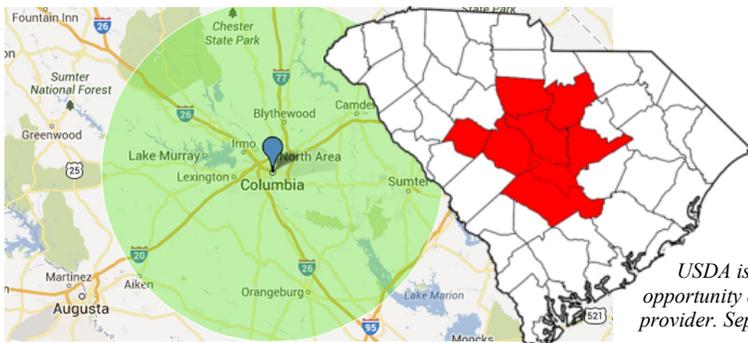


## Participants

- USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service  
[www.sc.nrcs.usda.gov](http://www.sc.nrcs.usda.gov)
- USDA-Farm Service Agency  
[www.fsa.usda.gov](http://www.fsa.usda.gov)
- USDA-Rural Development  
[www.rd.usda.gov](http://www.rd.usda.gov)
- SC Department of Agriculture  
[www.agriculture.sc.gov](http://www.agriculture.sc.gov)
- Richland Soil and Water Conservation District  
[www.rcgov.us/rswcd](http://www.rcgov.us/rswcd)
- Central Midlands Council of Governments  
[www.centralmidlands.org](http://www.centralmidlands.org)
- Santee-Lynches Council of Governments  
<http://www.santeelynchescog.org/>
- Richland County Conservation Department  
[www.rcgov.us](http://www.rcgov.us)
- USC Center for Research in Nutrition and Health Disparities  
<http://nutritioncenter.sph.sc.edu>
- Clemson University Cooperative Extension  
<http://www.clemson.edu/extension/>
- Sustainable Midlands  
[www.sustainablemidlands.org](http://www.sustainablemidlands.org)
- Carolina Farm Stewardship Association  
[www.carolinafarmstewards.org](http://www.carolinafarmstewards.org)
- John M. Newman Planning  
[www.johnmnewmanplanning.com](http://www.johnmnewmanplanning.com)

## Geographic Focus Area of MLFC



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**A diverse group of organizations creating a vibrant community through local food and family farms in the heart of South Carolina**



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## About Us

MLFC is a catalyst for local food system developments in the Midlands region of SC. Based on shared values of sustainable agriculture, land stewardship, and equitable access to food, the member organizations work together to strengthen the Midlands local food system through technical assistance, education, infrastructure improvements, and community organization.

## Mission

The MLFC's mission is to cultivate a sustainable local food system, foster land stewardship, and increase equitable food access in the Midlands by:

- Engaging and educating the community about food system issues
- Strengthening the local food economy through infrastructure developments in coordination with regional and state efforts
- Advancing policies in support of local food systems and organizing stakeholders around these issues
- Increasing access to healthy food while creating small farmer opportunity
- Increasing sustainable food production through education, technical and financial assistance

## Our Work



The "Faces of Local Food" campaign raised consumer awareness about the importance of supporting local farms and local food.



**Community  
Engagement and  
Education**

## Food Summits

For the past three years, the MLFC has hosted annual food summits, bringing food system stakeholders to the table (literally) to shape the future of the Midlands's food system.



**Sustainable  
Agriculture**



MLFC participants promote sustainable and organic farmers and farming practices through technical workshops, on-farm demonstrations, training programs, and financial assistance.

