

## The Marion Institute's Southcoast Food Policy Council

May 21, 2024, Quarterly Meeting

15 participants

### Agenda

- SFPC Working Group Updates and Successes, Next Steps
- Legislative Advocacy Training: Modules 1 and 2 combined
- Action Alert
- Register for the Eat Local Southcoast Challenge
- Volunteer at Frogfoot Farm
- The next SFPC Quarterly Meeting is August 27 at 12 noon

### **Most of the information is in the PowerPoint.**

#### **Get involved in the Southcoast Food Policy Council:**

- Register for the Eat Local Southcoast Challenge at <https://www.marioninstitute.org/programs/sfpc/eat-local-southcoast-challenge-2024>
- Contact your State Senator in this legislative advocacy: <https://actionnetwork.org/letters/contact-your-state-senator-to-ensure-your-neighbors-and-children-have-enough-to-eat>
- Volunteer at Frogfoot Farm <https://www.marioninstitute.org/programs/frogfoot-farm-neighbors-feeding-neighbors-volunteer-page/>

#### **Community Shares:**

- Andrea Marczely, Cape Cod Cooperative Extension. [andrea.marczely@capecod.gov](mailto:andrea.marczely@capecod.gov). Registration for "Building Pathways to a Sustainable Cape Cod Food System: Workshop Series" <https://www.capecod.gov/2024/04/03/18661>
- Dale Leavitt- Oyster Farmer in Fairhaven. Due to the severe storms from climate change and an antiquated sewer system, the Greater New Bedford sewer system has overflowed into Buzzards Bay, affecting the aquaculture industry. That, combined with a different classification model that the Environmental Protection Agency is using, had shut down oyster farming in the Buzzards Bay area for months. We are not conditioning open and hoping the criteria will be changed to allow shellfish harvesting in the Buzzards Bay area. [dale@bluestreamaquaculture.com](mailto:dale@bluestreamaquaculture.com)
- Liz Miller from Spoonfuls is a food recovery organization that recovers food from grocery retail, primarily on some farms and some wholesale distributors. We have a new strategic plan, which includes geographic expansion into Southeastern MA along the Route 24 corridor. We are looking for connections. [LMiller@spoonfuls.org](mailto:LMiller@spoonfuls.org)
- Pam Kuechler, PACE, New Bedford. The food pantry is open five days a week. We just got a grant to deliver food to older women in New Bedford, and if that goes well, we will expand that service. We got a grant from the Greater Boston Food Bank to extend our dry storage space. The number of people we serve has tripled since we opened the new food pantry. If you are interested in a partnership, contact Pam at [pamkuechler@paceinfo.org](mailto:pamkuechler@paceinfo.org).