

Appendix C: Review of Existing Organizations

|   | About  | Project/Program/Service  | Program Type   | Primary Audiences   | Details  | Links   |
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| Community Farm Land Trust               | Community Farm Land Trust is a membership based 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to preserving farmland and to keeping it farmed forever in the South Puget Sound region.  | Fresh from the Farm Guide  | Food   | Community Members<br>Food Producers   | A resource guide including community education programs, services and direct farm sales listings.  | <a href="#">Fresh from the Farm Guide (formerly South Sound Farm Map) - Community Farm Land Trust</a>   |
| Farmers Markets                         | Direct sales to consumer markets of locally produced or processed agricultural products.   | Olympia Farmers Market<br>Tenino Farmers Market<br>Tumwater Farmers Market<br>(West Olympia Farmers Market)<br>Yelm Farmers Market | Food   | Community Members<br>Food Producers<br>Youth  |  | <a href="https://www.olympiafarmersmarket.com/">https://www.olympiafarmersmarket.com/</a><br><a href="https://teninofarmersmarket.org/">https://teninofarmersmarket.org/</a><br><a href="https://www.tumwaterfarmersmarket.org/">https://www.tumwaterfarmersmarket.org/</a><br><a href="https://www.southsoundfarmersmarket.org/">https://www.southsoundfarmersmarket.org/</a><br><a href="http://yelmfarmersmarket.com/yfm/">http://yelmfarmersmarket.com/yfm/</a>                                     |
| Garden Raised Bounty (GRUB)             | A 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization working at the intersection of food, education, and health systems to grow healthy food, people, and communities.   | GRUB Garden Project  | Food   | Community Members<br>Gardeners<br>Youth   | This project builds backyard vegetable gardens throughout Thurston County to provide the public with access to the knowledge and resources needed to grow fresh, healthy, and culturally appropriate foods. The GGP offers gardens, vegetable seeds, plant starts, cover crop mix, an extensive gardening workshop series.   | <a href="https://www.godugrub.org/victory-garden-project">https://www.godugrub.org/victory-garden-project</a>   |
|   |  | Victory Farm   | Farm   | Community Members*<br>Food Producers*   | Hands-on opportunities for veterans to develop their skills in sustainable small-scale urban agriculture and food production.  |   |
|   |  | Wild Food & Medicine   | Food   | Community Members<br>Gardeners<br>Youth   | Educational resources, community classes, and teacher trainings to help people safely and sustainably harvest and prepare wild foods and medicines.  |   |
|   |  | Youth Development Program  | Farm   | Youth   | GRUB's core themes of Farming Self, Farming Land, & Farming Community, designed to help youth develop leadership skills, academic and professional success, and to improve personal resilience.  | <a href="https://www.godugrub.org/youth-program">https://www.godugrub.org/youth-program</a>   |
| Haki Farmers Collective                 | Haki Farmers collective seeks to bolster and reincorporate traditional and inherently sustainable farming knowledge that is present in our migrant and indigenous communities. By holding close decolonization frameworks, Haki seeks to encourage people of color, including indigenous peoples and the black descendants of American slavery, to reclaim life-giving knowledge of sustainable farming and plant medicine creation. | Managing the Victory Garden at GRUB  | Farm   | Community Members<br>Youth  | Newly formed farmer collective, seeking access to land in Olympia.   | <a href="https://haki.farmers.org/">https://haki.farmers.org/</a>   |
| Northwest Agricultural Business Center  | NABC works with individual producers, producer groups, communities, and supporting agencies to assess needs and seek opportunities to create infrastructure that will enhance the regional agricultural economy and food system.   | Infrastructure Development   | Food<br>Farm   | Food Producers  | Political advocacy and community coordination for infrastructure development, such as the SW Washington Grain Project.   | <a href="#">Northwest Agriculture Business Center - Business Services (agbizcenter.org)</a>   |
| Port of Olympia                         | Creates economic opportunities by connecting Thurston County to the world by air, land and sea.  | n/a  | Food<br>Farm   | Community Members<br>Food Producers   | Funding support for research (WSU) and small-scale food production and processing equipment (TCO).<br>The Mission of the Thurston Craft Brewing and Distilling IP2 is to ensure a world-class source for craft-brewed beers and ciders and craft-distilled spirits which are made from locally grown ingredients by independent expert producers and distributed nationally and internationally to great acclaim. The collaboration between SPSC, Heritage Distilling Company, and Ninkasi Brewing has allowed for a unique collaboration amongst partners at the District: Producers, education, retailers, and service providers collaborating to provide the best products, services, and knowledge the region has to offer.                | <a href="https://portolympia.com/">https://portolympia.com/</a>   |
