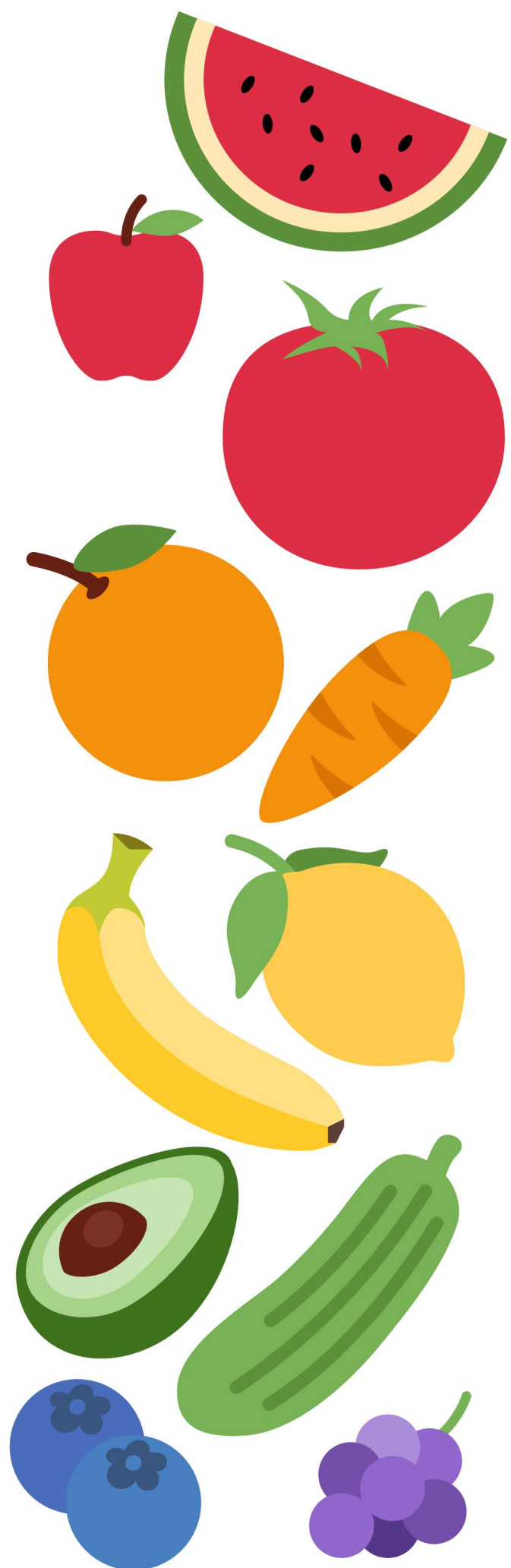




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Highlights





Who we are



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Hi there! We're Homegrown Minneapolis and we're a part of the City of Minneapolis Health Department. Our mission is to expand the City's ability to grow, process, distribute, eat and compost more healthy, sustainable, locally grown foods.



What we support and do



Food access



Food policy



Urban gardens



Farmers markets



Wasted food prevention



Food council

2025 Milestones



In 2025, we accomplished a lot! Here are some big events and successes that we're proud of.



March

An ordinance amendment that supports boulevard gardens is approved.

April

We celebrate Food Waste Prevention Week with our first 86 Food Waste event.



October

We launch [Food Forward](#), helping restaurants save money, and reduce wasted food.

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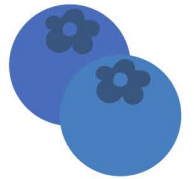
We present on the intersection of food and climate policy at the [Milan Urban Food Policy Pact Global Forum](#).



Community contracts

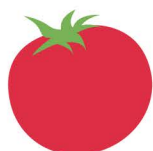


- We extended 14 of the 2024 Homegrown Community Projects. We distributed \$180,000 in Climate Legacy Initiative funds. This supports sustainable growing and wasted food prevention.
 - 7,200 people received approximately 10,000 pounds of food grown
 - More than 200,000 people received close to 1 million pounds of rescued food
- When the federal government shutdown paused SNAP payments, an additional \$150,000 was distributed. This funding supported emergency food security efforts.
 - More than 265,000 pounds of food was rescued with this funding November - December 2025



Wasted food

- We launched a new City webpage about preventing food waste at home
- We were awarded a USDA Composting and Food Waste Reduction cooperative agreement (2025-2027) to expand our work with restaurants.
 - Hired a Wasted Food Prevention Coordinator
 - Launched the Food Forward program, partnering with six restaurants
- We hosted three 86 Food Waste events for food businesses, reaching 68 people.





