OUR NETWORK:
Mapping & Visioning Report

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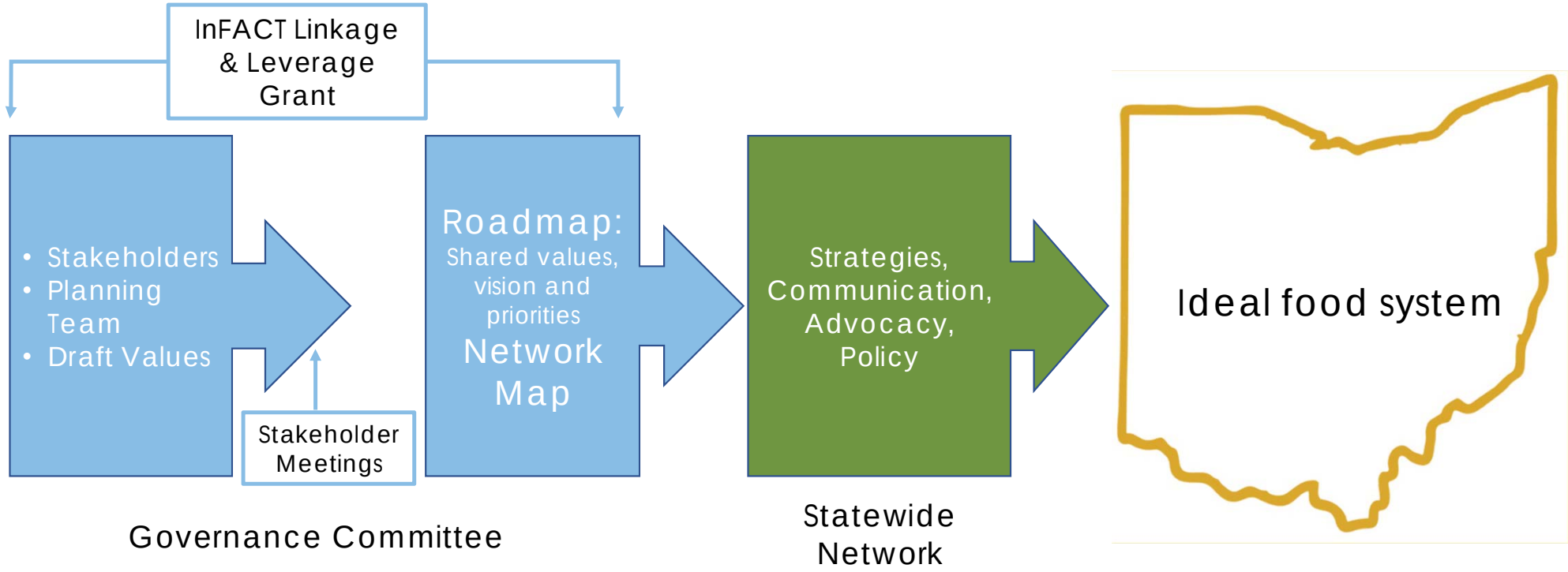
Mapping the Vision for the Future of Ohio's Food System Project
Where We Started



Listening Sessions (310 people)

Akron

Toledo

Piketon

Cincinnati

Dayton

Columbus

Online Survey (270 people)

- Network Mapping Exercise
- Motivations: We are here because we believe in…
- What is an ideal food system in Ohio?
- What work can we do together to create that ideal food system

Why networks matter

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- They provide the social scaffolding or structure that allows for action

- They also facilitate connection, collaboration, and communication for learning

Objectives

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- Give you a sense of the network data
- Situate your work within the bigger picture
- Develop ideas of how this may help future work and forge new connections

