

Updated Food Action Plan

Sustainability, City Light, Arts & Culture Committee





Office of Sustainability & Environment - Focus Areas and Core Services

Inclusive Climate Workforce

Reducing Climate Pollution

Healthy, Resilient Communities

Climate & Environmental Justice

- Environmental Justice Fund
- Climate Workforce
- Resilience Hubs
- Duwamish Valley Program
- Green New Deal Oversight Board

GHG Emissions Reductions

- Transportation Electrification
- Low Pollution Neighborhoods
- BEPS
- Clean Heat Program
- Municipal Energy Emissions Program

Food Policy & Programs

- Healthy School Food
- Values-Based Food Procurement
- Fresh Bucks
- **Food Action Plan**
- Sweetened Beverage Tax Community Advisory Board

Seattle's Trees & Forests

- Canopy Equity Plan
- Tree Canopy Cover Assessment
- \$12M USFS Grant
- Urban Forestry Commission
- Trees for Seattle



Seattle's Food Action Plan (2024 Update)

- Presents a shared vision and roadmap for how the City and community partners can support an **equitable, sustainable, and resilient** local food system.
- The original Plan was released in 2012 and this is the first update since then.
- Supports Mayor Harrell's *One Seattle Climate Justice Agenda* and vision for [Healthy, Resilient Communities](#)



Seattle's food work is nationally recognized

Seattle is a leader for innovative and impactful programs like:

- **Fresh Bucks** serves 12,000 households
- **Food Rescue Innovation** to prevent food waste
- **Farm to Preschool** at 47 preschools
- **Healthy snack program** at 27 schools
- **Food security programs** at 100+ sites citywide
- **Food Equity Fund** to support community food projects

The Food Action Plan is the backbone for dynamic food policies and programs

Mayor Bruce Harrell's Work to End Food Insecurity in Seattle



Seattle's sweetened beverage tax is funding food sovereignty work

CHXK Public Radio | By [Dellany Pailthrop](#)
Published August 18, 2023 at 4:35 AM PDT

Inside Seattle Public Schools' salmon collaboration with the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe

Proposed: Food Action Plan Resolution

Adoption will demonstrate continued Mayor-Council alignment with a longstanding framework that guides food work managed by City Departments and Offices



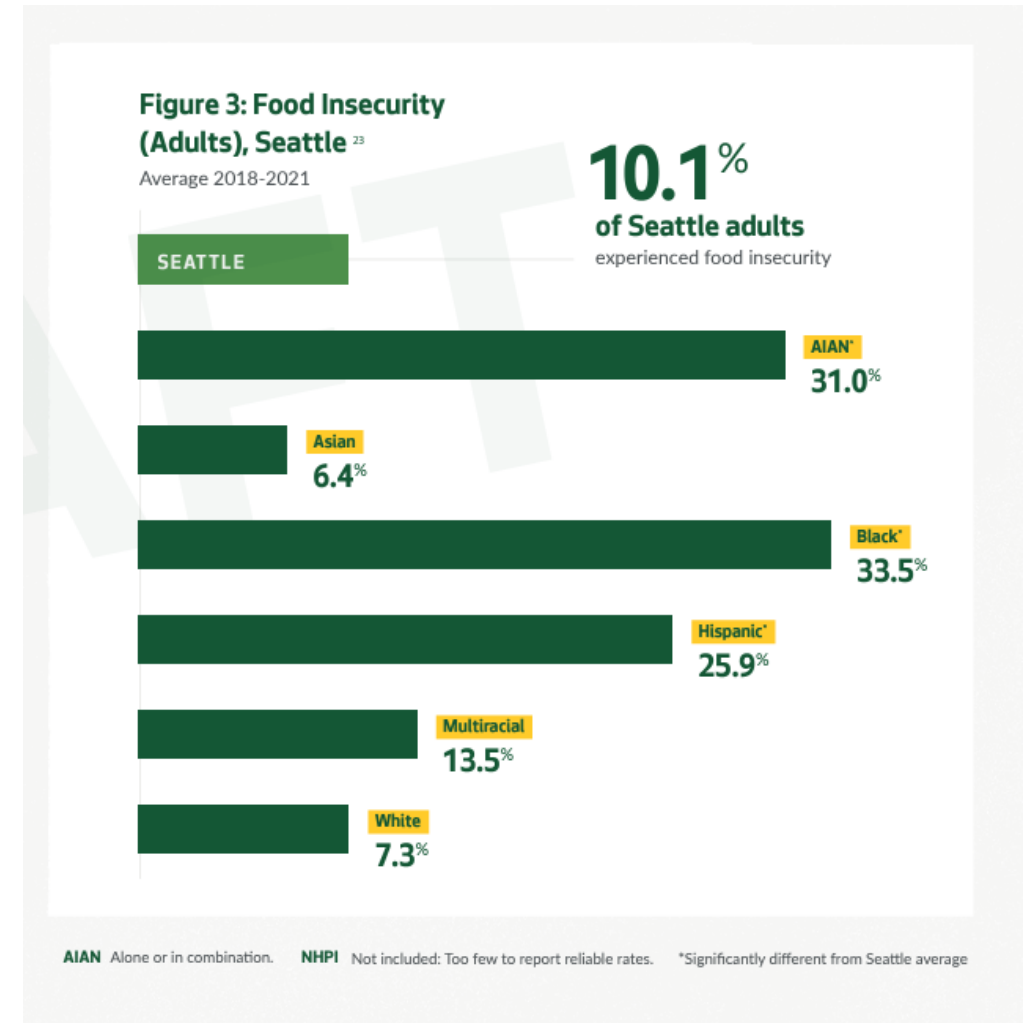
Overview of the Updated Food Action Plan

