

# GEORGIA FOOD OASIS NETWORK



CSRA Community Food Coalition  
Augusta, GA

## CORE PARTNERS

- Augusta Locally Grown
- Golden Harvest Food Bank
- Central Savannah River Area Regional Commission (CSRA-RC)

## GRASSROOTS NETWORK

**Established:** 2015

**Organizational Structure:** informal, independent

**Fiscal Agent:** Georgia Organics

**Background:** 10+ years of grassroots projects championed by Augusta Locally Grown.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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## COMMUNITY INITIATIVES & PROJECTS

- GROW Harrisburg: comprehensive garden, nutrition, and culinary education in Harrisburg neighborhood near downtown Augusta.
- Sibley Soilworks: operation that utilizes aquatic weeds from nearby canal to make compost.
- Master's Table Kitchen and Garden: 40+ raised bed garden and chicken coop. Produce used in meals prepared on-site.
- Community Food Assets Map: identifies over 400 assets including gardens, farms, and markets.
- FoodCorps of GA: Richmond BOE hosts one service-member to strengthen farm to school efforts.

## LOCAL FOOD ACCESS POINTS

**Veggie Park Farmers Market\***, Harrisburg, April-Nov., Tuesday, 4:30-7pm

**Augusta Market\***, March-Oct., Saturday 8am-2pm

**Augusta Locally Grown Online Market**, Evans & Augusta, year-round, Tuesday, 4-6pm

**Burke County Farmers Market\***, Waynesboro, Thursday, 4-6pm

**Aiken County Farmers Market**, Aiken, SC, year-round, Tues/Thur/Sat, Sunrise-12pm

\*accepts EBT/SNAP

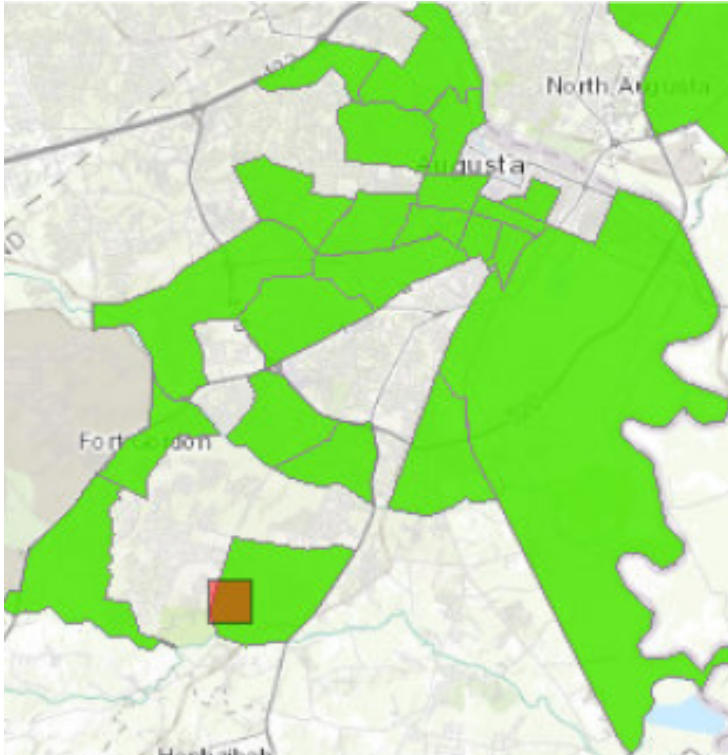
## LOCAL POLICIES & PROGRAMS

- **CSRA-Regional Commission:** incorporating healthy food access in comprehensive and annual work plans.
- **Canal Authority + Augusta-Richmond County:** permits use of Eve Street pavilion to host Veggie Park Farmer's Market.
- **Canal Authority + Augusta-Richmond County:** formal partner of Sibley Soilworks compost operation, including donation of space and coordinates delivery of aquatic weeds (brown materials).

# RICHMOND COUNTY HEALTH RANKINGS

- **Food Insecurity: 23%**
- **Children Eligible for Free & Reduced Lunch: 95%**
- **Adult Obesity: 34%**
- **Food Environment Index Rating: 4.9\***

\*Scale of 1-10, 10 being best. Rating factors local food insecurity rates + access to healthy foods in local environment.  
Source: Univ. of Wisconsin, 2019.



## Low Access Area(s)

Neighbors in the green area travel 1-10 miles to a grocery store and earn \$39K or less for a family of 4.

## Retailers Accepting SNAP

**Grocery Stores: 32**  
**Convenience Stores: 132**  
**Supercenter/Club: 4**

## Direct-to-Consumer Farms

**Overall Farms: 6**  
**Farms harvesting vegetables: 10**  
**Farms harvesting fruit: 11**

Sources: USDA's Food Environment Atlas, Food Access Atlas, National Agricultural Statistics Service. Data years range from 2012-2017.



seeded by Georgia Organics

Georgia Food Oasis Network (GFON) is a community outreach initiative of Georgia Organics. GFON seeks to elevate and connect pioneering communities that recognize food is a powerful tool to unite residents, build local economies, and foster public health. As a GFON member, this community is dedicated to a coalition strategy that promotes:



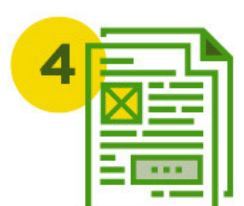
**1**  
Public Engagement



**2**  
Partnership



**3**  
Planning



**4**  
Policy

Georgia Organics connects organic food from Georgia farms to Georgia families.