

SEATTLE OFFICE OF  
**SUSTAINABILITY & ENVIRONMENT**



# Seattle Food Action Plan

## 2015 PROGRESS REPORT

Seattle's Food Action Plan lays out strategies to get more healthy food to more Seattle residents, expand opportunities to grow food in the city, strengthen our regional food economy, and reduce food-related waste.

The Food Action Plan is a five-year plan that was adopted by the Mayor and City Council in 2013. The plan contains 40 actions that to be implemented by 2018. Coordination and monitoring of plan implementation is led by the City's Office of Sustainability and Environment.

### PLAN GOALS

#### **HEALTHY FOOD FOR ALL**

All Seattle residents should have enough to eat and access to affordable, local, healthy, sustainable, culturally appropriate food.

#### **GROW LOCAL**

It should be easy to grow food in Seattle and in our region, for personal use or for business purposes.

#### **STRENGTHEN THE LOCAL ECONOMY**

Businesses that produce, process, distribute, and sell local and healthy food should grow and thrive in Seattle

#### **PREVENT WASTE**

Food related waste should be prevented, reused, or recycled.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

**Healthy Food for All: Fresh Bucks**

Fresh Bucks makes healthy food more affordable to low-income families by doubling federal food assistance benefits (SNAP, or food stamps) at Seattle farmers markets. In 2015, low-income shoppers made nearly 13,000 visits to farmers markets using Fresh Bucks – providing extra buying power for fresh fruits and vegetables. In 2015, the City of Seattle was part of a team awarded a four-year federal Food Insecurity Nutrition Incentive grant, which will expand Fresh Bucks into King County, and with our partners, Statewide.

**Grow Local: Green Space Stewardship**

In 2015, the P-Patch community garden program stewarded 34 acres of green space around Seattle, including food production space and community space. In addition to growing food, many P-Patch community gardens include public orchards, gathering areas, or places for kids to play. In addition to feeding their families from their harvests, P-Patch gardeners donated over 39,000 pounds of produce to local food banks and hosted 29 school and youth garden plots.

**Prevent Food Waste: Love Food Stop Waste**

In 2015, Seattle Public Utilities launched the “Love Food, Stop Waste” pilot, partnering with businesses, non-profits and agencies to engage 450 residents in exploring ways to reduce the amount of food going to waste in the home. 79% of survey respondents in the pilot reported seeing their food waste decrease as a result of testing out the tips and tools SPU provided. SPU is using the lessons learned from the pilot to develop and launch a broader scale program.

# 2015 by the numbers

