

**Goal One: Improve Food Access & Distribution**

- Establish a Regional Food Policy Council.
- Enhance food accessibility.
- Promote food nutrition and preparation education.
- Develop a strategic marketing program.
- Work with local governments to develop land use patterns, densities and designs that foster safe and efficient multi-modal routes to neighborhood centers with healthy food options.
- Improve participation in regional Farm-to-School programs.
- Establish a year-round farmers' market in downtown Glens Falls.
- Promote a new logistics sector focused on fresh and frozen foods wholesale and distribution.

**Goal Two: Enhance Competitiveness & Linkages to Markets**

- Enhance efficiency and competitiveness for small- to medium-sized farms.
- Promote a regional "Food Hub".
- Explore the feasibility of creating a Regional Food Cooperative.
- Support the start-up of an Agribusiness Center in partnership with SUNY Adirondack, Cornell Cooperative Extension and/or the Hudson Valley Agriculture Development Corporation to specialize in advancing agricultural technology.
- Develop a coordinated marketing plan.
- Encourage all local Comprehensive Plans for AGC communities to include statements and policies that support local food systems.
- Support recent NYS Cider Regulations at the federal level.
- Promote the closer proximity of the AGC region to Canadian markets than other Capital District submarkets for export potential of agricultural and manufactured products (where permitted by tariff agreement).
- Examine feasibility of greater use of freight rail and waterways within NY.

**Goal Three: Enhance Recreation Opportunities**

- Enhance existing trail network by closing gaps and making appropriate regional connections.
- Promote, enhance, and improve neighborhood parks, pocket parks, urban parks, bike trails and walking paths.
- Continue bike paths and pedestrian walkways, including art and historical trails to increase connectivity to communities.