

# Michigan Local Food Councils & Food and Health Networks/Associations

A Directory

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# Michigan Local Food Councils & Statewide Food and Health Associations Directory

This directory contains information on Michigan local food councils and food policy councils, statewide food and health associations, and Michigan State University Extension staff who are currently working with local food and food policy councils. The main purpose of the directory is to help participants connect with each other over shared interests, areas of expertise, geographic regions served, etc.

Please note that this directory may not include every council or association doing this type of work in Michigan. If you know of an organization that should be added, please contact us for inclusion in the next update.

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# Local Food Councils & Food Policy Councils

## Bay County Food Council

**Mission:** Within Bay County, community partners work collaboratively to eliminate hunger

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**Geographic Area Covered:** Bay County

**Areas of Expertise:** Food insecurity

**Networking Interests:** Food councils

## Capital Area Food Council

**Mission:** Helping build a sustainable, equitable tri-county food system where everyone has access to healthy, green, fair and affordable food

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**Geographic Area Covered:** Tri-County Area (Ingham, Clinton, Eaton)

**Areas of Expertise:** Farmers markets; urban agriculture; data collection/analysis

**Website:** <https://www.capitalareafoodcouncil.org/about.html>

## Detroit Food Policy Council

**Mission:** To influence policy which ensures the development and maintenance of a sustainable equitable food system

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**Geographic Area Covered:** Detroit

**Areas of Expertise:** Urban agriculture; food access and grocery store improvement; wasted food (food waste); convening and outreach

**Networking Interests:** Collaboration around federal and state policy

**Website:** [www.detroitfoodpc.org](http://www.detroitfoodpc.org)

## Food Access Collaboration Team of Saginaw (FACTS)

**Mission:** To identify, develop and connect resources to increase food security in Saginaw County

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**Geographic Area Covered:** Saginaw County

**Areas of Expertise:** Food access collaborative calendar; food security summit and resource events

**Networking Interests:** Food clubs, mobile produce, learning more about policy and advocating and retaining members from all local food sectors

### **Good Food Kalamazoo**

**Mission:** The goal of Good Food Kalamazoo (GFK) is to engage & empower our community to provide itself with healthy, green, fair, and affordable food

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**Geographic Area Covered:** Greater Kalamazoo

**Networking Interests:** Racial Equity in the Food System, diversifying our network

### **Healthy Montcalm**

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**Geographic Area Covered:** Montcalm County

### **Hunger Free Calhoun**

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**Geographic Area Covered:** Calhoun County

**Areas of Expertise:** Food bank; fresh food; childhood/senior hunger relief programs; SNAP; food rescue; outreach

**Networking Interests:** Any

### **Huron Shores Local Food Policy Council**

**Mission:** Systemic change for sustainability of NE MI food and farming (working mission statement)

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**Geographic Area Covered:** NE Prosperity Region 3 (Alcona County, Alpena County, Cheboygan County, Crawford County, Ionia County, Montmorency County, Oscoda County, Ogemaw County, Otsego County, Roscommon County and Presque Isle County)

**Areas of Expertise:** Rural coalition building/economic development, grant writing, parliamentary procedure, marketing.

**Networking Interests:** Food hubs; rural farmers markets; regional food systems

### **Kent County Food Policy Council**

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**Geographic Area Covered:** Kent County

**Areas of Expertise:** Community input-gathering

**Networking Interests:** Councils with policies, procedures and position descriptions in place; research of policy recommendations in similar-sized communities

### **Lake County Community Food Council**

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**Geographic Area Covered:** Lake County

### **Livingston County Hunger Council**

**Mission:** Together we nourish our community by championing food access and education

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**Geographic Area Covered:** Livingston County

**Areas of Expertise:** Pantry Network, Summer Lunch Programs, Community Gardens, food education

**Networking Interests:** Pantry Network, Summer Lunch Programs, Community Gardens, food education

### **Local Food Alliance of Northern Michigan**

**Mission:** To enrich the culture of local food and farming in the Northern Farms Foodshed

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**Geographic Area Covered:** Emmet, Charlevoix, northern Antrim, and western Cheboygan County

**Areas of Expertise:** Food Access, Farm to School, Farm to Institution, State of local Agriculture papers to share at State of the community events

**Networking Interests:** Share our farm-to-institution experience; Explore/share experience with policy issues, e.g. PDR and accessory uses on farms, including various agritourism ventures

