



CITY REGION FOOD SYSTEM TOOLKIT

Assessing and planning resilient and sustainable city region food systems

Template: In-depth Assessment report

Brief description	This template was adapted from the assessment report developed by Toronto and enables the project team to structure the in-depth assessment report on the CRFS
Expected outcome	Thorough understanding of the CRFS boundaries, geographical areas, key commodities, nodes, stakeholders, assets, and infrastructures, including and assessment of the risks and vulnerabilities
Expected output	Evidence on the CRFS vulnerabilities and inefficiencies to contribute to the development of the action planning
Scale of application	Project level
Expertise required	Research and analysis
Examples of application	Toronto, Canada
Year of development	2023
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Relevant CRFS Handbook modules; related tools, examples and activities	In-depth scan module

Template

1. List of Abbreviations and Acronyms
2. Acknowledgments
3. Glossary
4. List of tables, figures, and maps
5. Executive summary (1 page)
6. Overview of CRFS area
 - Section 1. Mapping of stakeholders
 - Section 2. CRFS Food flows
 - Production
 - Land-use planning issues
 - Pressure from non-farming interests

- Environmental issues
- Transportation corridors
- Packing/ processing/ distribution
- Packing
- Distribution
- Processing
- Markets (including export, mass market, food terminal, direct, distributor and donations)
- Direct sales from farmer to consumer
- Institutional Procurement
- Retail markets
- Public Health and Nutrition programs
- Waste management

Section 3. Key commodities

- Production and Market
- Marketing Channels
- Environment and the (commodity) sector
- Innovation

Section 4. Networks

- Business network collaborations
- Value-based networks
- Sectoral networks

7. Place-based food system analysis

Section 6. Review of critical themes

- Sectoral training
- Public education
- Formal education
- Food and health training
- Business training and education
- Bureaucratic processes: rules, regulations, and red tape
- Land use regulations
- Food safety regulations
- Severance and rural housing
- Environmental regulations
- Scale
- Urban regulations
- Another Perspective on Bureaucracy in the
- Labour and decent work
- Food access issues
- Innovation at food banks
- Food access food hub aggregation
- Food access hubs and regional sourcing
- Community food organizations
- Food security and labour

- Points of vulnerability and risk

Section 6. Compilation of complex indicator set

- Indicators derived from emerging themes
- Critical indicators, phase 2 primary research
- Assessing innovation
- Assessment by indicators of top food supply chains
- Critical indicators, phase 2 primary research, commodity sectors
- Assessment by indicators for place-based activities
- Critical indicators, phase 2 primary research, by region
- Indicator analysis by region

Section 7. Assessment of collaborations and networks

- Agriculture and food planning collaborations
- Agri-food strategies and plans
- Project-based collaborations
- Keys to collaboration

Section 8. Priority Policy recommendations

- Policy opportunities, systemic solutions and recommendations
- Local sourcing at independent retail
- Climate change responsiveness
- Technology innovations
- Direct marketing from farmer to consumer
- Increase in local food at mass market
- Institutional procurement
- Aquaponics and other urban food
- Mid-scale aggregation, distribution and processing infrastructure
- Participation in decision-making
- Financial capacity, allocation of resources
- Scale appropriate regulations and feasibility
- Education
- Key policies

8. Section 9. Conclusion and next steps

Appendix A: Interview Questions

Appendix B: Interview Participants

Bibliography and References