## **Committed to Food that is** Healthy, Local, and Fair to All

The Great Falls Food Hub is working to better the nutritional health of our communities and strengthen our local economies, while supporting the local farmers and creative food artisans who feed us.



Serving the Windham, Windsor, Cheshire, & Sullivan Counties in SE Vermont & SW New Hampshire



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Our Mission is to make locally produced food affordable and available to *all* the people of Windham, Cheshire, Sullivan and Windsor Counties by connecting farms and communities.

The Great Falls Food Hub is a grassroots organization originally launched in 2009 by Post Oil Solutions. Our volunteer members are your friends and neighbors, people just like yourself who are committed to bettering the lives and health of everyone in our communities. The organization is broken down into several committees, each with a focus on, and responsibility for, a specific task or area of endeavor. "Working groups" are also formed, engaged specifically to tackle immediate or short-range challenges and projects. Membership is open and we encourage you to attend a committee meeting, or join a working group that reflects your talents, skills or interest.

Contact our Coordinator for information on committees and working groups: 802-722-4575 ext. 153 GreatFallsFoodHub@sevca.org

## The Great Falls Food Hub has two primary goals.

The first is to develop the physical infrastructure needed for area farmers to produce more food for the local and regional markets. This includes the creation of a licensed, commercial-sized food processing kitchen; dry, cold, and frozen food storage facilities; a regional food distribution system; a network of retail outlets; and administrative facilities for program and incubator activities.

The second is the development of the social infrastructure to reconnect our communities with their local food systems. We offer support service for regional farmers and producers; engage in community education and outreach activities; strive to increase affordability and accessibility of local foods for all area residents; and develop social networking tools that connect food producers with consumers.





**Join us!** We welcome you to become involved and offer your input, energy and talents to the effort. We currently have committees actively focused upon:

**Research**: Working with the Project Coordinator in pulling together the data and information that is needed for our feasibility study.

**Business**: Developing a business plan and exploring financial options.

**Outreach**: Connecting and networking with other organizations and individuals in targeted communities within the four county regions the Hub is intended to serve.

**Marketing**: Developing promotional materials, web site and online media.

**Infrastructure**: Assessing possible locations for distribution, storage, retail and production facilities.

**Reconnecting to Our Food**: Developing educational programs: classes, instructional videos, workshops, etc. that teach people about gardening, extending the growing season, putting food by and cooking.