



Syracuse-Onondaga Food Systems Alliance

SOFSA is a network of food system stakeholders and a catalyst for change.

Our mission is to strengthen our food system so that it works for all people in Syracuse and Onondaga County. We bring communities together to foster relationships, develop projects, align resources, and advocate for policies to improve the health of our neighbors and our environment.

Too many people lack access to good food. Despite a large regional market, many large grocery stores, and a growing network of farmers markets, still many residents report low access to healthful foods. Inequities in healthy food access are intricately linked to structural racism, perpetuating concentrated poverty and health disparities in our community.

Too many food businesses stand on unstable ground. Food businesses struggle to balance the competing goals of financial viability and environmental stewardship. From family farms, value-added production, and distribution to markets, restaurant outlets, and waste cycling efforts, our challenge is to ensure thriving food enterprises.

By coming together, we can address these problems to create a more equitable and resilient food system.

Our vision:



A community with the resources to provide local solutions to ensure everyone has equal access to food and participation in our food system



A community with a thriving food system built on a foundation of racial and social equity, environmental integrity, and economic inclusion



A community where supporting a resilient food system is integral to how we think as planners, politicians, educators, community activists, and citizens

How do we get there?

Strengthen our network by forging new connections inclusive of all residents

Assess current conditions to identify gaps and opportunities

Strategize together to impact transformative change in our local food system

We deserve a food system that works for all people in Syracuse and Onondaga County.

Visit www.syrfoodalliance.org to get involved.