# Harvey County System

## Action Plan Overview

### GROW THE HARVEY COUNTY FOOD & FARM ECONOMY

**1. Develop local food and agricultural businesses.**

- **1.1.** Review existing resources to support food-based entrepreneurs and develop tools to address gaps.
- **1.2.** Support expansion of fresh food coolers in existing grocery stores to support the ability to sell locally-grown fresh foods.
- **1.3.** Expand and strengthen networks of existing growers, producers, customers, and distribution businesses to better support farmers and food system businesses.

**2. Increase local food purchasing.**

- **2.1.** Maintain an up-to-date local food directory.
- **2.2.** Build out the Harvey County Council’s website buyer-seller connection feature.
- **2.3.** Support a sustainable “buy local” food campaign with community partners.

### ENSURE ALL HARVEY COUNTY RESIDENTS CAN ACCESS HEALTHY FOOD

**3. Reduce transportation barriers that limit food access.**

- **3.1.** Work with the County Commission to support the transportation priority in the Community Health Improvement Plan to include access to grocery stores, food pantries, and farmers markets.
- **3.2.** Partner with efforts to build streets and public rights-of-way to include safe and convenient multimodal connections between residential areas and food access points.

**4. Work with the state, city, county, and business community to make food more affordable.**

**5. Strengthen collaboration with community partners to ensure all residents have enough food.**

### PARTNER TO EDUCATE OUR COMMUNITY ABOUT THE FOOD SYSTEM

**6. Support local food and agricultural businesses.**

**7. Expand workforce development and readiness within the local food system to prepare community members for successful employment.**

**8. Expand community-based food production.**

- **6.1.** Ensure producers can develop skills in agricultural best practices in urban and rural settings.
- **7.1.** Identify gaps and support skill and technical training opportunities for jobs and careers in food, culinary, and agricultural sectors.
- **8.1.** Collaborate with community partners providing food production education to build residents’ skills.