Seattle's guide for an **equitable**, **sustainable**, and **resilient** local food system.



Context: Persistent Needs

- **High rates of food insecurity** and deep disparities by race, place, household composition. (Source: Public Health data)
- **Historically high food prices**. Food prices were 25% higher in 2023 compared to 2019. (Source: USDA)
 - SNAP participation in King County increased 18% between Jan 2022 and July 2024. (Source: Public Health data)
- **Meanwhile, food consumption habits and food waste have major impacts on the environment and climate.** (Sources: SPU)



Core Food Programs

Several departments manage the City's **core food** programs, bringing specialized expertise:

HSD – hunger relief and food security

OSE – sustainable food procurement, Fresh Bucks

SPU – food waste prevention

DON – community food projects, P-Patch

SPR – urban agriculture on parklands



Food & Nutrition Security

HSD, OSE, DON Food Equity Fund



Food Waste Prevention

SPU



Urban Agriculture & Community Gardening

SPR, DON P-Patches

Aligned Food Programs

Although food is not their primary focus, several departments manage programs and policies that impact the local food system:

OED – Permitting and business supports

OLS – Seattle labor standards

OPCD – Zoning



Economic
Development
& Labor

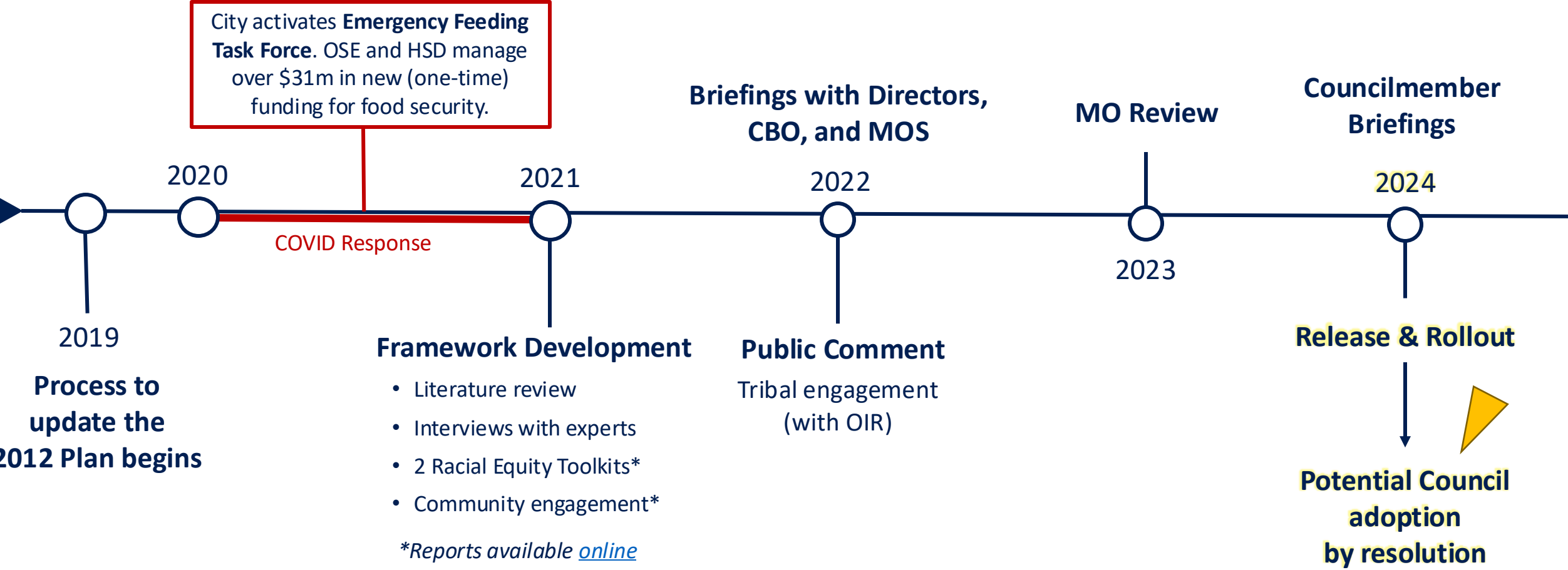
OED, OLS



Planning &
Community
Development

OPCD

Food Action Plan Update Timeline



Food Action Plan - Goals

Increase Community Food Security

Support Locally Grown & Traditional Foods

Prevent Food Waste and Climate Pollution

Advance an Equitable Local Economy



Food Action Plan - Strategic Priorities



1. Community Food Security



2. Land Use & Access



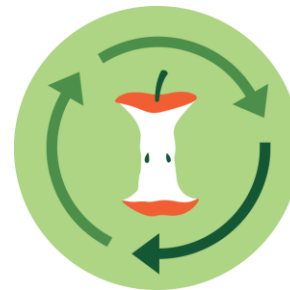
3. Education and Training



4. Economy & Labor



5. Local Supply Chains



6. Food Waste



7. Environment and Climate



8. Food Action Plan Stewardship



Strategic Priority 1: Community Food Security

- Nutritious, affordable, and culturally relevant food
- Food security and access for low-income children, youth, adults, and older adults in preschools, schools, community-based organizations, and other community settings

Example programs:

Fresh Bucks (OSE), Healthy Food in Schools (OSE)

Farm to Preschool (HSD), Food banks and meal programs (HSD)



Meals for older adults (ages 60+)