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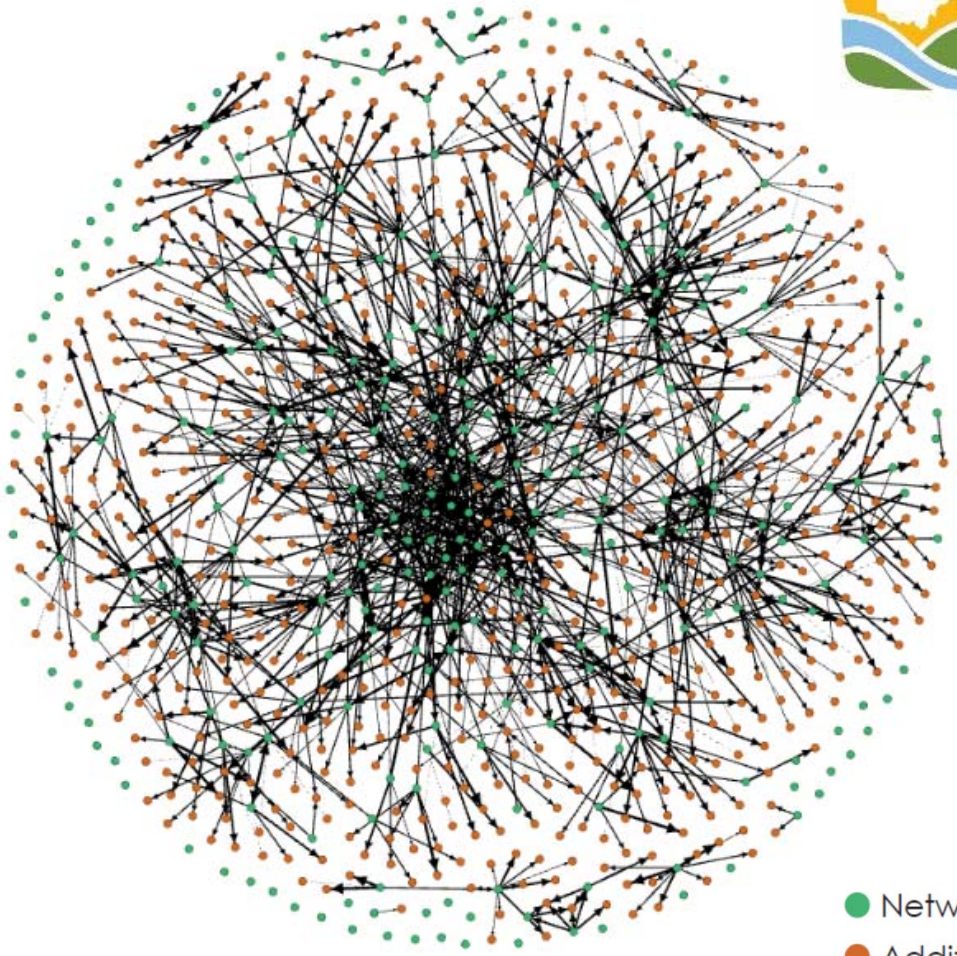

This is our network!

- Network Survey Participants
- Additional Network Members Identified

Who participated?

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- People from:
  - education and extension
  - the private sector
  - the public sector
  - non-profit sector
  - producers
  - Ohio citizens

All participants

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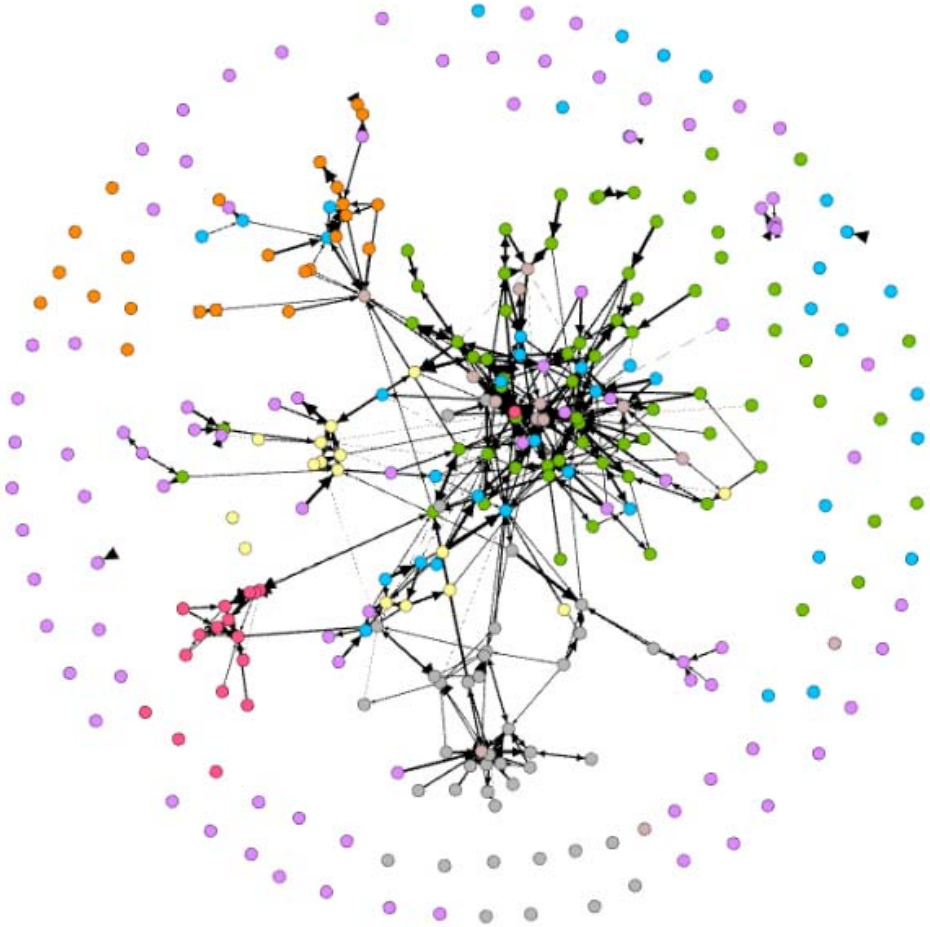

- On-line
- Columbus
- OEFFA annual mtg
- Cincinnati
- Toledo
- Piketon
- Governance cmt mtg
- Akron

What did we collect?