Farmers markets

- Minneapolis was home to 15 farmers markets in 2025.
- We supported a Farmers Markets of Minneapolis vendor information session. This reached over 100 people.
- We coordinated twice-monthly meetings of the Farmers Markets of Minneapolis Collaborative.
- The City contracted with a firm to design upgrades to the Minneapolis Farmers Market on Lyndale.

Urban agriculture



- City Council passed an ordinance allowing food to be grown in boulevards. We created online materials. They help people understand the rules and grow more successfully.
- We launched the Urban Farm and Garden Community Ownership Program RFP and selected a lot and associated grower. The lot will be put into trust with the City of Lakes Community Land Trust for long-term urban agriculture use.
- Through our Garden Lease Program, we leased 54 vacant City-owned lots to community and market gardens. This was done in partnership with the Community Planning and Economic Development and Public Works departments.
- In partnership with Solid Waste & Recycling, we distributed 382 cubic yards of free compost to 47 community garden. This was done through the Community Garden Compost program.

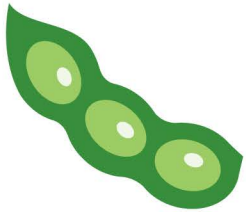




Food Council

The Homegrown Minneapolis Food Council:

- Was re-established with a new membership structure. We recruited 12 new members.
- Sent recommendations about the boulevard ordinance amendment to City Council and the Mayor.
- Provided advice to the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board about their community garden policy.

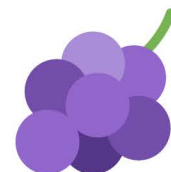


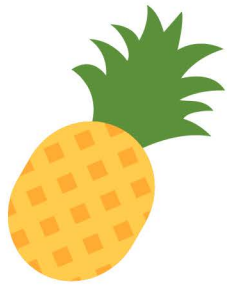
Get involved

Join us and your neighbors at the table to continue building and supporting a more equitable, sustainable, and local food system in Minneapolis.

Here are some ways to get involved:

- Attend a monthly [Food Council Meeting](#). All are welcome!
- Subscribe to the [Homegrown monthly newsletter](#).





Thank you!



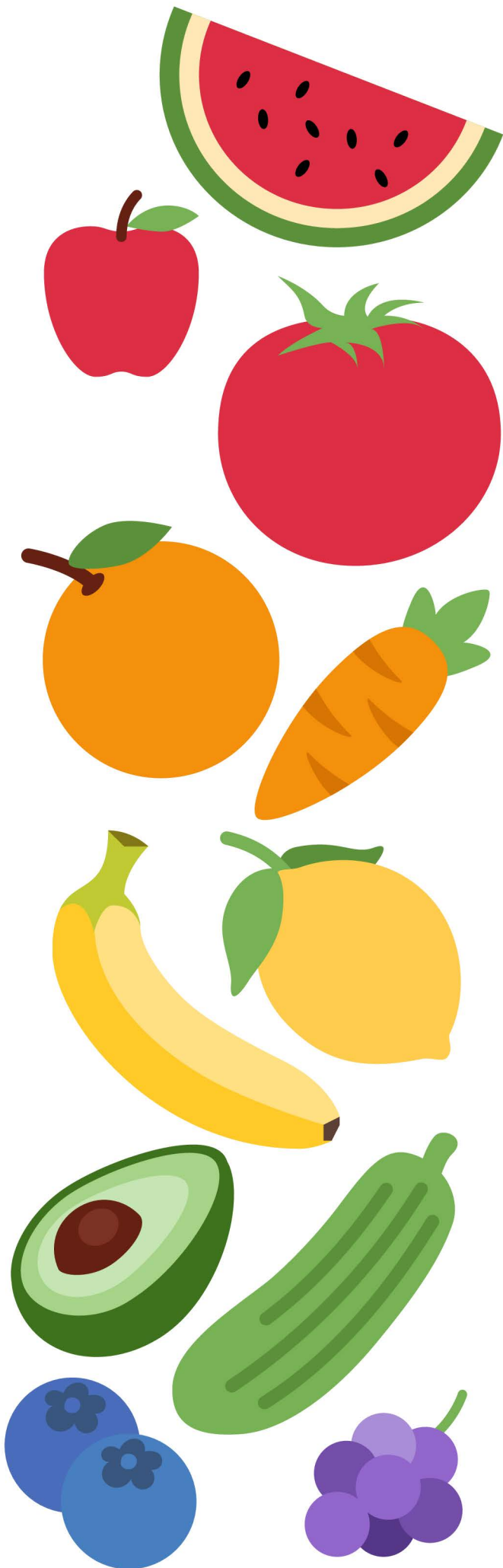
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