| South Puget Sound Community College     | The IP2 and Craft District are both built around South Puget Sound Community College's Craft Brewing and Distilling Program in partnership with the City of Tumwater.  | Thurston Craft Brewing and Distilling Innovation Partnership Zone  | Food   | Community Members<br>Food Producers   |  | <a href="https://www.thurstoncraftbrewing.com/">https://www.thurstoncraftbrewing.com/</a>   |
|   |  | Tumwater Craft District  | Food   | Community Members<br>Food Producers   |  | <a href="https://tumwatercraftdistrict.com/">https://tumwatercraftdistrict.com/</a>   |
| South Sound Food Buying Club            | A food delivery service formed to enable members to connect directly with local farms and food businesses.   | South Sound Food Buying Club   | Food   | Community Members<br>Food Producers   | A food delivery service formed to enable members to connect directly with local farms and food businesses.   | <a href="https://www.facebook.com/ssscup/62979557429931/">https://www.facebook.com/ssscup/62979557429931/</a>   |
| South Sound Food Systems Network        | The South Sound Food System Network is a voluntary coalition of organizations and individuals that encourages broad community engagement to better connect diverse perspectives and sectors within the food system.  | Sound Food Campaign  | Food   | Community Members   | Broad educational effort to inform consumers and over time, change consumer behavior to promote a thriving local food system.  | <a href="https://foodsystemnetwork.org/learn-the-world-sound-food/">https://foodsystemnetwork.org/learn-the-world-sound-food/</a>   |
| Southwest WA Growers Cooperative        | The SW WA Growers Cooperative currently has 18 members and represents a diverse cross section of western Washington agricultural interests. The mission of the SW WA Growers Cooperative is to increase the viability of Southwest Washington family farms through collaborative opportunities in marketing, logistics, and stewardship.   | Southwest WA Food Hub  | Food   | Community Members<br>Food Producers   | A regional Food Hub which provides aggregation, transportation, and marketing services to its members.   | <a href="#">Southwest Washington Food Hub (swafoodhub.com)</a>  |
|   |  | Regional Food Security Project   | Food   | Community Members<br>Food Producers   | Using the SW WA Food Hub's distribution system to distribute boxes of farm fresh food as training supplies to people in need throughout a five-county region – in Grays Harbor, Lewis, Mason, Pacific, and Thurston Counties.<br>Pacific Northwest Workforce Development Council provide important employment readiness training around food systems and food preparation to support strained food systems and labor force impacts of COVID-19.<br>Co-op members have collaborated to develop rail transload capacity at the Port of Chehalis, providing the cornerstone for a mailing barley program being established with Great Western Malting of Vancouver WA, and an alternative to costly truck transport of regionally produced grain. | <a href="#">Regional Food Security Project - SWWH (swafoodhub.com)</a>  |
|   |  | Southwest WA Grain Project   | Food   | Food Producers  |  | <a href="#">SW WA Growers Co-op - SWWH (swafoodhub.com)</a>   |
|   |  | Sustainable South Sound  | Sustainable South Sound has offered a community garden in east Olympia. For over three decades Olympia Community Garden has made plots available to people who have no place to garden or who want to garden in a community setting. We currently have several spaces available for new gardeners. | Community Garden  | Farm   | Gardeners   |
| Sustainable South Sound                 | Sustainable South Sound has offered a community garden in east Olympia. For over three decades Olympia Community Garden has made plots available to people who have no place to garden or who want to garden in a community setting. We currently have several spaces available for new gardeners.   | Farmers Basket   | Food   | Community Members<br>Food Producers<br>Community Members<br>Food Producers<br>Gardeners                                       | A buyer's guide that helps farmers and buyers connect to increase community access to locally produced food.   | <a href="https://www.thurstoned.com/education/buyersguide/">https://www.thurstoned.com/education/buyersguide/</a>   |
|   |  | Farm & Food Education  | Food<br>Farm   | Community Members<br>Food Producers<br>Gardeners<br>Youth   | Virtual and in-person workshops, site tours and events that teach people how to grow, prepare, process and market food.  | <a href="https://www.thurstoned.com/education/workshops-tours/">https://www.thurstoned.com/education/workshops-tours/</a>   |
|   |  | Farm Equipment Rental  | Food<br>Farm   | Food Producers<br>Gardeners   | Farm enhancement and food processing equipment available for low-cost community rental by food producers and home gardeners.   | <a href="https://www.thurstoned.com/working-lands/resta/equipment-central/">https://www.thurstoned.com/working-lands/resta/equipment-central/</a>   |