### **Macomb Food Collaborative**

**Mission:** Macomb Food Collaborative works to ensure access to safe, fresh, fair and healthy food for all. We promote a vibrant, local food economy, sustainability and good nutrition through education, outreach and support

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**Geographic Area Covered:** Macomb County

**Areas of Expertise:** Annual Food System conference; connecting various sectors of the food system

**Networking Interests:** Supporting local food economy; advocacy around food access

**Website:** <http://www.macombfood.org>

### **Midland County Hunger Connections / United Way of Midland County**

**Mission:** Midland County Hunger Connections is a collaborative to reduce barriers for the hungry

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**Geographic Area Covered:** Midland County

**Areas of Expertise:** Engage existing food partners to foster ideas in which to collaborate to leverage resources, ensuring non-duplication of services

**Networking Interests:** Collaboration; food security; community gardens

### **Monroe County Food Advisory Council / MCOP**

**Mission:** No resident of Monroe County will go hungry for lack of access to healthy food

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**Geographic Area Covered:** Monroe County

**Areas of Experience:** Partnership development; completion of a Hunger Study; Green Mapping process; fresh and healthy food distribution; resource and financial development

**Networking Interests:** Any

### **Muskegon County Food System Council**

**Mission:** Facilitating Collaboration to more efficiently educate about and increase access to Good Food for All.

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**Geographic Area Covered:** Muskegon County

### **Northwest Michigan Food and Farming Network**

**Mission:** Building NW Michigan's Agricultural Future

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**Geographic Area Covered:** Prosperity Region 2 (Emmet, Antrim, Charlevoix, Kalkaska, Wexford, Missaukee, Grand Traverse, Leelanau, Benzie, Manistee)

**Areas of Expertise:** Local Food Sales, Agribusiness Generation, Farm to Institution, Farmland Resources, Food Access

**Website:** <https://foodandfarmingnetwork.com/>

### **Northwest Food Coalition**

**Mission:** To empower member food programs by coordinating and creating resources to achieve food security

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**Geographic Area Covered:** Antrim, Benzie, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska, Leelanau and Wexford

**Website:** <http://northwestfoodcoalition.org/>

### **Oakland County Food Policy Council**

**Mission:** Create a fair and culturally friendly food system in Oakland County that encourages healthy eating

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**Geographic Area Covered:** Oakland County

**Areas of Expertise:** Access to healthy foods; food security; advocacy; council and partnership development; data collection; farm to school; nutrition and SNAP education

**Networking Interests:** Advocacy; policy development; capacity building; training opportunities; food equity; planning and zoning; working with local government(s)

**Website:** <https://www.oakgov.com/health/partnerships/echo/Pages/food-policy-council.aspx>

### **Ottawa Food**

**Mission:** To ensure that all Ottawa County residents have access to healthy, local and affordable food choices

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**Geographic Area Covered:** Ottawa County

**Areas of Expertise:** Healthy food access; nutrition education; local food procurement

**Networking Interests:** Reducing food waste; policy/advocacy work

**Website:** <http://www.ottawafood.org/>

### **Southwest Michigan Local Food Council**

**Mission:** The Southwest Michigan Local Food Council is a collective of advocates that takes evidence-based actions toward the development of an equitable regional food system that values local farmers and entrepreneurs

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**Geographic Area Covered:** Berrien, Cass, Van Buren Counties

**Areas of Expertise:** Improving the significance of local food in our community; improving economic prospects in the local food system; improving resources that support a local food system

**Networking Interests:** Establishing working groups; prioritizing equity and diversity

**Website:** <https://www.behealthyberrien.org/council/>

### **Thumb Food Policy Council**

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**Geographic Area Covered:** St. Clair, Lapeer, Tuscola, Huron and Sanilac

**Areas of Expertise:** Food security and insecurity; connections in communities; agricultural and food literacy

**Networking Interests:** Pantries; small and medium sized ag producers; human service agencies; engaging local decision makers

### **Tribal Food Sovereignty Collaborative (Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians)**

**Mission:** Connecting, promoting, and building community food systems through: education, youth engagement, cultural traditions, and modern sustainability

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**Geographic Area Covered:** The Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians' 7-county service area (Chippewa, Mackinac, Luce, Alger, Schoolcraft, Marquette and Delta County)

**Areas of Expertise:** Edible plants/medicines, gardening, harvesting, preserving, farmer's markets, economic development, etc.