Fresh Bucks



Strategic Priority 2: Land Use & Access

- Focuses on existing efforts to support community gardening and urban agriculture
- Builds on Mayor's *2023 Year of Community Gardening Proclamation*

Example programs and initiatives:

P-Patch Community Gardening (DON) – at 90 sites citywide

Marra Farm (SPR), Beacon Food Forest (DON & SPU), Rainier Beach Urban Farm and Wetlands (SPR)



P-Patch Program



Y-WE Grow Program (City grantee)





Strategic Priority 3: Education & Training

- Culturally relevant and experiential food and nutrition education for all ages
- Mentorship opportunities in food systems work

These programs are leveraged for education programming:

Healthy Food in Schools (OSE)

Seattle Farm to Preschool (HSD)

Urban Food Systems Program (SPR)



Seattle Farm to Preschool Program



BLOOM Program





Strategic Priority 4: Economy & Labor

- Food projects that promote equitable economic development
- Technical assistance for small food businesses
- References Seattle's existing labor laws and their protections for food workers

Example programs:

Small Business Supports (OED)

Labor Standards Community Outreach and Education Fund (OLS)



Melissa Miranda, local chef and restaurateur





Strategic Priority 5: Local Supply Chains

- Shifting food procurement to focus on supporting the local food economy, environmental sustainability, and equity
- Support stronger, local food system infrastructure

Example programs and initiatives:

Values-based food purchasing (OSE)

South Seattle Community Food Hub (King County)



Food Lifeline facility





Strategic Priority 6: Food Waste

- Food waste prevention and efforts to raise public awareness about the environmental and climate impacts of food waste and food consumption habits
- Strengthens cross-sector food rescue operations

Example programs and initiatives:

Food waste prevention campaigns (SPU)

Food Rescue Innovation (SPU)



OSL Serves - Food in Motion Program





Strategic Priority 7: Environment & Climate

- Reducing climate pollution associated with the food system
- Promoting low carbon and environmentally sustainable foods

Example programs and initiatives:

Values-based food purchasing (OSE)

Community grant programs, e.g.:

- *Environmental Justice Fund (OSE)*
- *Food Equity Fund (DON)*



Healthy Food in Schools (OSE)





