



A NEW ENGLAND FOOD VISION

Transforming New England's Food System Together



Food Solutions New England (FSNE) is a regional, collaborative network organized around a single goal: to transform the New England food system into a resilient driver of healthy food, sustainable farming and fishing, and thriving communities.



A New England Food Vision



- *Healthy Food for All*
- *Sustainable Farming and Fishing*
- *Thriving Communities*





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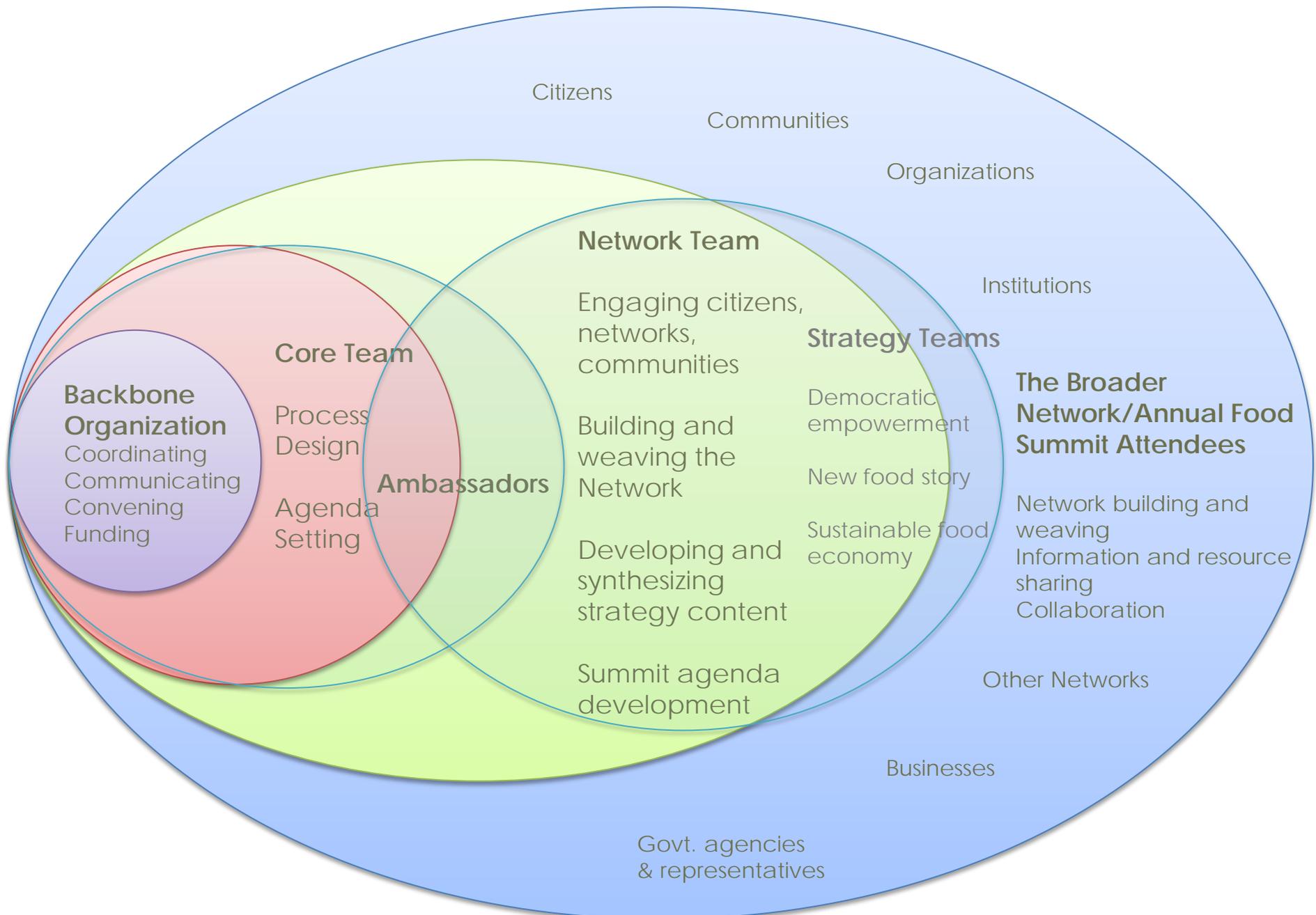
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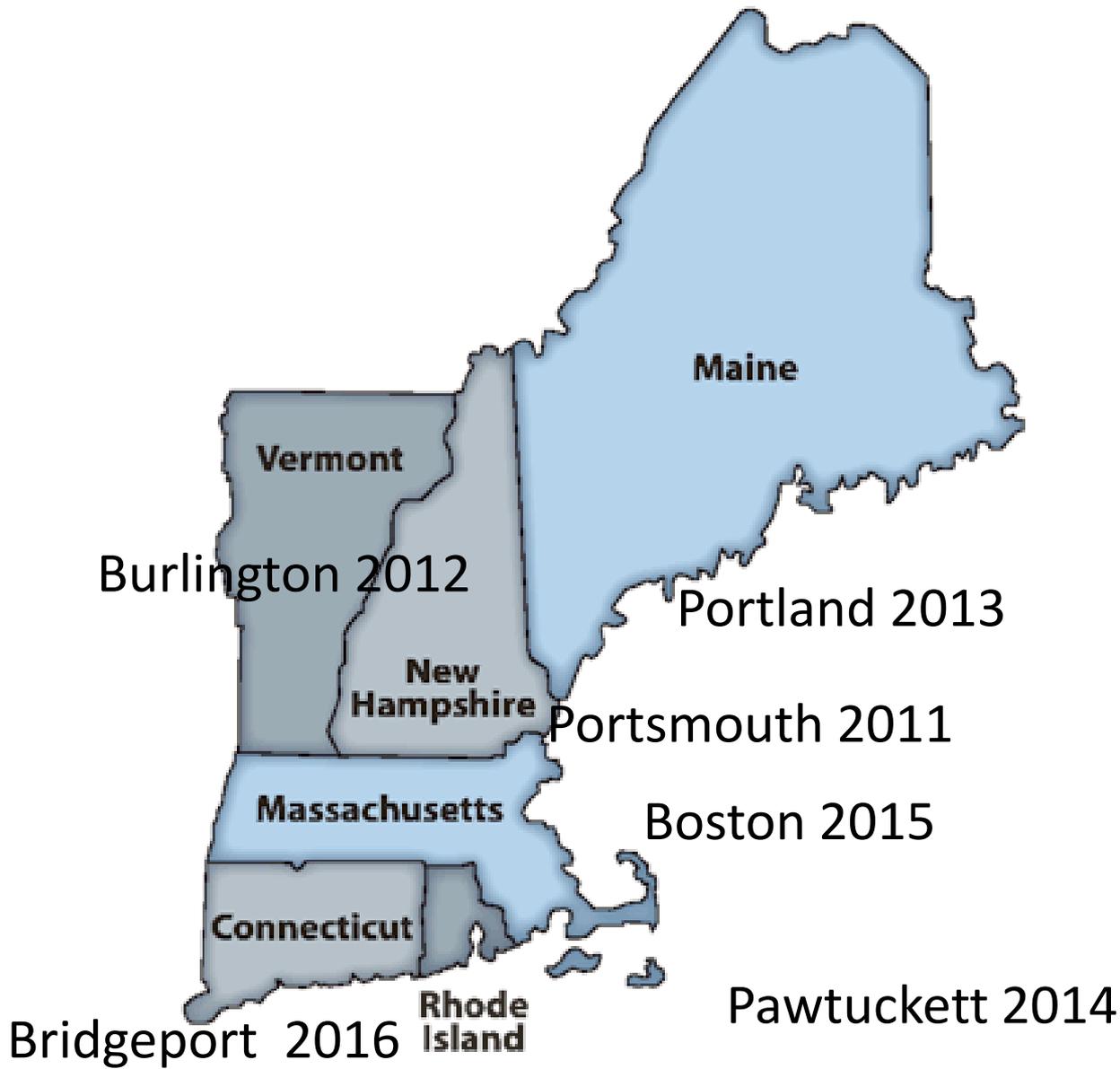
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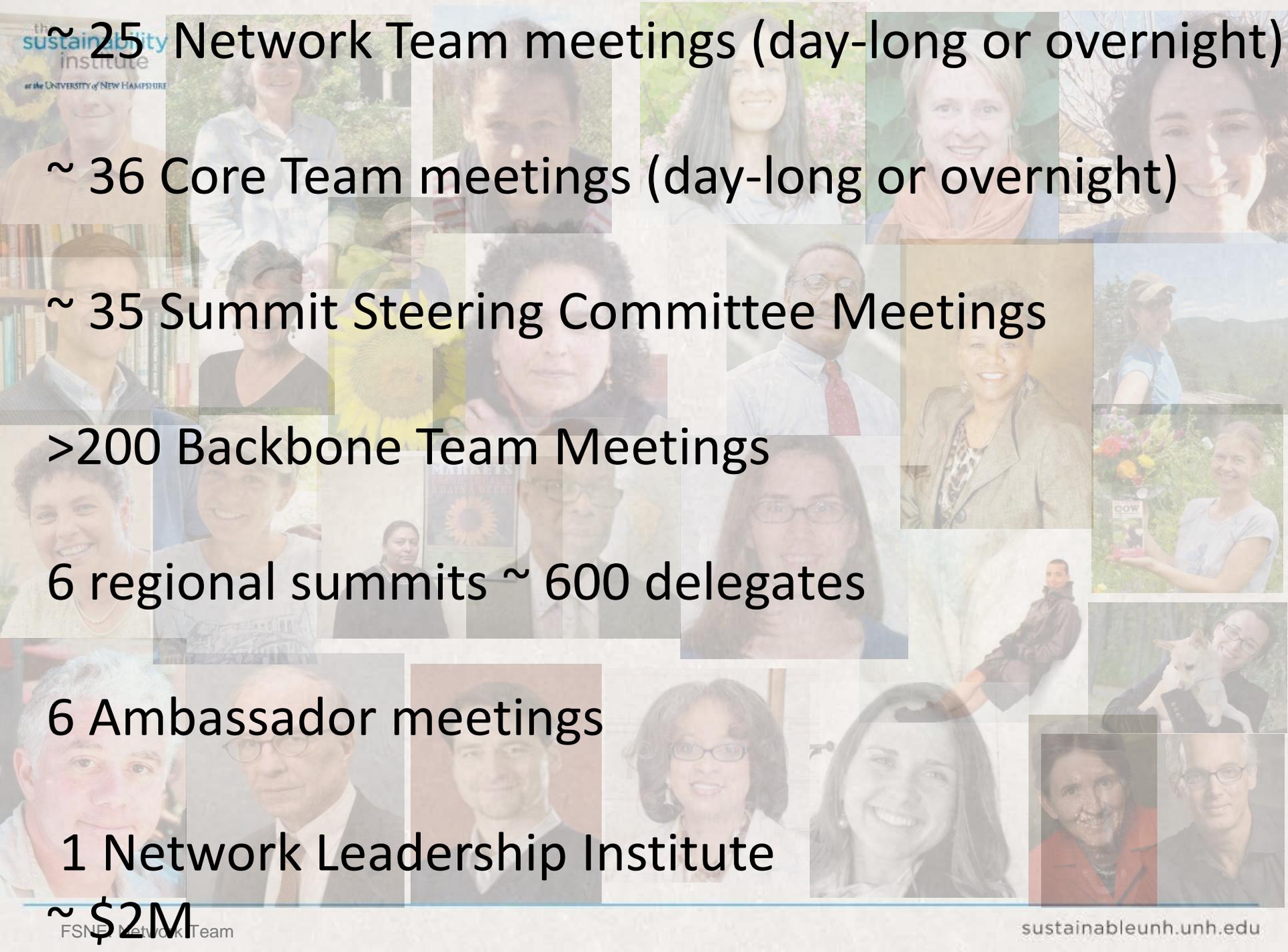
RI

