

*The Monadnock Farm and Community Coalition is a regional coalition whose mission is to support a sustainable local food system by cultivating community action and building collaboration to implement effective programs, projects, and policies.*

*Our vision is a vibrant safe, and efficient local food system that enhances the health of our community, profitable for farmers and producers, is accessible and inclusive to a diverse community, and conserves natural resources.*

<b>Monadnock Farm and Community Coalition 5-Year Strategic Plan (2020-2025)</b>	
<b>Goal 1</b>	<b>Ensure the sustainability of the coalition.</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recruit and maintain an active, diverse and representative board &amp; coalition membership</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Share information, ideas, and resources efficiently and equitable among the food system stakeholders.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Raise funds to support coalition activities</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increase the number and strength of partnerships in the region's food system</li> </ul>
<b>Goal 2</b>	<b>Increase food production in the region</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support improved access to farm inputs, such as seeds, equipment, labor, land &amp; technology to increase productivity</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improve food producers' connection to capital and business planning assistance that supports farm profitability</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Encourage new entrepreneurs</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Promote stewardship of agricultural and natural resources through the use of best management practices and access to technical assistance</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Offer education on the value of the protection of agricultural soils</li> </ul>
<b>Goal 3</b>	<b>Increase local food consumption in the region</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support direct sales and year-round thriving markets of locally produced food by improving farmers' links between markets and consumers</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Expand local food access and educate consumers on the benefits of locally produced food, especially youth and low-income populations</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improve postproduction infrastructure including storage and processing facilities</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Promote home and community food production and preparation</li> </ul>
<b>Goal 4</b>	<b>Provide resources and encourage advocacy for food system policy</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify best practices, model policy and zoning that could be effective in supporting agriculture in the Monadnock Region</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Build awareness of relevant national and state food system legislation and policies</li> </ul>
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