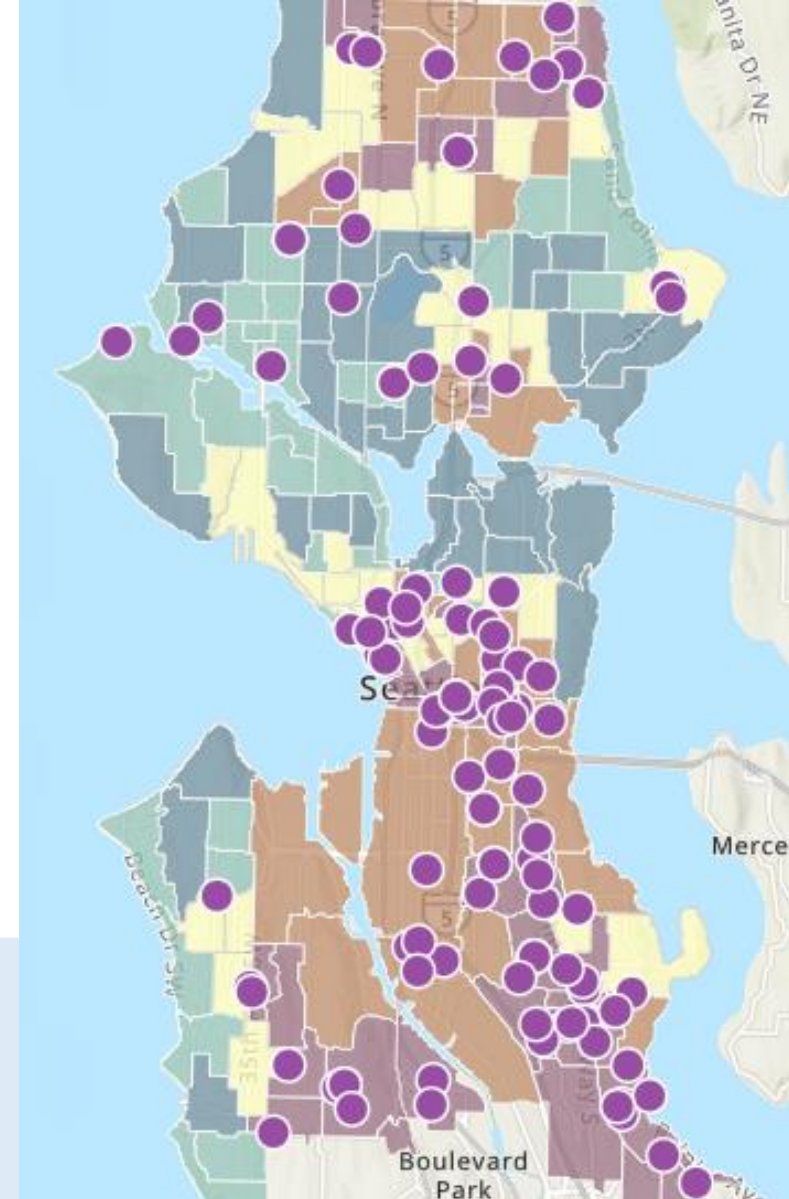
Strategic Priority 8: Food Action Plan Stewardship

- Performance tracking and reporting of City food work
- Collaboration across sectors, departments, and community partners
- Monitoring federal and state policy and funding opportunities

Example initiatives:

Food Action Plan Interdepartmental Team (OSE)

Food Action Plan map and dashboard (OSE)



Food and meal sites shown on the FAP dashboard



Food Action Plan Map (in development)

- The following slides show screenshots from an interactive, online **Food Action Plan Map** OSE is developing.
- The FAP Map will enable users to learn about **site locations of City-supported food work**.
- Users will be able to filter and display locations by Food Action Plan strategic priority and program/service type.
- Users will also be able to apply different map layers, such as the City's Racial and Social Equity Index and Council Districts.

