Section E: Growing Local Sustainable Food Systems—The LFP Approach

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The Bounty of the Harvest

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A Financially Unsustainable Food System

Only 7,000 farmers in Ontario are under age 35 (out of more than 82,000)
An Environmentally Unsustainable Food System

- Water pollution
- Soil degradation
- Loss of biodiversity
- Climate change

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Urban Sprawl

- Half of Canada’s class 1 farmland is in Southern Ontario
- Almost all of it is under threat from urban sprawl

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A Sustainable Food System

- Primarily local
- Financially viable for all stakeholders
- Operates with ecological integrity
- Socially responsible
- Respectful of other species
The LFP Approach
The LFP Mission

- To scale up local sustainable food systems by linking farmers and processors with local purchasers, especially institutional purchasers
LFP Certification Standards

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LFP Certification Flow Chart

Local (Mandatory) 150 pts.

- Crop/Livestock Production (450-600 pts.)
- Labor (Mandatory) (150 pts.)

- Biodiversity (150 pts.)
- Energy (150 pts.)

LFP Certified