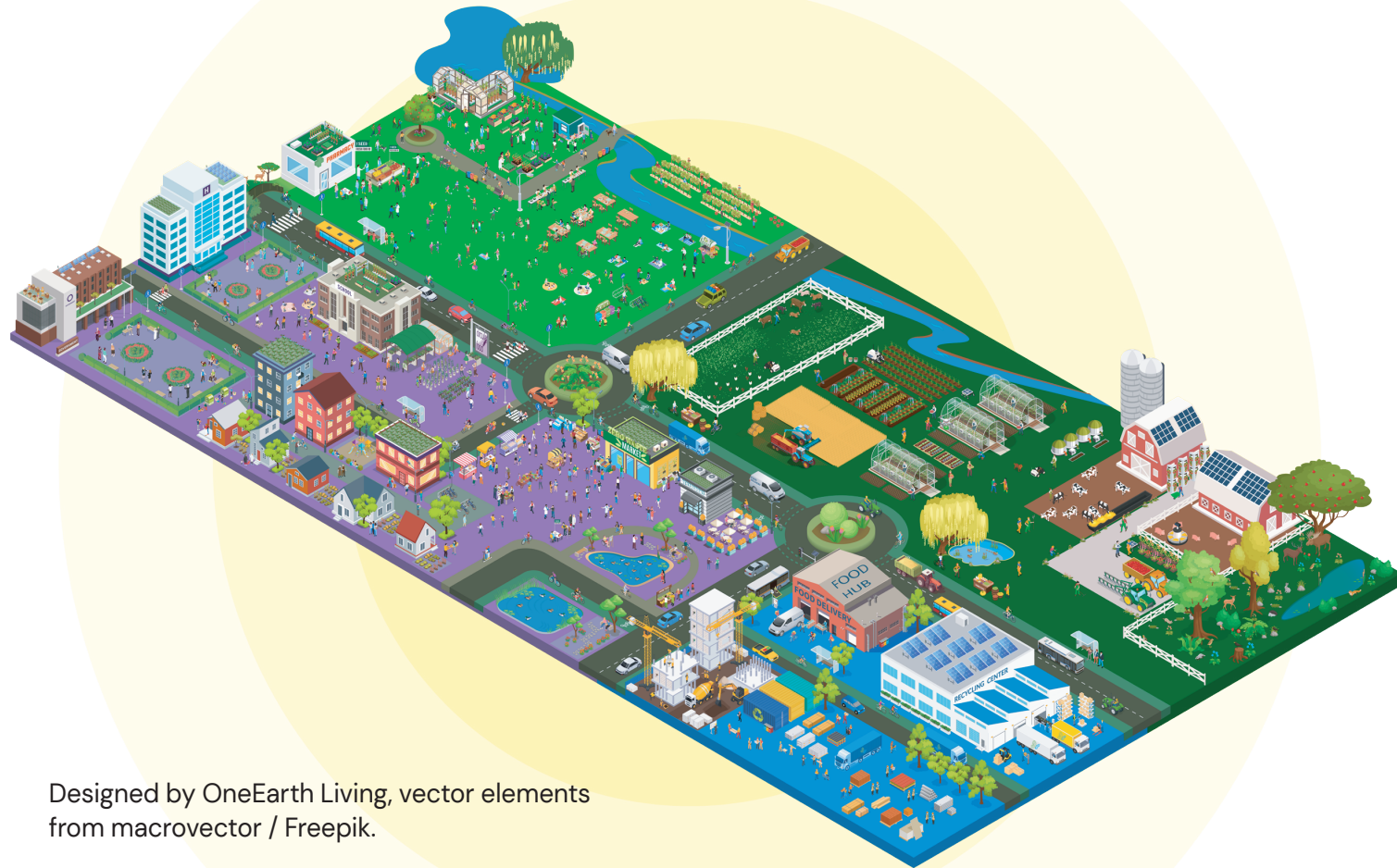


Recipe for a Circular Food System



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Municipal solid waste and organics diversion

Municipal solid waste departments play a crucial role in helping residents divert organic waste from landfill and create a waste-conscious culture among residents. [Learn about Wellington County Organics diversion](#) and City of Guelph [Solid Waste Data and Technology pilots](#).



Local food rescue infrastructure

Social enterprises can be equipped to provide core local food infrastructure, offering programs that enable innovative food access, food rescue, and businesses incubation. [Learn about Groceries from The SEED](#) and [Community FEWD](#).

Although the food system is globally connected, every place has diverse food cultures, economies, and ecologies. Our circular food economy initiative in Guelph-Wellington has shown us the importance of understanding the diverse resources, skills, and infrastructure that make our region unique. On our journey, we discovered some key ingredients that have helped connect and catalyze food system transformation by increasing access to affordable nutritious food, regenerating natural resources, and gaining value from wasted food.



Food security collaboration

There are significant benefits in building relationships, collaborating, and sharing resources to improve community access to affordable, nutritious food. [Learn about the Harvest Impact Fund](#).



Waste-to-value innovation and testing

Innovators want to turn waste into valuable products and services. This requires resources to develop their ideas, connect with collaborators, and access real-world testbeds. [Learn about how social enterprise drive circularity and how COIL supported hundreds of circular innovators](#).



Innovative and regenerative food production

Local food production can regenerate the health of the soil and provide nature-based solutions. [Learn about farmers' role as ecosystem service providers](#).



Data and insights to create a circular culture

Research and new technologies can generate real-time data on material flows so we can make better business choices that are unique to our food environment. [Learn about Food Waste Flow Study](#), the [Food Environment Assessment](#) and [Motivations for Lighter Living research](#).



New waste diversion services for businesses

Businesses face significant barriers to food waste diversion such as cost and lack of regulatory requirements. New service models are needed to fill the gap. [Learn about the ICI pilot](#), and COIL's [Zero Waste Transformation Lab](#).



Engaged communities

Engaged residents can lead the way to a more resilient, just, and climate-positive food system. [Learn about Our Food Future's community agriculture projects](#) and the [Food System Resiliency Table](#).