Core Partners
- Walton Wellness
- Monroe Downtown Development Authority
- Walton County Sheriff's Office
- Walton County Soil and Water Con. District
- UGA Walton County Extension
- The Society of St. Andrew
- Foster Brady Farm
- Yellow Hen Farm
- Jensen Reserve Farm
- Bella Vista Farm
- Mountain Creek Farm
- William Harris Homestead
- Johns Supermarket
- Silver Queen Restaurant
- South on Broad Restaurant
- Athens Tech, Culinary Dept.

Food Policy Council
Established: 2018
Organizational Structure: Non-profit
Fiscal Agent: Walton Wellness
Background: 10+ years grassroots projects prior to formal organization.

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Community Initiatives + Projects
- Grow-A-Row: local gardens grow and donate produce to Walton Wellness projects.
- The Field Garden: vegetable garden in partnership with county jail.
- Mobile Farmacy Farmers Market: member-based market for financially burdened residents.
- Meatless Mondays: public awareness campaign, promoting plant-based meals.
- FoodCorps of GA: Walton Soil & Water Conservation District host 2 service members.

Local Food Access Points
- Monroe Farmer's Market*, May-Nov, Saturdays 8:30am-12:30pm
- Mobile Farmacy Market, April-Oct, Tuesdays
- John's Supermarket*, M-F 7:30am-9:30pm
- Foster Brady Farm CSA, weekly farm share April-Dec
*accepts EBT/SNAP

Local Policies & Programs
- City of Monroe manages seasonal Monroe Farmer's Market.
- Monroe Downtown Development Authority in early phase of community garden initiative.
WALTON COUNTY HEALTH RANKINGS

- Food Insecurity: 12%
- Children Eligible for Free & Reduce Lunch: 48%
- Adult Obesity: 31%
- Food Environment Index Rating: 8.1*

*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 Areas**

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: 9
- Convenience Stores: 53
- Farmers Markets: 1

**Direct-to-Consumer Farms**

- Overall Farms: 26
- Farms harvesting vegetables: 16
- Farms harvesting fruit: 20+


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.