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- Up to 10 relationships
- Affiliation
- Home county
- Priorities in food policy
- Role in the food system you identify with

How can you read the data?

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- **Nodes** – individuals represented by dots
- **Ties** – connections between individuals
- **Structure and patterns to look for…**
  - hub and spoke
  - “bird of a feather”
  - opportunities for connection?

Piketon (roles)

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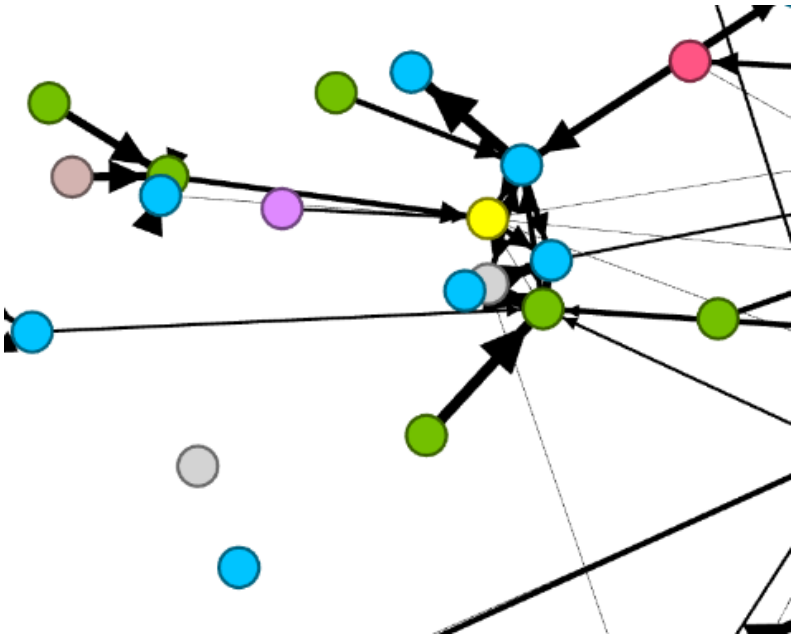

- Nonprofit Sector
- Public Sector
- Education and Extension
- Farmers
- Ohio Citizens
- Private Sector
- Public/Private
- Other

Piketon (priorities)

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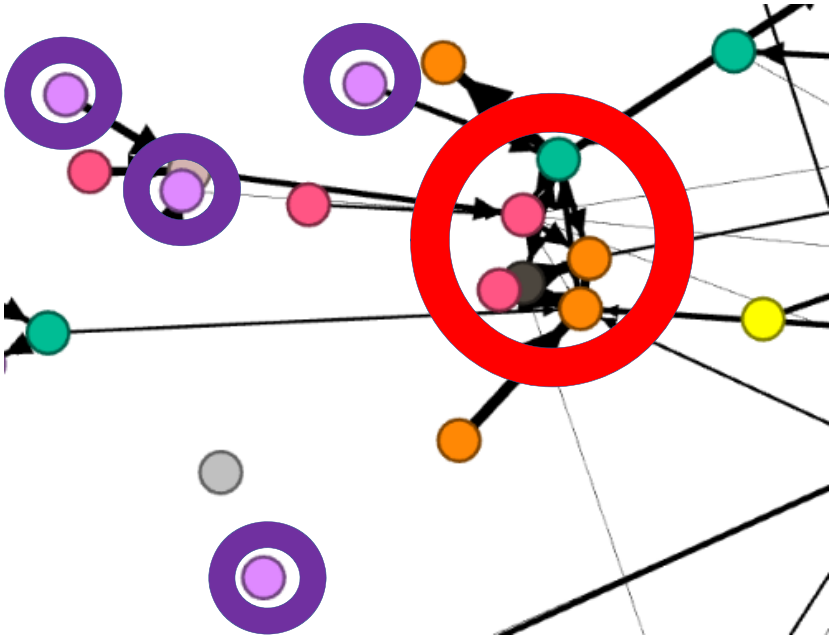

- Healthy People
- Sustainable Ecosystems
- Vibrant Family Farms
- Thriving Local Economies
- Strong Communities
- Informed and Engaged Consumers
- Other