*what can we do
better together as a
region than separately
as states and
communities?*





6 regional summits
~ 600 delegates



~ 25 Network Team meetings (day-long or overnight)

~ 36 Core Team meetings (day-long or overnight)

~ 35 Summit Steering Committee Meetings

>200 Backbone Team Meetings

6 regional summits ~ 600 delegates

6 Ambassador meetings

1 Network Leadership Institute

~ \$2M



- Farm to Plate Strategic Plan w/ 25 Goals
- Farm to Plate Network – 350+ organizations organized across 24 groups
- Robust website with over 150 indicator graphics to show progress (www.vtfarmtoplate.com)
- 6,000+ new jobs (10% inc.) & 779 new food enterprises (7% inc.) – between 2009-2015
- \$189 million (6.9%) VT food \$ spent locally in 2014; up from \$100 million (5%) in 2010.
- VT farm and food economy accounts for \$10 billion in sales (2012) which is up from \$7.4 billion (2007)



- Sue AnderBois (who has been involved and served on RIFPC for past 3 years) started in June just after the FSNE Summit as RI's first Chief of Food Strategy. Her position is housed in the Governor's Office, and is funded through a combo of State and private philanthropic support.

The RIFPC and Sue and State partners are working on an official RI State Food Plan/Strategy, aiming for release June 2017.

- We held a first-ever Food System Summit at the University of Rhode Island campus on Jan. 17th to present outline of the Food Plan/Strategy and get folks together to discuss/connect/further shape the direction of the plan.

Massachusetts Food System Collaborative

Strengthening the MA food system



About the Collaborative

- Increase production, sales & consumption of Massachusetts-grown foods.
- Create jobs & economic opportunity in food, farming and fishing, and improve the wages and skills of food system workers.
- Protect the land and water needed to produce food, maximize environmental benefits from agriculture and fishing, and ensure food safety.
- Reduce hunger and food insecurity, increase the availability of healthy food to all residents, and reduce food waste.



CONNECTICUT FOOD SYSTEM ALLIANCE

Together we can build a better food system

- Leaders in the CT Food System Alliance and other organizations met in late September for a full day strategic planning session and emerged with a commitment to focus the next phase of CFSA work on transforming itself into an Alignment Network, with activities centered around recruiting allies, aligning with the FSNE vision and leverage points, and supporting the work of our allies.



NH FOOD ALLIANCE



Viability Initiative

Education

Market Development.