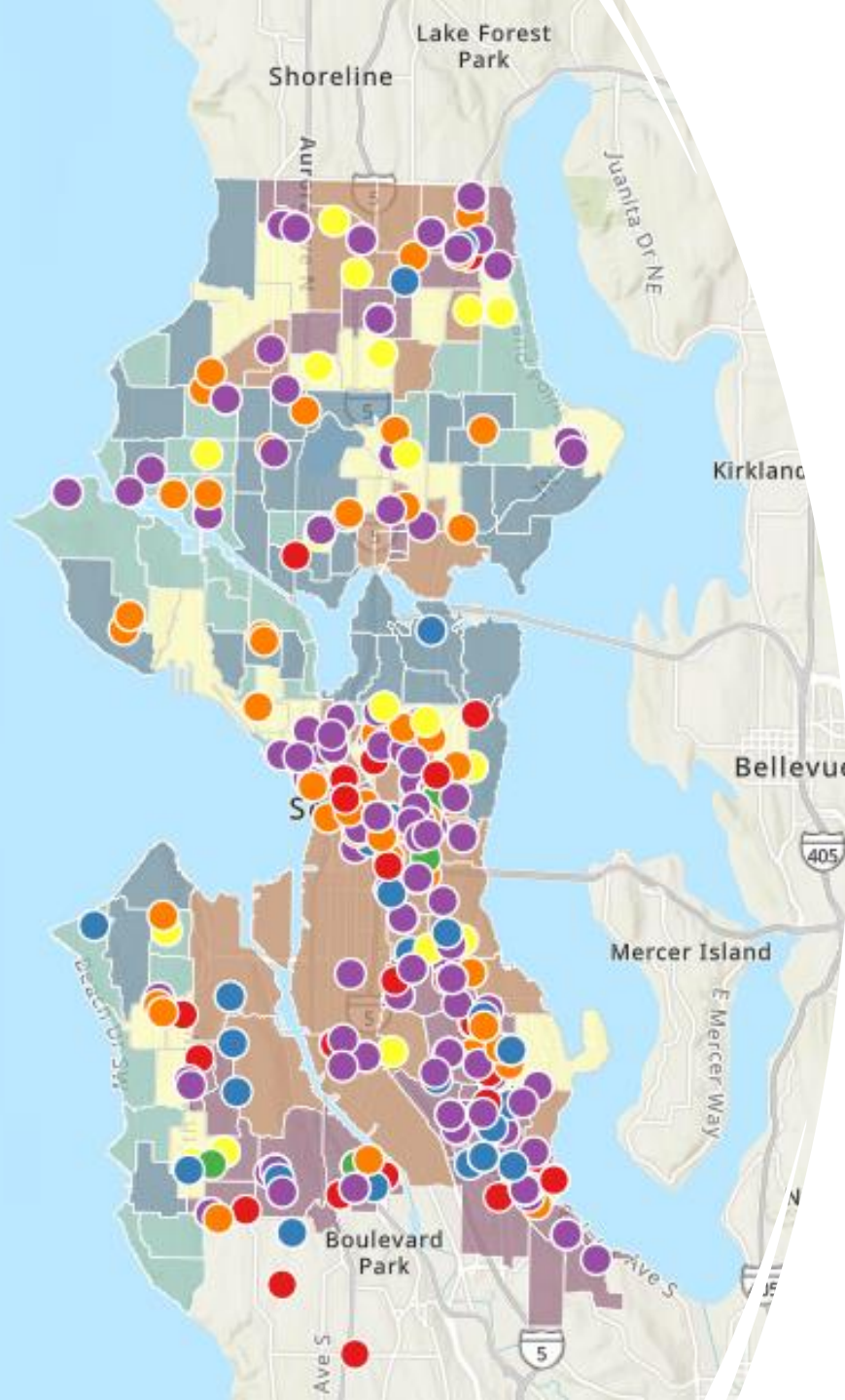


Community Food Security

Strategic Priority 1, Food Action Plan

This map shows City-funded community food security sites (2021-2023) against the Racial and Social Equity Index.

- Sites are located across Seattle.
- Sites are concentrated in areas of highest equity priority (areas of the map shaded in orange/red).
- The greatest number of sites are providing food and meal distribution (food banks, meals programs, summer meals)



Program Category:

- Community-Designed Grant Project
- Farm to Preschool
- Food & Recreation
- Food and Meal Distribution
- Fresh Bucks Retailers
- Healthy Food in Schools

Racial and Social Equity Composite Index:

- Lowest
- Second Lowest
- Middle
- Second Highest Equity Priority
- Highest Equity Priority

Community Gardening & Farming

Strategic Priority 2: Land Use & Access

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- Sites are located across Seattle.
- Sites are concentrated in areas of highest equity priority (areas of the map shaded in orange/red).
- The greatest number of sites are P-Patches.

Program Category:

- Community-Designed Grant Project
- P-Patch Community Gardening
- Urban Food System Program

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Next Steps: Plan Implementation

- Continue delivery of core food programs
- Continue development of the Food Action Plan map and online dashboard for progress reporting
- Continue interdepartmental collaboration (and pursue external funding) to support Plan priorities, including:
 - Values-based food purchasing
 - Food rescue innovation
 - Activating public space for new community gardening



Thank you. Questions?