Akron meeting

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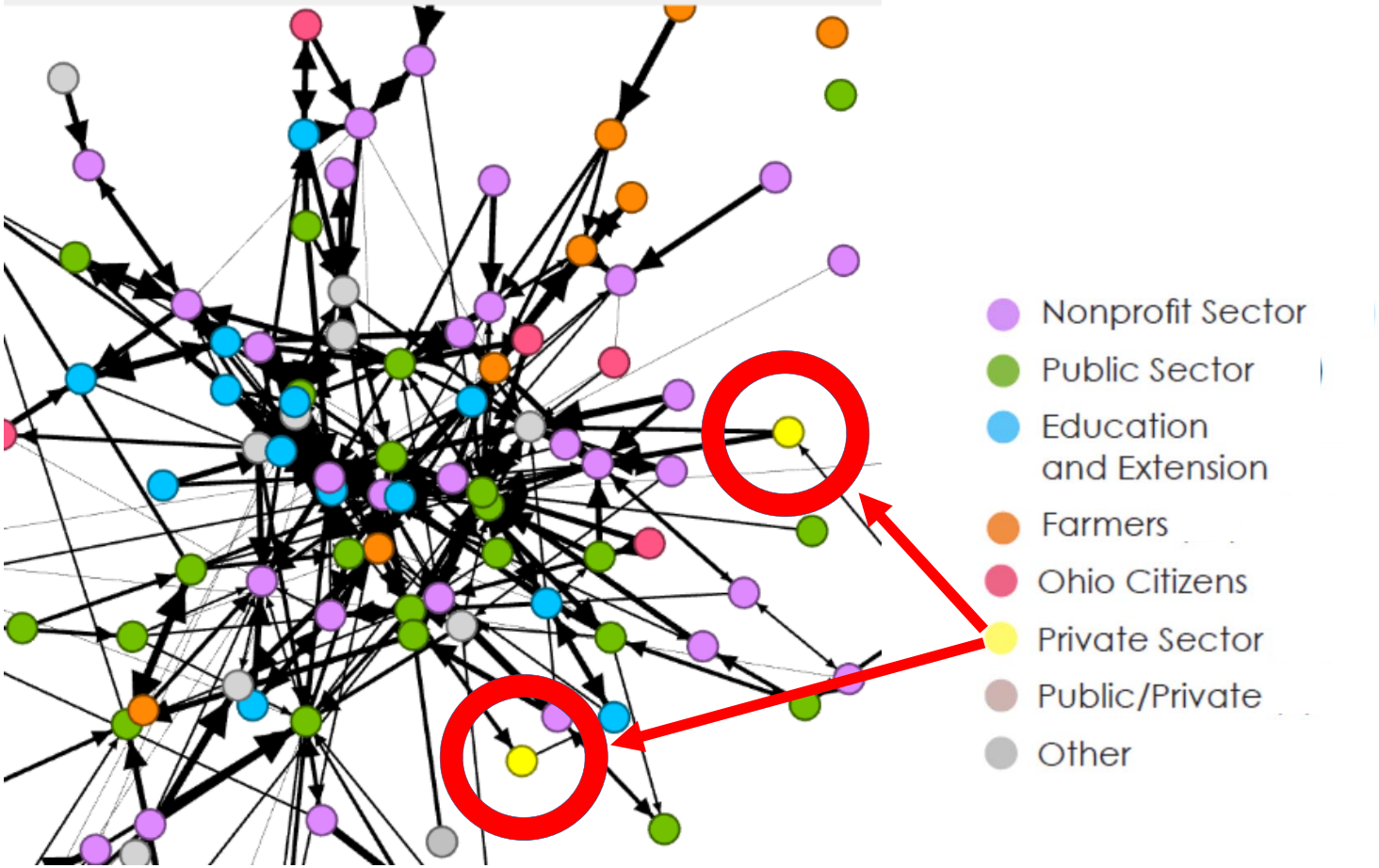
Columbus & OEFFA



What does it all mean?

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1. We are diverse (in several ways)
2. Our closest ties are diverse
3. We are connected as a state but with regional hubs
4. We are not complete (join us!)
5. Areas for growth

