is moving forward in a strategic, thoughtful, and sustainable way including convening and supporting ACTION LEADS in engaging partners and the public to complete Actions that meet overall Plan Goals.

### ACTION LEADS

"Champions" that help ensure an Action is completed or significantly moved forward including convening ACTION TEAMS.

### ACTION TEAMS

Convened by an ACTION LEAD, a small group of stakeholders collaborating on a regular basis to complete or significantly advance a specific Action in the Plan.

### ACTION SUPPORTERS

Engaged by ACTION TEAMS at critical junctures to successfully complete a specific Action in the Plan.

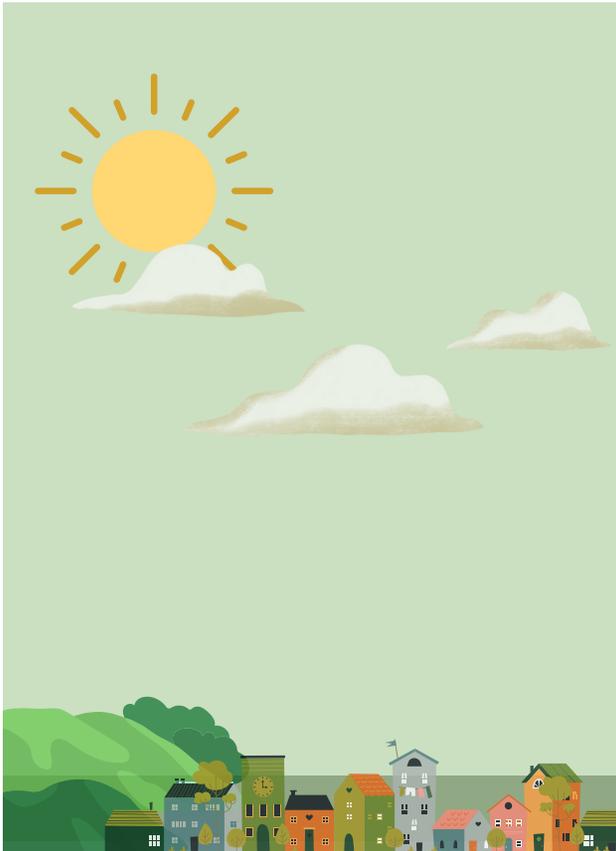
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# ACTION LEADS

(AS OF JULY '23)



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Many thanks to other critical partners and supporters involved!



SAVE THE DATE

# COMMUNITY WORKSHOP & CELEBRATION

*to Update the Lewiston Auburn  
Local Foods Action Plan*

Wednesday, October 25, 2023

Hilton Hotel, Auburn

4:00 pm – 7:00 pm

*Help shape the future of our  
local food system and economy!*