

# WORK GROUP ACTIONS AND VISION



## Food Security Coalition

### Food System Infrastructure Work Group

### Direct Service & Engagement Work Group

**Top Priority**

Map and inventory regional food system infrastructure:

- Cold Storage
- Processing facilities
- Distribution routes
- Farm land in production/fallow vs. need

Map and inventory regional food assistance services:

- Food pantries
- Community and senior meals
- Backpack programs
- Gleaning groups
- Grocery stores (and do they accept WIC, SNAP, etc)

**Medium-term actions**

- Assess areas/times of infrastructure need and availability
- Identify land for development of additional farms, community gardens
- Continue to develop partnerships with distributors, those with available cold storage.

- Seek input from food insecure populations to fill identified gaps
- Improve attendance at nutrition, cooking, garden, nutrition ed classes
- Develop community meal sites in high-need gap areas
- Engage with locally-owned groceries

**Long-term vision and goals**

- Develop a network of cold storage and processing facilities to better facilitate aggregation and distribution **and/or...**
- Create an aggregation/distribution center with processing facilities and cold storage- potentially as a regional food bank

- Connect those in need to food, including fresh, nutritious food in rural areas
- Reduce language, cultural, generational and economic barriers