



Who We Are

The Halifax Food Policy Alliance (HFPA) is a partnership of individuals and organizations that represent different sectors related to the food system. Together, we are working to achieve our vision: Halifax: where no one is hungry and everyone has nutritious food that they enjoy, for generations to come, sustained by local producers.

Our Approach

To achieve our vision, there are many steps along the way. The HFPA aims to build a common understanding of the issues, as well as solutions that move us in the right direction. Food Security is closely related to critical challenges of our time, such as poverty, health, land use planning, transportation and climate change. It is therefore essential to adopt an approach that is comprehensive, interdisciplinary and inter-institutional.

HFPA works to strengthen relationships and coordination among different actors of the food system including government, business and the community sector. Our efforts are currently focused on the realization of an HRM Food Charter and Strategic Action Plan to strengthen municipal leadership and identify common goals for improving the food system together.

A Food Charter is a vision for food built by the community. Paired with an action plan, it is used to guide a region's food programs and policies, call local governments to action, and encourage everyone to bring the vision to life.

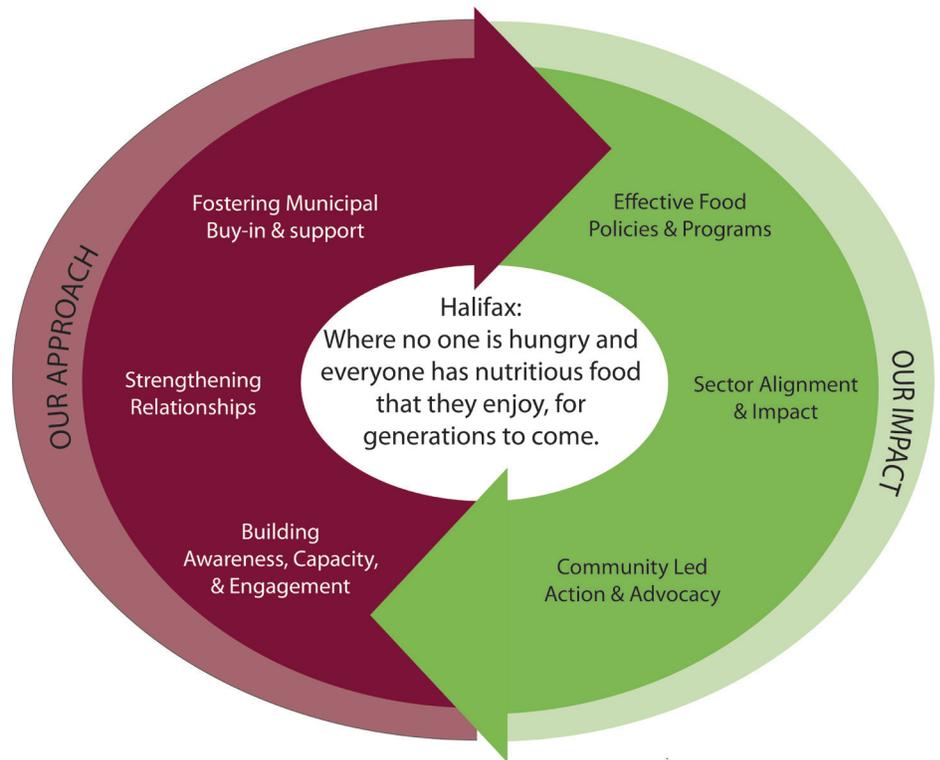
Our Impact

SECTOR ALIGNMENT AND IMPACT: We work to strengthen relationships across organizations and grow sector alignment and impact around food.

- Expand and diversify HFPA membership and community support;
- Build strategic partnerships to share & acquire food related knowledge, expertise and resources;
- Strengthen the research and evidence base related to the food system;
- Enhance our common understanding of the issues and identify shared goals to advance the work.

EFFECTIVE FOOD POLICIES AND PROGRAMS: We work to foster municipal leadership for effective food policies and programs.

- Contribute to the development or revision of food-related policies;
- Connect and strengthen community led food initiatives;
- Advise HRM on key programs and activities that relate to the food system and the social determinants of health;
- Build awareness and capacity to address food system issues within local government.



COMMUNITY-LED ACTION AND ADVOCACY: We work to build awareness, capacity, and engagement for community-led action and advocacy around food.

- Lead events for practitioners and community members to build awareness around food system issues and support community led solutions;
- Partner to provide training and skills building around advancing community action and advocacy around food;
- Develop tools and resources that can be used to engage community and local government;
- Enhance public awareness of HFPA and our initiatives through our events, resources, and social media.

A food system is an integrated view of the activities and relationships that make up the production, processing, distribution, consumption and waste management of food.