|   |  | Project Cost Share   | Farm   | Community Members*<br>Food Producers<br>Gardeners*  | Various financial assistance programs to help people implement a variety of conservation projects on their property, including Farm-enhancement projects.  | <a href="https://www.thurstoned.com/working-lands/free-conservation-reserve-enhancement-program/">https://www.thurstoned.com/working-lands/free-conservation-reserve-enhancement-program/</a>   |
|   |  | Soil & Nutrient Testing  | Farm   | Food Producers<br>Gardeners   | Testing services to determine farm and garden soil nutrients and soil amendment recommendations for food production.   | <a href="#">Soil &amp; Nutrient Testing Program (thurstoned.com)</a>  |
|   |  | South Sound FarmLink   | Farm   | Food Producers<br>Gardeners   | The South Sound FarmLink program works to keep rural and urban farmland in production in the South Sound region by connecting farmers and community gardeners to available land for food and other agricultural product production.  | <a href="https://www.thurstoned.com/working-lands/south-sound-farmlink/">https://www.thurstoned.com/working-lands/south-sound-farmlink/</a>   |
|   |  | Technical Assistance & Planning  | Farm   | Food Producers<br>Gardeners   | A voluntary process to improve natural resource management on private property that includes addressing landowner goals and management challenges, an inventory of on-site natural resources and a list of recommended actions to solve production and natural resource issues.  | <a href="#">Conservation Planning &amp; Technical Assistance (thurstoned.com)</a>   |
|   |  | Voluntary Stewardship Program  | Farm   | Food Producers*   | VSP is an alternative approach for counties in Washington State to protect and voluntarily enhance environmentally critical areas while maintaining and improving the long-term viability of local agriculture.  | <a href="https://www.thurstoned.com/working-lands/vsp/">https://www.thurstoned.com/working-lands/vsp/</a>   |
|   |  | Wheat Week   | Farm   | Youth   | A week-long educational curriculum for students in 4th and 5th grade to learn about water, soil, watersheds, energy, systems, and wheat production.  | <a href="https://www.thurstoned.com/education/wheat-week/">https://www.thurstoned.com/education/wheat-week/</a>   |
|   |  | Thurston County  | County government  | Agricultural Advisory Committee   | Farm   | Community Members<br>Food Producers   |
| Agricultural Tourism Overlay District   | Food<br>Farm   |  |  | Community Members<br>Food Producers   | An overlay zoning district that supports and expands allowable local agricultural tourism activities on farms, wineries, breweries and country inns within the district.   | <a href="#">ADO Ordinance 14725.pdf (thurston.wa.us)</a>  |
| Bountiful Byway                         | Food<br>Farm   |  |  | Community Members<br>Food Producers   | A scenic route that promotes agricultural tourism in the rural parts of Thurston County.   | <a href="#">Ag/Tourism in Thurston County</a>   |
| Conservation Futures                    | Farm   |  |  | Food Producers  | A land preservation program that allows landowners to sell property or future development rights to a qualified conservation organization such as a land trust, which buys them with funds provided by Thurston County government.   | <a href="#">Thurston County   Planning   Conservation Futures Program (thurstoncounties.gov)</a>  |
| Open Space Tax Program                  | Farm   |  |  | Food Producers  | A reduction of County property taxes in exchange for maintaining land in a rural, undeveloped state.   | <a href="#">Thurston County   Planning   Open Space Tax Program (thurstoncounties.gov)</a>  |
| Transfer/Purchase of Development Rights | Farm   |  |  | Food Producers  | Working agriculture lands can sell their development rights to preserve farmland while allowing owners to get the economic value of their land's development potential.  | <a href="#">Thurston County   Planning   Transfer or Purchase of Development Rights (thurstoncounties.gov)</a>  |
| Voluntary Stewardship Program           | Farm   |  |  | Food Producers  | An alternative approach for counties to protect critical areas in areas with agricultural activities through a voluntary, incentive-based approach.  | <a href="#">Thurston County   Planning   Voluntary Stewardship Program (VSP) (thurstoncounties.gov)</a>   |
| Thurston County Farm Bureau             | Farmer membership organization focused on supporting Thurston County farmers through outreach and advocacy.  | n/a  | Farm   | Food Producers  | Washington Farm Bureau is located in Thurston County.  | <a href="https://www.facebook.com/ThurstonCountyFarmBureau/">https://www.facebook.com/ThurstonCountyFarmBureau/</a>   |
| Thurston County Food Bank               | A non-profit dedicated to providing fresh, healthy food to food insecure individuals and communities throughout Thurston County through a variety of networks and partnerships.  | Gleaning Program   | Farm<br>Food   | Community Members<br>Food Producers<br>Youth  | Gleans excess produce to provide fresh, nutritious food for distribution to food insecure individuals around the county.   | <a href="https://thurstoncountyfoodbank.org/get-involved/">https://thurstoncountyfoodbank.org/get-involved/</a>   |
