



LEVERAGE POINTS FLINT

"Emergency Response" Loop

Desirable Future: Food system changes reduce the need to access emergency food services like food banks and soup kitchens for greater food independence, and resident food equity.

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

Improve the economic conditions in Flint through employment, guaranteed basic income, increase disability or unemployment payments, etc. to systematically increase income which would improve nutrition.

Midstream

Expand what can be funded and how things are funded in order to address emergencies or issues contributing to a problem beyond the normal scope of a funder

Downstream

Create or expand a delivery service for emergency sector food for those who cannot access other distributions, to impact food accessibility

Currently: The food system is focused on supplying emergency food, rather than preventing need, due to current high demand and needs of community.

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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