# **EVERAGE POINTS FLINT** Community Collaborative Action

**Desirable Future:** Community service providers collaborate with resource providers, government, nonprofits, residents, faith-based organizations and retail for mutual benefit, achieving authentic community-based collaboration across all sectors.

Example leverage points defined by community members are listed below. Join the conversation--detailed lists of more leverage points can be found at: www.canr.msu.edu/FlintFood

#### Upstream

Change current funding standards to be more equitable, lower barriers to get funding, and distribute funding more equitably

### **Midstream**

Establish a network or organization that connects food system actors, represents the community, and conducts equitable

decision-making

## Downstream

Create a platform of communication and collaboration between Flint community gardens to introduce community members to the produce available, distribute produce, and educate people on recipes and cooking

**Currently:** Limited resources and silos put organizations in competition for funding, promoting self-interested collaboration and limiting system-level innovations.

#### **Definitions:**

Upstream: Policies, laws, or regulations that improve community conditions, creating system-wide changes
Midstream: Barriers that need to be addressed in order for the system to evolve; and/or supports individual social needs
Downstream: Addresses individual needs and crisis management

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