**Networking Interests:** Discussing past, present, and future local food systems, designing and implementing culturally-centered food projects and classes, and attending community, state, and national Tribal Food Sovereignty conferences and workshops with interested Sault Tribe staff and members, neighboring communities and tribal members, and other organizations such as MSU Extension

### **Upper Peninsula Food Exchange Policy Committee**

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**Geographic Area Covered:** Michigan's Upper Peninsula

**Areas of Expertise:** Local government planning and zoning; Right to Farm; Community engagement

**Networking Interests:** Sample local government planning and regulatory approaches

### **Washtenaw County Food Policy Council**

**Mission:** The Washtenaw County Food Policy Council increases and preserves access to safe, local and healthy food for all residents of Washtenaw County

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**Geographic Area Covered:** Washtenaw County

**Areas of Expertise:** Food access/food security; pollinators; planning and zoning; food waste and packaging; farmers and institutional purchasing; policy advocacy; local farmers/food economy

**Networking Interests:** Food waste; planning and zoning; preserving pollinator habitats

**Website:** <https://washtenawfoodpolicycouncil.wordpress.com/>

### **Western Michigan Food Recovery Council**

**Mission:** The Western Michigan Food Recovery Council is a multidisciplinary council of food system stakeholders that promotes food recovery among local businesses

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**Geographic Area Covered:** Western and Southwest Michigan

**Areas of Expertise:** Food waste

### **Western U.P. Food Systems Council**

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**Geographic Area Covered:** Western U.P. counties of Baraga, Gogebic, Houghton, Iron, Keweenaw, Ontonagon

**Areas of Expertise:** Policy and planning; community engagement; food sovereignty

**Networking Interests:** Equity and racial justice centered storytellers, artists, visionaries; local food advocates

### **Wiisinidaa Mnomijim (Let's Eat Good Food) in Bay Mills Indian Community**

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# Statewide Networks and Associations

## Center for Civil Justice

**Mission:** Fighting poverty through advocacy

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**Geographic Area Covered:** Arenac, Bay, Clare, Genesee, Gladwin, Gratiot, Huron, Isabella, Lapeer, Midland, Saginaw, St. Clair, Sanilac and Tuscola

**Areas of Expertise:** Food assistance; school nutrition; MI Bridges navigators

**Networking Interests:** School food service coordinators and child nutrition sites

**Website:** <http://www.ccj-mi.org/>

## Elder Law of Michigan MiCAFE Network

**Mission:** To enhance food security for older adults through SNAP

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**Geographic Area Covered:** Michigan Statewide

**Areas of Expertise:** SNAP outreach and education; targeted outreach to outreach adults; partnering with local organizations

**Networking Interests:** Grant opportunities; more partners to enroll older adults in SNAP; improved understanding of the food networks

**Website:** <https://www.elderlawofmi.org/micafe>

## Fair Food Network

**Mission:** Growing health and wealth in communities across the country through food

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**Geographic Area Covered:** Michigan Statewide

**Areas of Expertise:** Health food incentives; social impact investing (financing and business assistance)

**Networking Interests:** Streamlining supply/demand for healthy, local food; Identifying "good food entrepreneurs"

**Website:** <https://fairfoodnetwork.org/>

## Food Bank Council of Michigan

**Mission:** To create a food secure state through advocacy, resource management, and collaboration among stakeholders and Michigan's unified food bank network

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**Geographic Area Covered:** Michigan Statewide – see URL below to find a food bank in your area - <https://www.fbcnich.org/resources/find-a-food-bank/>

**Areas of Expertise:** Food access; emergency food; advocacy

**Website:** <https://www.fbcnich.org/>

### **FoodCorps Michigan**

**Mission:** Connecting K-8 students to healthy food in schools

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**Geographic Area Covered:** Michigan Lower Peninsula

**Areas of Expertise:** Education; gardening; nutrition; cooking with youth; community outreach

**Networking Interests:** Project collaboration; school nutrition; school food systems; fundraising opportunities; youth gardening programs; healthy living initiatives

**Website:** <https://foodcorps.org/>

### **Great Lakes Bay Health**

**Mission:** Provide excellent healthcare to individuals and communities that are underserved and uninsured

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**Geographic Area Covered:** Saginaw, Bay, Huron and Shiawassee

**Areas of Expertise:** Clinical nutrition education; health care management

**Networking Interests:** Nutrition education; fresh food initiatives; food system improvements

**Website:** <https://www.greatlakesbayhealthcenters.org/>

### **GreenStone Farm Credit Services**

**Mission:** Supporting rural communities and agriculture with reliable, consistent credit and financial services today and tomorrow.

