The Food Access and Justice working team is looking for ways to:

- **Protect** our current and potential farmland from development pressures, economic decline, and environmental misuse and keep our farms farming.

- Adopt agricultural practices that reduce the consumption of water, energy, and chemical inputs in the growing process.

- Support all forms and scales of food production in urban areas.

- Connect local growers to the full range of local opportunities to market and distribute their products.

- Strengthen the economic viability of the local food system so that local producers, processors, and distributors are competitive within the global market.

- Attract and support a new generation of workers to careers in food production, processing, and distribution to ensure a robust and consistent food system workforce.

- **Heighten public awareness** of local food production, processing, and distribution.

- Create a regional culture that values healthy eating and a strong local food economy.

- Enhance opportunity for all individuals in all communities to obtain healthy foods.