

Annual Impact Report

The Massachusetts Food System Collaborative supports collective action toward an equitable, sustainable, resilient, and connected local food system in Massachusetts. We envision a local food system where everyone has access to healthy food, to land to grow food, to good jobs, and to the systems where policy decisions are made.

Massachusetts Food System by the numbers

- 300** Food system partners engaged in MAFSC network meetings.
- 250** Food system partners who participate in MAFSC annual Forum.
- 200** Food system partners who participated in in-person State House lobby days.
- 40** Number of network meetings MAFSC held across Massachusetts.
- 25+** Legislative and executive branch meetings.
- 8** Priority bills for which the Collaborative advocates.
- 5** Partner-organized coalitions MAFSC participates in.

CONVENE

The Collaborative’s four networks- Agricultural Equity Network, Food Waste Reduction Network, Local Food Policy Council Network, and Urban Agriculture Network met throughout the year to build community, collaborate, and learn from one another.

ADVOCATE

As the organizer of the Campaign for Healthy Incentives Program (HIP) Funding, the Collaborative continues to lead the coalition in fighting to close the FY25 funding gap. The Collaborative also successfully organized two HIP lobby days, and a food literacy lobby day. We advocated successfully for more than \$26 million in budget priorities, and continued to advocate for our policy priorities, some of which were passed in the economic development bond bill.

EDUCATE

The Collaborative continues to work to educate policymakers about the food system, and food system advocates about policy. In 2024, the Collaborative completed 15 advocacy 101 trainings with over 200 participants, and also started an internship program. MAFSC sends its monthly newsletter to more than 5000 subscribers with a 40% click through rate.

2025 PLANS

CONTINUED NETWORK COLLABORATION AND COMMUNITY BUILDING.

ADVOCATING FOR LEGISLATION, BOND AND BUDGETARY PRIORITIES.

CONTINUED RELATIONSHIP BUILDING WITH EXECUTIVE, LEGISLATIVE BRANCHES AND PARTNERS.

CONTINUED FOCUS ON EQUITY AS A THROUGHLINE.

CONTINUE TO HOLD ADVOCACY 101 TRAININGS.

FIRST IN-PERSON FOOD POLICY COUNCIL SUMMIT

ADDING FOCUS ON MUNICIPAL POLICY, PENDING CAPACITY.