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**Geographic Area Covered:** Michigan and NE Wisconsin

**Areas of Expertise:** Lending for farms, agribusinesses and rural communities; young, beginning and small farm loans; financial services; financial literacy education

**Website:** [www.greenstonefcs.com](http://www.greenstonefcs.com)

### **Groundwork Center for Resilient Communities**

**Mission:** We focus on solutions that improve daily life and build community health - things like local food, energy, transportation and economy

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**Geographic Area Covered:** NW Lower Michigan. Offices in Traverse City and Petoskey

**Areas of Expertise:** Transportation; food and farming; nutrition and food systems; clean energy

**Networking Interests:** Culinary skills and local food training for health providers; food policy; farmland preservation; building local food markets; food access

**Website:** [www.groundworkcenter.org](http://www.groundworkcenter.org)

### **Healthy Kids, Healthy Michigan**

**Mission:** Prevention of childhood obesity through policy and environmental changes aimed at increasing consumption and access to healthy foods, and physical activity

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**Geographic Area Covered:** Michigan Statewide

**Website:** [www.healthykidshealthymich.com](http://www.healthykidshealthymich.com)

### **Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD)**

**Website:** [www.michigan.gov/mdard](http://www.michigan.gov/mdard)

### **Michigan Department of Education (MDE)**

**Website:** [www.michigan.gov/mde](http://www.michigan.gov/mde)

### **Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS)**

**Website:** [www.michigan.gov/mdhhs](http://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs)

### **Michigan Environmental Council**

**Mission:** MEC drives the environmental agenda in MI by developing innovative policy ideas, communicating them to key audiences and engaging our members, community leaders and residents as effective advocates for shared goals

**Contacts:** Tina Reynolds – [tina@environmentalcouncil.org](mailto:tina@environmentalcouncil.org)

**Geographic Area Covered:** Michigan Statewide

**Areas of Expertise:** Policy development, advocacy, and implementation; HKHM healthy food access coordinator; childhood obesity; and sustainability initiatives

**Networking Interests:** Food hubs, food networks, food equity, financing/funding, healthy food access and food policy development.

**Website:** [www.environmentalcouncil.org](http://www.environmentalcouncil.org)

### **Michigan Farm to Institution Network**

**Mission:** The Michigan Farm to Institution Network (MFIN) is a space for learning, sharing and working together to get more local food to institutions. We aim to help institutions meet the Michigan Good Food Charter goal of 20% Michigan food to institutions by 2020.

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**Geographic Area Covered:** Michigan Statewide

**Areas of Expertise:** Local food procurement, tracking, and promotion; connections, education and storytelling

**Networking Interests:** Institutions including food service buyers, food suppliers including farmers, food distributors and processors, food and health-related networks, eaters

**Website:** [www.mifarmtoinstitution.org](http://www.mifarmtoinstitution.org), [www.cultivatemichigan.org](http://www.cultivatemichigan.org)

### **Michigan Farmers Market Association (MIFMA)**

**Mission:** To advance farmers markets to create a thriving marketplace for local food and farm products

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**Geographic Area Covered:** Statewide

**Areas of Expertise:** Farmers markets; food access with farmers markets; shared metrics data collection

**Networking Interests:** Support food access initiatives; linking small to mid-sized farmers with markets; statewide and national advocacy

**Website:** [mifma.org/findafarmersmarket](http://mifma.org/findafarmersmarket)

### **Michigan Fitness Foundation**

**Mission:** To inspire active lifestyles and healthy food choices through education, environmental change, community events, and policy leadership

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**Geographic Area Covered:** Michigan Statewide

**Areas of Expertise:** Nutrition; food systems; evaluation; community change work; communications; physical activity; placemaking, grant management

**Networking Interests:** Healthy food access; policy collaboration; food insecurity; community engagement, farm to institution; produce supply chains in rural areas

**Website:** [michiganfitness.org](http://michiganfitness.org)

### **Michigan Food and Farming Systems (MIFFS)**

**Mission:** Connect beginning and historically underserved farmers to each other and to resource opportunities; ensuring social justice, environmental stewardship, and profitability

