Giving to the Minnesota Environmental Fund ensures people in Minnesota can eat healthy food grown locally, now and for future generations. Together, we can advocate for ecologically-sound farming practices, support small-scale farmers, and increase access to local and sustainably-produced food for all Minnesotans. These actions protect Minnesota’s natural resources, and contribute to a strong and prosperous Minnesota local food economy.

Your support helps shape key actions across several areas. Here are some snapshots from our 21 members:

• **Educating New Farmers in Sustainable Agriculture:**
  - Land Stewardship Project, Women’s Environmental Institute, and Minnesota Food Association are supporting beginning farmers by offering classes, workshops, mentorship, and access to land for new farmers of various backgrounds across the state.
  - Minnesota Food Association is connecting underserved farmers with experts and resources by acting as fiscal agent and co-host of the annual Immigrant & Minority Farmers Conference.

• **Building Community Support for Local Food and Farmers:**
  - Women's Environmental Institute is coordinating East Phillips residents to convert a warehouse to a year-round urban organic farm site to create living wage jobs and entrepreneurial opportunities.
  - Minnesota Food Association is educating young people on the importance of sustainable agriculture through the Big River Farms Youth & Family Education Program.

• **Preserving Agricultural Traditions:**
  - North American Water Office is promoting the nutritional and medicinal benefits of wild foods and fruit traditionally eaten by Indigenous Peoples and those at subsistence levels by creating edible landscapes.

• **Promoting Healthy Food Access and Eliminating Waste:**
  - Eureka Recycling is preventing food waste by hosting zero-waste events, delivering community workshops on composting, and working with restaurants to implement new composting systems.
  - Women’s Environmental Institute is increasing access to organic vegetables for low-income community members by donating produce grown on their urban farm to a food shelf and café.
  - Minnesota Food Association is developing alternative markets that increase local food access in low-income communities, while at the same time retaining profitability for producers.

• **Advancing Policy to Protect Farmers and Natural Resources:**
  - Land Stewardship Project is working to stop frac sand mining and large-scale factory farms through local organizing and the development of statewide policies.
  - Clean Water Fund is reducing pollution from non-point agricultural sources by focusing on better practices and policies and engaging farmers in finding solutions.
  - Women's Environmental Institute is completing research to give East Metro farmers the right-to-know toxic exposures to their farmland and help identify alternative farming sites.

• **Creating New Farm Spaces:**
  - The Trust for Public Land is partnering with the non-profit organization, Frogtown Farm, to create a hub for health, recreation, local food, and a connection to nature for an urban community through the 12.7-acre Frogtown Park and Farm in St. Paul.
  - Women's Environmental Institute is creating a rural food hub with East Central small farmers wanting to transition to organic farming that is sustainable and addresses rural food poverty.

Want to learn more? Visit [Environmental Initiative](#), [Eureka Recycling](#), [Land Stewardship Project](#), [Minnesota Food Association](#), [Trust for Public Land](#), [Women's Environmental Institute](#)