Roadmap

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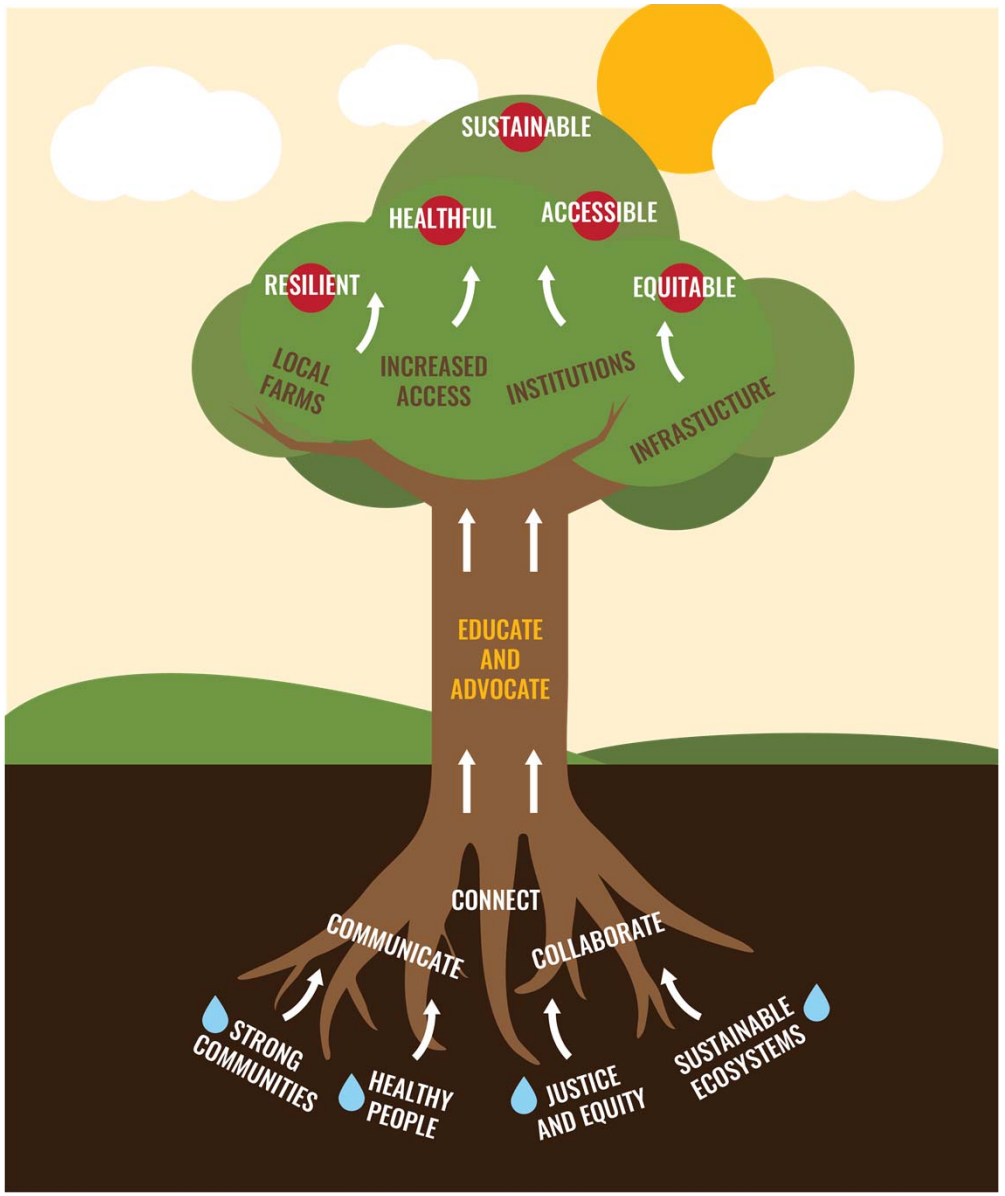