**Contacts:** Lauren Marquardt - [lauren@miffs.org](mailto:lauren@miffs.org), Jennifer Silveri - [jen@miffs.org](mailto:jen@miffs.org)

**Geographic Area Covered:** Michigan

**Areas of Expertise:** Agriculture; USDA programs; historically underserved farmers; food safety; grant writing; hosting conferences; food systems; beginning farmer education

**Website:** [www.miffs.org](http://www.miffs.org)

### **Michigan Food Hub Network**

**Mission:** Supporting business development and collaboration for Michigan food hubs

**Contacts:** Noel Bielaczyc - [bielacz1@msu.edu](mailto:bielacz1@msu.edu)

**Geographic Area Covered:** Michigan Statewide

**Areas of Expertise:** Aggregation; storage; processing; distribution; and/or marketing of local and regional food products

**Networking Interests:** Healthy food procurement initiatives in schools, hospitals and other institutions; food access; farmer viability; workforce development; food entrepreneurship

**Website:** [foodsystems.msu.edu/michiganfoodhubnetwork](http://foodsystems.msu.edu/michiganfoodhubnetwork)

### **Michigan Good Food Fund**

**Mission:** Healthy, affordable, fair, green food for Michigan

**Contacts:** Jamie Rahrig - [rahrigj1@msu.edu](mailto:rahrigj1@msu.edu)

**Geographic Area Covered:** Statewide

**Areas of Expertise:** Food entrepreneurship, nutrition, healthy food access

**Networking Interests:** Nutrition; economic development; helping organizations/businesses become loan ready; improving food access

**Website:** [migoodfoodfund.org](http://migoodfoodfund.org)

### **Michigan Public Health Institute (MPHI)**

**Mission:** Working with you to promote health and advance well-being for all

**Contacts:** Michelle Napier-Dunnings - [mnapierd@mphi.org](mailto:mnapierd@mphi.org)

**Geographic Area Covered:** State of Michigan primarily (also national work)

**Areas of Expertise:** Facilitation; evaluation; network mapping; data analysis; policy; research

**Networking Interests:** Creating a stronger collective narrative

**Website:** [www.mphi.org](http://www.mphi.org)

### **Michigan State Medical Society**

**Mission:** The mission of the Michigan State Medical Society is to improve the lives of physicians so they may best care for the people they serve

**Contacts:** Anne'ka Marzette - [amarzette@msms.org](mailto:amarzette@msms.org)

**Geographic Area Covered:** Michigan Statewide

**Website:** [www.msms.org](http://www.msms.org)

### **Mid-Michigan Community Action Agency**

**Website:** [www.mmcaa.org](http://www.mmcaa.org)

### **National Kidney Foundation of Michigan**

**Mission:** To prevent chronic kidney disease and improve the lives of those impacted by it

**Contacts:** Crystal D'Agostino - [cdagostino@nkfm.org](mailto:cdagostino@nkfm.org), Liz Nienhuis - [lnienhuis@nkfm.org](mailto:lnienhuis@nkfm.org)

**Geographic Area Covered:** Statewide, with focus in SE MI, West MI and Flint

**Areas of Expertise:** Preventative health re: nutrition and PA; chronic kidney disease; diabetes; high blood pressure; working with minority populations within community settings

**Website:** [www.nkfm.org](http://www.nkfm.org)

# Michigan State University Extension

Below is a list of MSU Extension staff who are currently associated with local councils. The home county denotes where their primary office is but most MSUE staff serve regionally. If you would like to engage with Extension about a local food council or another issue, visit the website below to look up the staff serving your county of interest:

