Securing our Food System
(Extra)ordinary actions for change

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A sustainable food system looks different in every community.
Erie and Niagara counties encompass 64 cities, towns and villages.

Building a more sustainable food system will require making decisions together as a region.
Asset based community development considers local assets as the primary building blocks of sustainable community development.
Community gardens in neighborhoods promote food access, add green space, enhance visual appeal, and provide opportunity for purposeful social interaction.
Loss of farmland is not just the result of poor land use choices - farming is a difficult business.

We are developing our land at a staggering rate while losing population in our region.
Nurtures the growth of a diverse and equitable local food system and promotes local economic opportunities, access to affordable, nutritious food and social change education.
MAP helped advocate for ordinance to permit raising of chickens in the city. Chickens are raised in urban, suburban, and rural settings in our region.
MAP trains youth to grow, harvest, cook, and eat good food. MAP youth engage in social and policy advocacy.
PUTTING YOUR CITIZEN PLANNER SKILLS INTO ACTION

Eat in season

Lose the package

Know your farmer

Support a community garden

Review the comprehensive plan in your community

Run for the Buffalo-Erie Food Policy Council

Join Healthy Food Healthy People Coalition in Niagara County

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Healthy Foods Healthy People Coalition
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Wrap Up

Materials available online
oneregionforward.org

Looking ahead to the next session

June 14: Organizing and Planning for a More Sustainable Future