Growing New Farms

Highlights of our Sustainable Agriculture Enterprise (SAgE) program:

- 10 new regenerative farms signed affordable long-term leases on 2 parcels of preserved farmland.
- 2 SAgE farms received hemp licenses to produce medicinal CBD/hemp products.
- Farmers with diverse backgrounds—Native American, African American, Nepali, women-owned farms, now have farms.
- Variety of farm products: veggies, herbs, flowers, eggs, goats, berries, fruit, honey, hemp, and more.
- Seeking new preserved farmland for new farm leases.

Nourishing People

LocalShare: Rescuing farm surplus to become nutrition for our neighbors in need

- 107,000 gleaned in 2021 so far.
- 628,000 gleaned since program began.
- 150+ volunteers, 20 farms, 100+ recipient agencies.
- 2021 Infrastructure upgrades: 3 new cold storage units.

Food Hub Pilot Program in Newark:

- 26 urban and rural farm suppliers.
- 136 products; 381 registered customers.
- $47,000 in retail/wholesale revenue in 5 qtrs.
- 19% of purchases made with Supplemental Nutritional Benefits (SNAP/WIC/SENIOR).

Farmers’ Markets

- More than $4 million generated in to the north Jersey food economy by our farmers’ markets over the years.
This Couldn’t Be Done Without You!

This work couldn’t be done without support from those who share our dreams for a healthy food system that nourishes our bodies, provides good livings for our hard-working farmers, and keeps our soil, air and water clean. We are so grateful for your help to rebuild our food system based on our values—one that is local, sustainable, fair, humane and healthy. Together, we can impact our future.

Healthy Land & Water

For the health of all of Earth’s communities

- Paulins Kill Watershed Initiative: Working with a coalition of environmental stakeholders to protect the Paulins Kill Watershed, we hired coordinator Christine Dunbar to do outreach, work with municipalities, businesses, schools and community groups to organize clean-ups and recreational events, and create a water quality monitoring program.

- Expansion of River-Friendly Farm Certification program into northwest New Jersey. This voluntary certification program recognizes farms using best farm management practices that protect our waterways.

We are so thankful to our partners and supporters who helped us meet important milestones in 2021:

- The Foodshed Alliance took ownership of 333 acres of preserved farmland in Sussex County, now home to nine new farms.

- After cancelling in 2020, we held a successful in-person Gala at Perona Farms in October.

- Blairstown Farmers’ Market successfully its completed 14th season.

Thank you to everyone who helped make this happen!
—Kendrya Close, Executive Director, Foodshed Alliance