

# Headwaters Community Food & Water Bill Quick Start Guide

## *Primary Information*

### **Headwaters Community Food & Water Bill Economic Resiliency Program**

This document describes the bill's [Economic Resiliency Program](#). The food web economy created and maintained by the program is designed to provide resources to local food initiatives currently in operation *and* to implement [Community Care Programs](#) to generate capacity to operate a robust, sustainable locally-adapted, coordinated food web economy that connects urban and rural communities as stewards of the home we share.

#### **Community Care Programs**

The purpose of the food web economy created by the [Headwaters Community Food and Water Bill \(HF1332/SF1580\)](#) is to create the economic and ecological conditions capable of generating and maintaining local capacity to source, preserve, deliver, and store food within our communities in order to meet the demands of food, water and climate.

This set of complementary [Community Care Programs](#) can be adapted to any region to support the operations of the food web economy. Together, these programs offer local employment in a decentralized, coordinated economy guided by this set of [Comprehensive Planning Goals which can be applied to any city, state, or region](#).

#### **Regenerative Food Web Map**

The [Regenerative Food Web Map](#) shows how the source-to-table food web economy connects producers to the sites in communities where food needs are met daily.

### **House Select Committee Report**

The [House Select Committee on Racial Justice Report](#) to the Legislature recommends supporting the bill on p. 43.

## *Supporting Studies*

These two studies conducted in northeastern Minnesota offer vital insights about current local food initiatives and the potential for operating a robust, locally-adapted, regional food economy designed to provide healthy food sources and benefit the communities and food economy employees.

- [IRRRB Regional Food Assessment](#)  
A Study of the Potential Impact of Local Food as an Economic Driver in the Taconite Assistance Area
- [Defining the Agricultural Landscape of the Western Lake Superior Region: Realities and potentials for a healthy local food system for healthy people](#)

## ***Aligns With Existing Urban and Rural Sustainability Initiatives***

### **Learning from the Leaders**

In urban and rural communities, a patchwork of local and regional food initiatives is responding to the absence of a just, sustainable food economy and enduring food insecurity. Their experiences, insights, and programs can guide the development and operations of a food web economy supported by robust economic infrastructure. [Learning from the Leaders](#) highlights the valuable models these initiatives have created.

### **Existing Initiatives**

The design and purpose of the food web economy aligns with the values, objectives, policies, and strategies that have been outlined to support sustainable living and thriving communities.

Examples include:

- Farm to School (Minnesota Farm to School Network)
- One Watershed, One Plan Policies
- University of Minnesota Extension
- Climate Action Plans (city, county, state)
- Comprehensive Economic Development Strategies (Minnesota Regional Commissions)
- Climate Action Plan (Minnesota House Climate Caucus incl "Enhance Local Food Systems" p. 4)
- Community-based local and regional sustainable food initiatives

## ***Relevant Publications***

### **MinnPost Opinion Piece**

[“Toward a sustainable future defined by racial, economic and environmental justice”](#) presents the case for supporting the [Headwaters Community Food and Water Bill \(HF1332/SF1580\)](#) as an economic driver for connecting rural and urban communities by a robust stewardship economy.

### **Stories from the Homefront**

Set in 2030, [Stories from the Homefront](#) features stories of the just and resilient future for urban and rural communities we can achieve through the [Headwaters Community Food and Water Bill \(HF1332/SF1580\)](#). In this newsletter, architect of the Headwaters Bill Marita Bujold presents a vision of our future shaped by a robust, source-to-table local food economy that nurtures the health of our communities, our ecosystems, and our planet.

### **Videos**

These videos make the case for creating a robust, food web economy designed to fulfill our role as stewards of the home we share to yield abundant food and clean water and restore health to ecosystems.

- [Caring for Our Common Home: Intro to the Headwaters Bill](#)
- [A New Story of Food and Water](#)