

2024 Legislative Session Priorities



Boost supports for local composting

Divert organic material from the landfill by funding and supporting community-based composting operations. Provide technical assistance to food scrap producers and ensure that Rhode Islanders have equitable access to composting options.



Incentivize surplus food donation

Create a tax credit for qualified taxpayers that donate food to Rhode Island organizations to address food insecurity, propel environmental sustainability, support local businesses and help make surplus food donation a common practice.



Preserve active farmland

Support land access for farming by ensuring consistent, adequate funding for the Agricultural Land Preservation Commission through the state's Green Bond.



Provide healthy school meals for all

Make an investment in children by providing free breakfast and lunch to all students, while promoting local food purchasing and ensuring culturally appropriate menus.



Reduce tax burdens for urban & small farmers

Strengthen urban and small farmers by ensuring farming operations remain competitive by reducing tax burdens.

The Rhode Island Food Policy Council is the backbone network for the people, businesses, government agencies, and community organizations that make up Rhode Island's food system. We are an independent nonprofit working to build a more just and resilient food system for all Rhode Islanders.