PARTICIPATING IN THE CIRCULAR PROVISIONING ECONOMY

INTRODUCTION

A **circular economy** is a system that maintains value by the mindful selection, use, re-use, and re-purposing of materials.

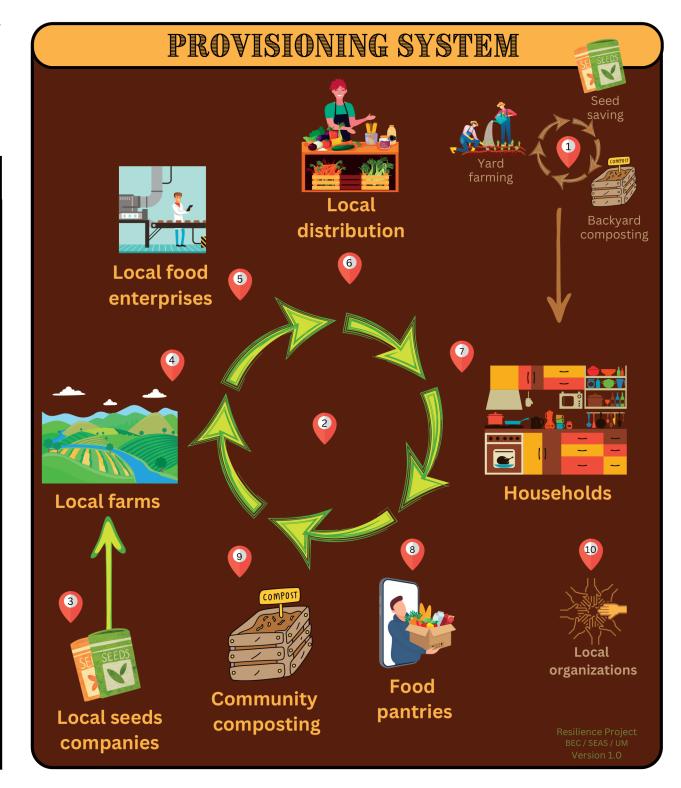
Provisioning is the state of being able to continuously supply essential materials, primarily food and fiber.

A circular provisioning economy (CPE) reclaims and reinvigorates a culture of local and creative community-scale food and fiber supply.

Participation in the CPE provides for everyday health and well-being while also securing a community's resilience during extreme and debilitating events.

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ELEMENTS

- 1. **Backyard provisioning -** a smallscale version of the circular provisioning system.
- 2. Local provisioning system at a larger scale (e.g., a county) the circular economy includes many more elements and connections.
- 3. Local seed companies adapt seeds to the local climate.
- 4. Local farms regenerative farming revitalizes the soil using compost, no-till, and low-input, often organic, practices.
- 5. Local food enterprises millers, bakers, fermenters, and many others process and preserve the harvest. Food hubs aggregate for large scale consumers.
- 6. Local distribution many options have emerged beyond the traditional grocery store (e.g., farm stops, farmer's markets, CSA, food co-ops).
- 7. Households where the skills of food preparation and waste reduction, and our daily repast, celebrate resilience.
- 8. Food pantries addressing our concern for well fed neighbors.
- 9. Large-scale composting food and yard waste is processed for return to the soil.
- 10. Local organizations non-profit, non-governmental, and governmental advocates working for local food security.

SUPPORT THE PROVISIONING ECONOMY IN WASHTENAW COUNTY



Local seed companies

Ann Arbor Seed Company
www.a2seeds.com/

Nature and Nurture Seeds natureandnurtureseeds.com/

Local farms

There are many local farms scattered across Washtenaw County. To search for these use "Taste the Local Difference"

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Local food enterprises

The link above can also be used to find local food processors and preservers. Expect more to emerge over the coming decade. One popular example is:

The Brinery

thebrinery.com/

Local distribution

Beyond grocery stores, farm stands, farmer's markets, and food hubs there is a Midwest innovation: the **Farm Stop**. These are every-day farmers markets selling directly from farms and producers. Farmers own and price their goods and receive 70% of the selling price (well over the 15% they get at grocery stores).

Argus Farm Stop

1226 Packard, Ann Arbor, MI 325 West Liberty, Ann Arbor, MI www.argusfarmstop.com/

Agricole Farm Stop

118 North Main Street, Chelsea, MI www.agricolefarmstop.com/

Food pantries

Food Gatherers has dozens of food pantry partners throughout Washtenaw County.

To volunteer, donate, or search for a pantry scan here



CIVIC AGRICULTURE

Civic agriculture - a growing movement towards local and sustainable food provisioning. It promotes a community's overall physical, social, and economic well-being and is a foundation of green citizenship. Explored by the Lyson Center for Civic Agriculture and Food Systems.

Washtenaw County is a vibrant example of civic agriculture in action with its system of small-scale farms, food enterprises, markets, organizations, and engaged citizens.

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LOCAL CLIMATE ACTION PLANS

Ann Arbor's A2Zero Climate Action Plan to achieve carbon emissions neutrality by 2030, includes a focus on local and sustainable food provisioning.

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Washtenaw County and the University of Michigan have climate action plans that focus on sustainable food systems.

Our environmental footprint shrinks significantly when we adopt a locally provisioned and plant rich diet. Changing our consumption behavior has both direct, immediate and long-term consequences.

