

PANTRY: LEVERAGE POINTS SUMMARY LIST



INCOME

Raise income for Flint residents, for example through policy mechanisms like guaranteed basic income, tax credits, or raising pay to livable wages



GARDENING

Increase resident participation in not-for-profit food production, both at-home gardening or community gardens



PRODUCTION

Increase for-sale local food production through more local producers, larger production operations, or other methods



RETAIL QUALITY

Improve current retail options in Flint to increase the availability and affordability of quality, culturally relevant, and nutritious foods



LAND

Turn vacant/available land into food production, retail, or community spaces, and urban infrastructure into housing or facilities where people can cook, prepare, and store food



SOURCING

Increase sourcing of locally produced and processed foods by retailers, institutions, the emergency sector, supplemental nutrition programs, etc.



FUNDING

Change how non-profit & government funds are allocated, through shifting funding from one place to another, expand current funding, or create new funding policies



GOVERNANCE

Embed community values within government and non-profit strategic planning, policy, and program implementation



TRANSPORTATION

Lower transportation barriers by ensuring convenient, accessible transportation for all residents, including options for delivery



CONSUMPTION

Positively shift consumption behavior towards improved diets, food choices, and overall health



FOOD DISTRIBUTIONS

Improve emergency sector distributions to be more accessible and tailored to local community dietary need and preferences



RETAIL OPTIONS

Increase the retail options available in Flint to improve availability and accessibility, particularly for nutritious and culturally relevant foods



PROCESSING

Increase processing of local food and locally-owned value-added processing businesses to grow that sector of the local food economy



EMPLOYMENT

Raise employment in Flint through resources, job training, and support programs to give people tools to generate their own wealth



WASTE MANAGEMENT

Formalize a food waste management system and partnerships that increases composting and food rescue



SCHOOL MEALS

Reform the school meal program to increase dietary options, nutritious foods, local foods, and culturally appropriate foods



KNOWLEDGE

Offer educational opportunities & reform food system education to better inform people through practices like hands-on learning and culturally tailored programming.



NETWORKS

Develop social connections and community support networks that can share resources and provide mutual aid



ENGAGEMENT

Embed community values within partnerships, collaborations, and community engagement



SUPPORT

Increase the understanding of and support for the local food economy by consumers