



**A ground breaking system
to scale local food and
restore our commonwealth**

THE FOOD COMMONS

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Issues With the Current Food System

Scale

The global industrial food system is too big to see and manage “externalities” and govern effectively at a human and community scale.

Local food enterprises are too small and fragmented to achieve scale efficiencies in operations, human and financial capital.

Ownership

Food and agriculture are largely “extractive” industries, owned and governed by corporate interests and driven by market signals that are distant from the communities they serve.

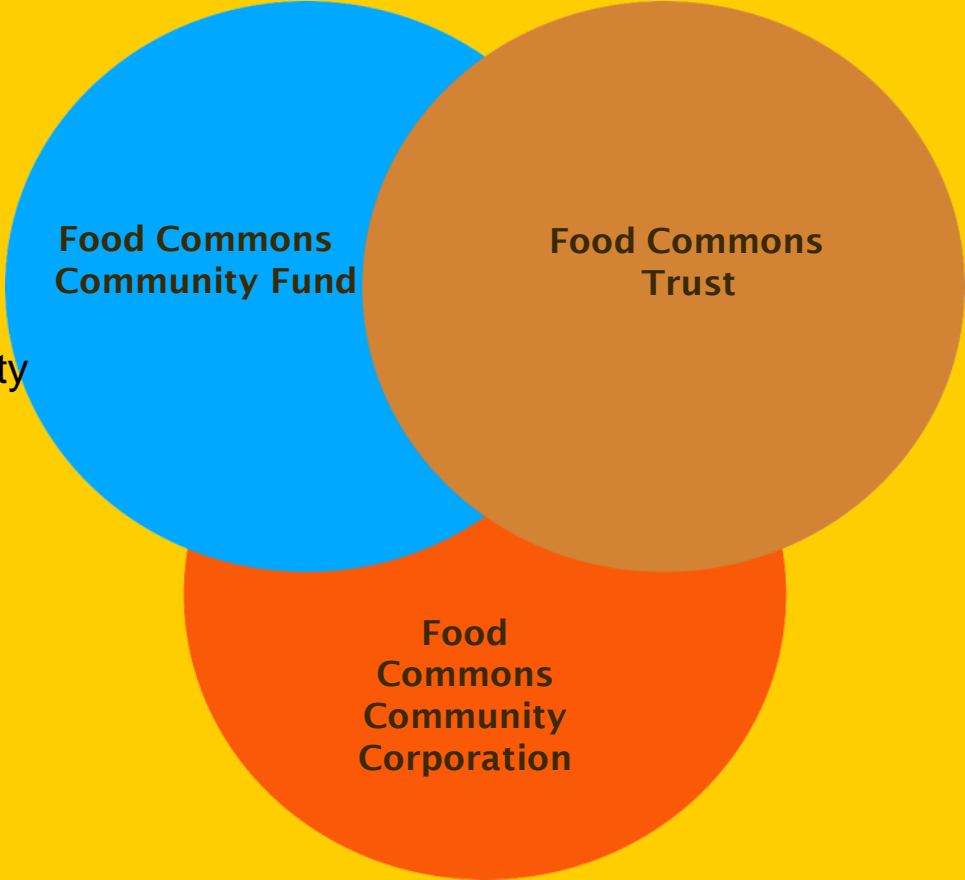
Results and Accountability

The current food system is primarily measured by and held accountable for short-term profit and gross productivity, not human, community or environmental health, wealth and well-being.

Our Questions

- How to finance so that it couldn't be bought and sold?
- How to attract capital including philanthropy?
- How to maintain values and principles?
- How to keep appropriate community scale?
- How to keep the land/assets in community ownership/the commons?
- How to include employees and community in the ownership?

The Food Commons is structured around three core elements to steward and deploy assets at the community level while accessing network benefits inter-regionally and nationally



Financial institution that facilitates community investment in and ownership of local food enterprises

Non-profit community-based land trust to acquire and steward foodshed assets

For-profit, vertically integrated, community-owned regional food system enterprise including processing, distribution, and retail

How Food Commons Addresses Issues in the Current System

Scale

Enterprises sized for locally-attuned resource management and community stewardship

Vertical integration at the regional level and networking and cooperation inter-regionally and nationally to capture scale economies

Results and Accountability

Goals, metrics and governance system grounded in and defined by fundamental values of democracy, fairness, health and wellness

Extractive Ownership

Food production assets and enterprises owned and stewarded by the communities they serve, for the long-term benefit of community members

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Resources

- The Food Commons

www.thefoodcommons.org

Vision document

www.thefoodcommons.org/images/FoodCommons_2-0.pdf

- Commons Health

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