## 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.

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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


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.