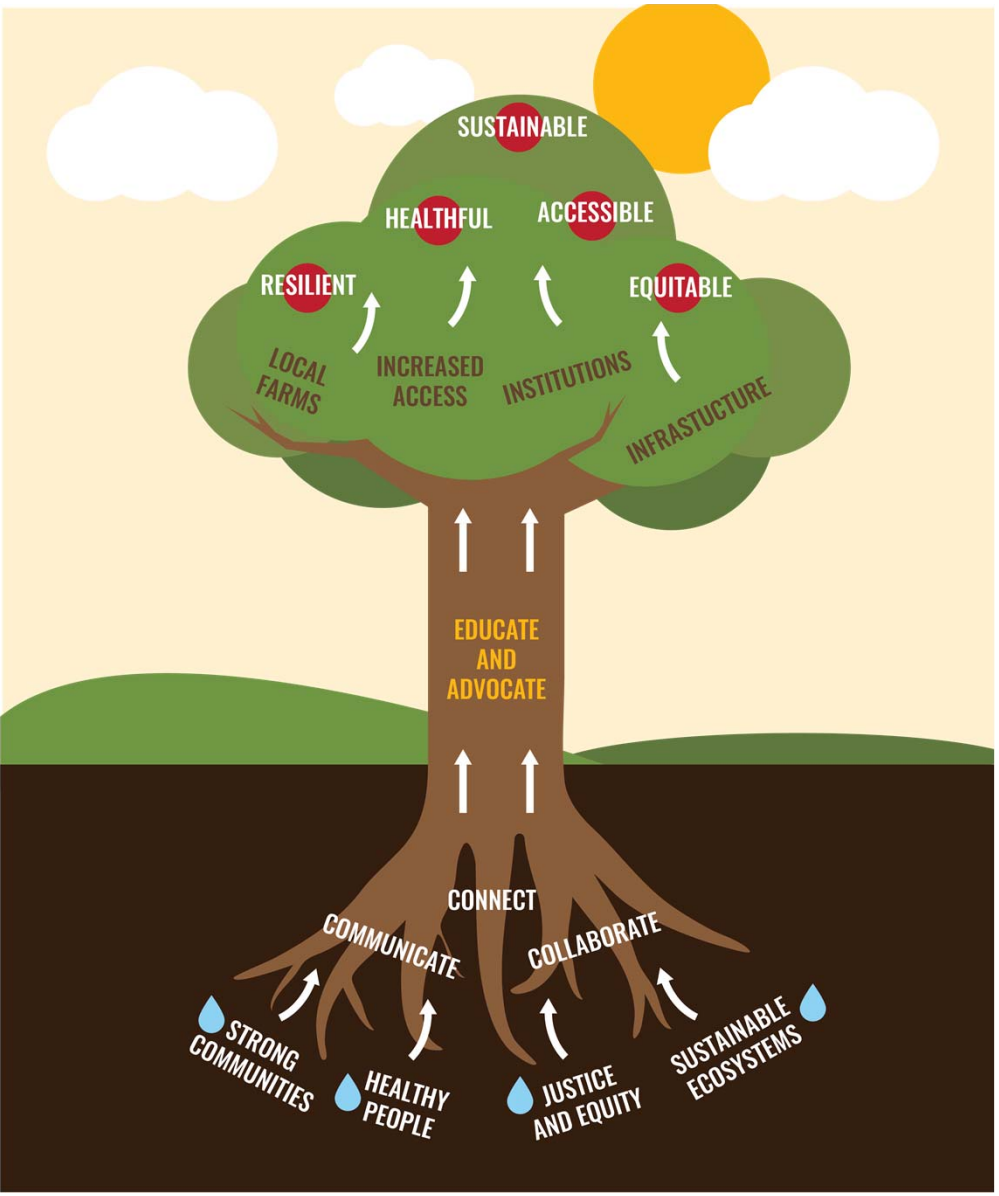
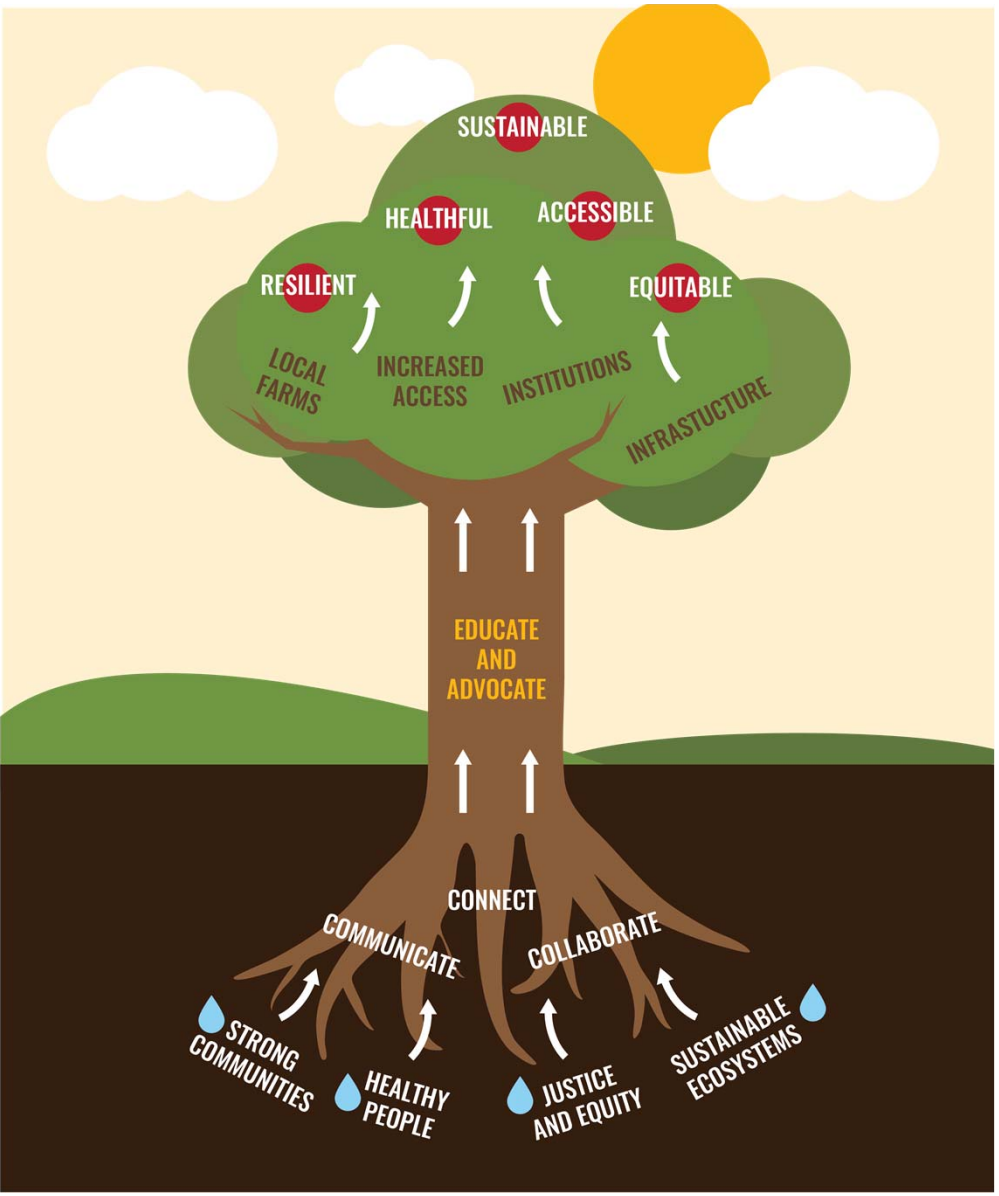




