

Partners for Places Project Lessons Report

Project Name: *Food Resilience in Boston*

- **Year Complete:** 2015
- **Local Government:** City of Boston, MA
- **Local Foundation:** Henry P. Kendall Foundation

Project Purpose

To study gaps in food resilience in Boston and address them through substantive policy and programmatic changes on a city level.

Key Lessons Learned

Lessons learned about tools and tactics through the project that other sustainability directors could use to advance their work.

The framework enabled cities to evaluate their exposure to specific shocks and stresses, identify critical areas of weakness, and design actions and programs to improve resilience. To that end, the study incorporated lessons learned and best practices from other cities undertaking resilience planning.

Lessons for developing a collaborative process between a local government sustainability director and local place-based foundation(s).

It was important to find alignment points between missions of the city and funder. This ensured that the needs of all participants were being met, and contributed to a more well-rounded report.

Additional Information and Resources

The Kendall Foundation continues its work to [promote](#) local and regional food in the New England area. More information on the foundation can be found [here](#).