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/outreach/county>

<p><b>Renee Allen</b> Home County: Emmet Email: <a href="mailto:allenre5@msu.edu">allenre5@msu.edu</a> Local Food Council(s) Served: Local Food Alliance of Northern Michigan</p>	<p><b>Kendra Gibson</b> Home County: Mason Email: <a href="mailto:gibso126@msu.edu">gibso126@msu.edu</a> Local Food Council(s) Served: Lake County Community Food Council, Mason County Food Council</p>
<p><b>Denise Aungst</b> Home County: Ostego Email: <a href="mailto:aungstd@msu.edu">aungstd@msu.edu</a> Local Food Council(s) Served: Huron Shores Local Food Policy Council</p>	<p><b>Kristine Hahn</b> Home County: Oakland Email: <a href="mailto:hahnk@msu.edu">hahnk@msu.edu</a> Local Food Council(s) Served: Oakland County Food Policy Council</p>
<p><b>Vicki Ballas</b> Home County: Alger Email: <a href="mailto:ballasy@msu.edu">ballasy@msu.edu</a> Local Food Council(s) Served: Alger Wellness Coalition</p>	<p><b>Abigail Harper</b> Home County: Ingham Email: <a href="mailto:harperab@msu.edu">harperab@msu.edu</a> Local Food Council(s) Served: Capital Area Food Council</p>
<p><b>Karen Barbash</b> Home County: Wayne Email: <a href="mailto:barbashk@msu.edu">barbashk@msu.edu</a> Local Food Council(s) Served: Detroit Food Policy Council</p>	<p><b>Bonnie Havlicek</b> Home County: Montcalm Email: <a href="mailto:havlice2@msu.edu">havlice2@msu.edu</a> Local Food Council(s) Served: Live Well Gratiot</p>
<p><b>JoAnne Benthem</b> Home County: Wexford Email: <a href="mailto:benthemj@msu.edu">benthemj@msu.edu</a> Local Food Council(s) Served: Live Well Cadillac Health Coalition</p>	<p><b>Cynthia Jacobi</b> Home County: Manistee Email: <a href="mailto:jacobic@msu.edu">jacobic@msu.edu</a> Local Food Council(s) Served: Live Well Manistee</p>
<p><b>Joe Bixler</b> Home County: St. Claire Email: <a href="mailto:bixlerj@msu.edu">bixlerj@msu.edu</a> Local Food Council(s) Served: Thumb Food Policy Council</p>	<p><b>Kathryn Jacques</b> Home County: Chippewa Email: <a href="mailto:odonne94@msu.edu">odonne94@msu.edu</a> Local Food Council(s) Served: Tribal Food Sovereignty Collaborative (Saulte Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians), Upper Peninsula Food Exchange, Wiisinidaa Mnomijim Let's Eat Good Food Coalition in Bay Mills Indian Community</p>

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<p><b>Calli Brannan</b>  Home County: Wayne  Email: <a href="mailto:brannan6@msu.edu">brannan6@msu.edu</a>  Local Food Council(s) Served: Detroit Food Policy Council</p>	<p><b>Sabrina McGee</b>  Home County: Isabella  Email: <a href="mailto:hathaw22@msu.edu">hathaw22@msu.edu</a>  Local Food Council(s) Served: Good Food for Isabella Friends</p>
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<p><b>Julia Darnton</b>  Home County: Saginaw  Email: <a href="mailto:darntonj@msu.edu">darntonj@msu.edu</a>  Local Food Council(s) Served: Food Access Collaboration Team of Saginaw</p>	<p><b>Jane Rapin</b>  Home County: Grand Traverse  Email: <a href="mailto:rapinjan@msu.edu">rapinjan@msu.edu</a>  Local Food Council(s) Served: Northwest Michigan Food Coalition</p>
<p><b>Sarah Eichberger</b>  Home County: Grand Traverse  Email: <a href="mailto:eichber2@msu.edu">eichber2@msu.edu</a>  Local Food Council(s) Served: Northwest Michigan Food and Farming Network, Shape Up North</p>	<p><b>Sarah Rautio</b>  Home County: Iosco  Email: <a href="mailto:rautio@msu.edu">rautio@msu.edu</a>  Local Food Council(s) Served: Huron Shores Local Food Policy Council</p>
<p><b>Kristi Evans</b>  Home County: Wayne  Email: <a href="mailto:evanskr1@msu.edu">evanskr1@msu.edu</a>  Local Food Council(s) Served: Detroit Food Policy Council</p>	<p><b>Michelle Smith</b>  Home County: Grand Traverse  Email: <a href="mailto:smithmmk@msu.edu">smithmmk@msu.edu</a>  Local Food Council(s) Served: Northwest Michigan Food Coalition</p>

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<p><b>Jae Gerhart</b>  Home County: Washtenaw  Email: <a href="mailto:gerhart1@msu.edu">gerhart1@msu.edu</a>  Local Food Council(s) Served: Washtenaw  County Food Policy Council</p>	<p><b>Garrett Ziegler</b>  Home County: Kent  Email: <a href="mailto:zieglerg@msu.edu">zieglerg@msu.edu</a>  Local Food Council(s) Served: Kent County  Food Policy Council</p>