OFPN Values

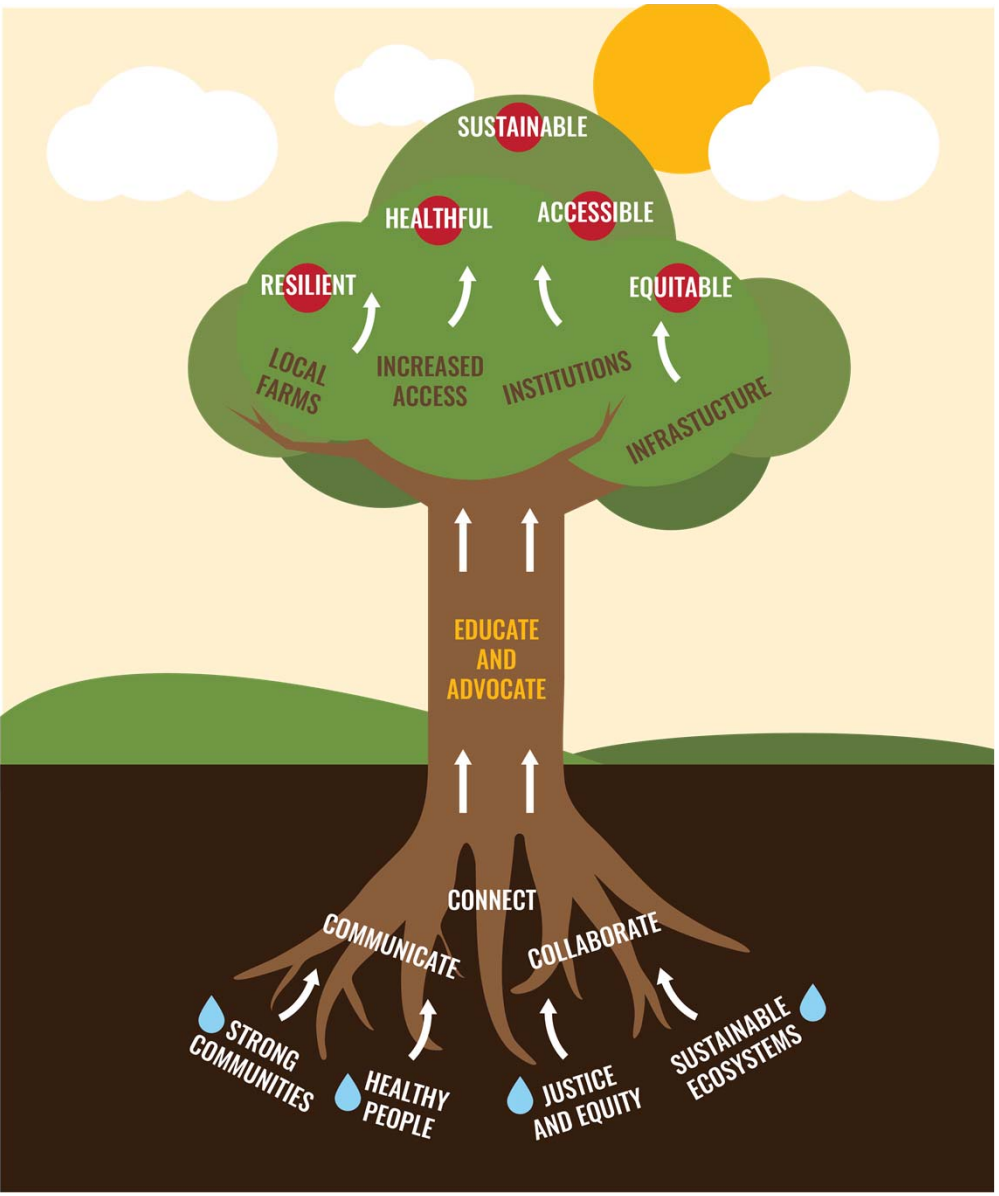
- Strong Communities
- Healthy People
- Justice and Equity
- Sustainable Ecosystems