| Thurston Economic Development Council   | The Thurston Economic Development Council is leading efforts in support of agricultural business viability and towards building a more resilient regional food supply chain.   | SW WA Agricultural Business & Innovation Park  | Farm<br>Food   | Community Members<br>Food Producers   | The Southwest Washington Regional Agricultural Business & Innovation Park will establish a business park focused on value-added food-related manufacturing, processing, storage and packaging.   | <a href="#">SW WA Agricultural Business &amp; Innovation Park - Thurston Economic Development Council (thurstoned.com)</a>  |
| Union Gospel Mission                    | The UGM exists as an Evangelical Christian Rescue Mission that provides services to individuals in crisis by meeting their physical, mental and spiritual needs. VegOut is a program that provides fresh produce for families in need.   | VegOut   | Food   | Youth   | VegOut collects unsold produce from the Farmers Market and grocery stores to deliver to families where they live.  | <a href="https://www.facebook.com/VegOut-1128698750474987/">https://www.facebook.com/VegOut-1128698750474987/</a>   |
| WSU Extension Thurston County           | WSU Extension Thurston County provides research-based information and educational programs to farmers, consumers, decision-makers, and others involved in the South Sound food system.   | Thurston County 4-H  | Farm<br>Food   | Youth<br>Community Members  | Through hands-on learning experiences, members with guidance and mentoring from adult volunteers, learn skills that will last a lifetime. 4-H clubs explore projects and curriculum, carry out service projects, and hold events and activities that interest their members.   | <a href="https://extension.wsu.edu/thurston/youth/">https://extension.wsu.edu/thurston/youth/</a>   |
|   |  | Cultivating Success  | Farm   | Food Producers  | This 12-week class will provide practical information about whole farm planning, ecologically based, diversified production systems, and alternative marketing techniques.   | <a href="https://extension.wsu.edu/thurston/agriculture/cultivating-success/">https://extension.wsu.edu/thurston/agriculture/cultivating-success/</a>   |
|   |  | Master Gardeners   | Food   | Community Members<br>Gardeners  | WSU Master Gardener volunteers are trained and certified as community educators to provide professional, unbiased, researched-based home gardening and horticulture information.   | <a href="https://extension.wsu.edu/thurston/gardening/">https://extension.wsu.edu/thurston/gardening/</a>   |
|   |  | Food & Farm Publications   | Food<br>Farm   | Community Members<br>Food Producers<br>Gardeners<br>Youth   | The WSU Small Farms Team maintains an extensive list of resources to assist crop producers in profitability, sustainable practices, and processing challenges, including:<br>on: Horticulture, Field Crops, Pastures and Forages, Agroforestry, Irrigation, Grain production and Pest management.  | <a href="https://extension.wsu.edu/thurston/agriculture/management/crops/">https://extension.wsu.edu/thurston/agriculture/management/crops/</a><br><a href="https://extension.wsu.edu/thurston/agriculture/agriculture/">https://extension.wsu.edu/thurston/agriculture/agriculture/</a><br><a href="https://pubsdyfarms.wsu.edu/crops/">https://pubsdyfarms.wsu.edu/crops/</a><br><a href="http://www.4-h.wa.edu">http://www.4-h.wa.edu</a><br><a href="https://see.wsu.edu/">https://see.wsu.edu/</a> |
|   |  | Farm Marketing   | Farm   | Food Producers  | A collection of resources maintained by the WSU Food Systems Team to assist agricultural producers.  | <a href="https://extension.wsu.edu/thurston/agriculture/market-access/">https://extension.wsu.edu/thurston/agriculture/market-access/</a>   |
| Workshops                               | Food<br>Farm   | Community Members<br>Food Producers<br>Gardeners<br>Youth  | Collection of educational workshops on various food and farm topics.   | <a href="https://extension.wsu.edu/thurston/education-workshops/">https://extension.wsu.edu/thurston/education-workshops/</a> |  |   |
| Food Preservation                       | Food   | Community Members<br>Food Producers<br>Gardeners<br>Youth  | Education, resources and technical support for a variety of food preservation techniques.  | <a href="https://extension.wsu.edu/thurston/the-basics/">https://extension.wsu.edu/thurston/the-basics/</a>                   |  |   |
| Definitions:                            |  |  |  |   |  |   |
| Community Members                       | All members of our community that live, work, play and eat food in our area.   |  |  |   |  |   |
| Food Producers                          | Rural and urban farmers, ranchers and value-add food processors that produce food for our community.   |  |  |   |  |   |
| Gardeners                               | People that produce food non-commercially for themselves or others. Homesteaders, community gardens, school gardens, container gardeners, etc.)  |  |  |   |  |   |
| Youth pre-K to 12                       |  |  |  |   |  |   |
| *                                       | Certain conditions apply   |  |  |   |  |   |