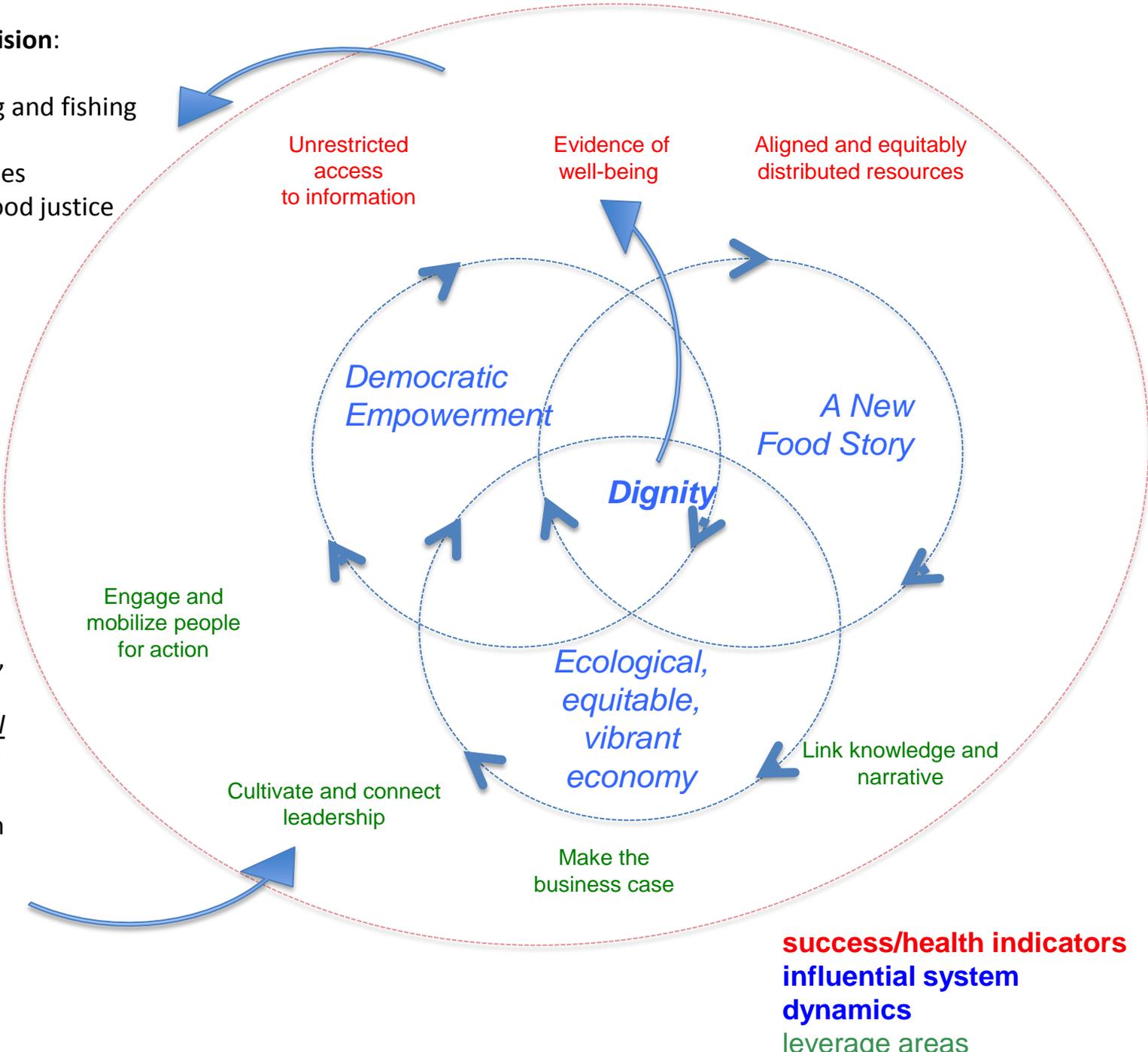
Land, Sea and Water

Food Access

A New England Food Vision:

- 50 by 60
- Sustainable farming and fishing
- Healthy food for all
- Thriving communities
- Racial equity and food justice

Clear understanding, collaborative relationships, and *all* stakeholders shared will to act in New England food system



Unrestricted access to information

Evidence of well-being

Aligned and equitably distributed resources

Democratic Empowerment

A New Food Story

Dignity

Engage and mobilize people for action

Ecological, equitable, vibrant economy

Link knowledge and narrative

Cultivate and connect leadership

Make the business case

success/health indicators

influential system dynamics

leverage areas

Action

Alignment

Connectivity

Thought Leadership
Network Leadership





Marilyn Moore



Karin Spiller



Julius Kolawole

FSNE Ambassadors: Who Participates Matters

NEW ENGLAND FOOD VISION

At least 50% of our food is produced in the region by 2060

Sustainable farming & fishing

Healthy food for all

Racial equity & food justice

Thriving communities

Make the Business Case

Cultivate Leaders

SUSTAINABLE ECONOMY

Mobilize People

A NEW FOOD STORY

A New England Food System with DIGNITY

Inspire with knowledge and stories

DEMOCRATIC EMPOWERMENT



About the Strategy Teams: 3-5 Priority Strategies + Network Development

Democratic Empowerment

The purpose of the Democratic Empowerment strategy team is to pool knowledge of existing and new partners aligned around the goal of democratic empowerment in food systems and other contexts, and together, to identify additional strategic partners and short and medium-term initiatives or actions to be undertaken collaboratively to advance shared goals.

A New Food Story/Narrative

The purpose of the strategy team focused on “a new food story” is to develop a strategy to shift awareness, understanding, and behavior to accomplish the network’s goals. We need to counter dominant messaging and engage people for action through transparent sharing of information, effective marketing, targeted campaigns, reframing of food issues, and use of narrative and artistic expression.

Sustainable Food Economy

The purpose of the “sustainable” food economy strategy team is to transform and shift the region’s food economy through a set of values embedded in A New England Food Vision.



The Sustainability Institute at the University of New Hampshire serves as the backbone organization for FSNE.