OFPN Goals

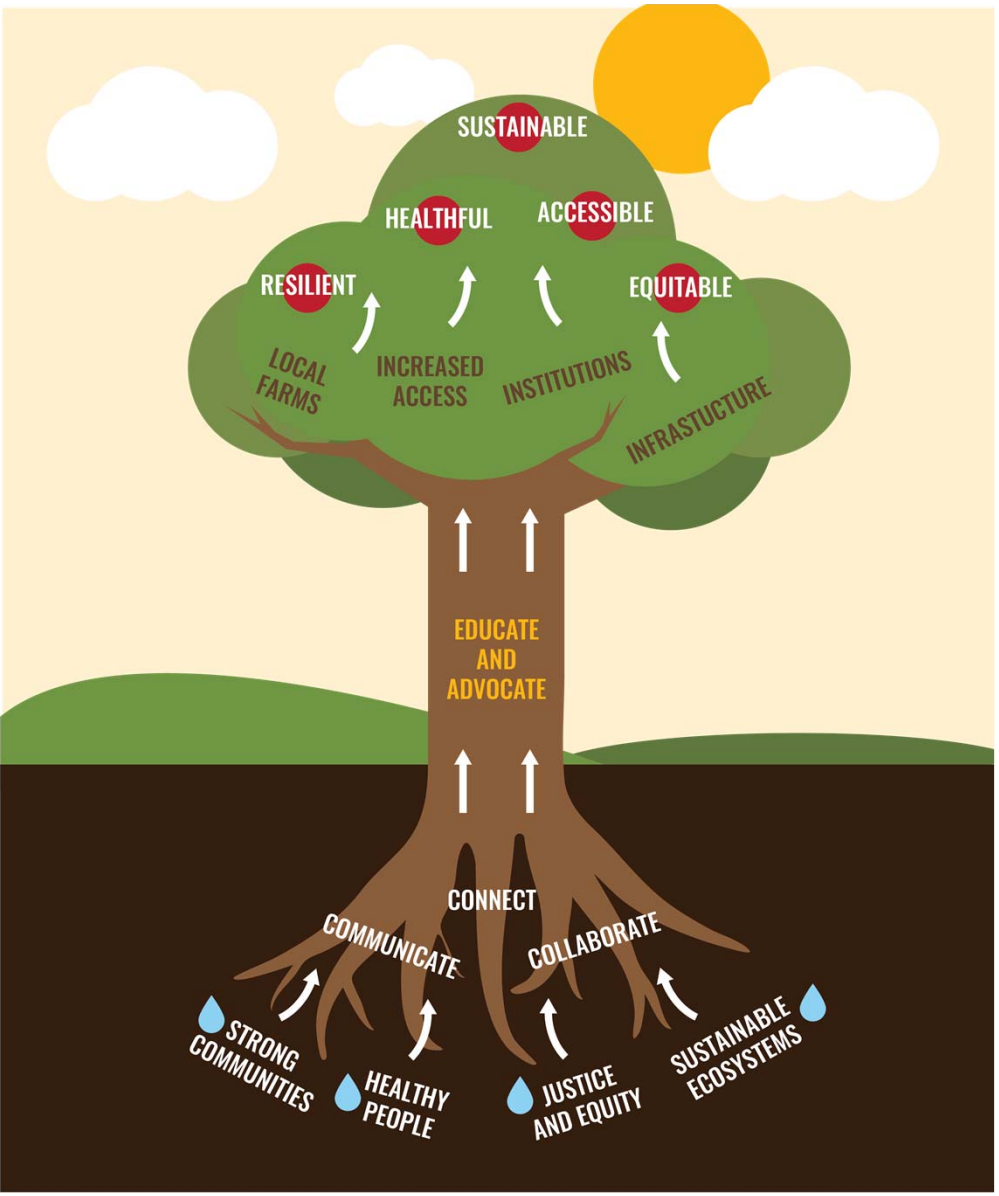
Communicate, Connect, Collaborate

Educate & Advocate



OFPN Goals

- Local Farms
- Increased Access
- Institutions
- Infrastructure



OFPN Vision

- Resilient
- Healthful
- Sustainable
- Accessible
- Equitable