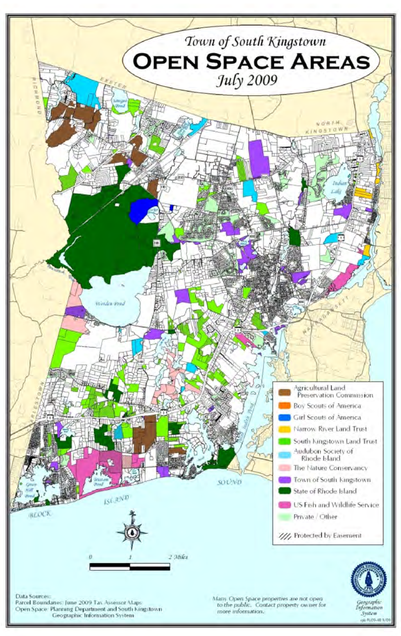
RECOMMENDATIONS for INCREASING ACCESS to HEALTHY FOODS

* Increase transportation options for residents to access healthy food outlets.
  - Walking/Biking Improvements
  - Trolley System
  - Increase RIPTA/public transportation functionality & convenience

* Increase connections & expand opportunities in the healthy food network. (See chart.)
  - Create clearinghouse for food access resources.



* Incentivize the purchase of local foods by local businesses.
* Propose municipal policy changes to encourage the use of healthy foods.
* Recognize restaurants that purchase & use local foods.

* Increase awareness around local co-ops & community supported agriculture.
* Review regulations around farming & agriculture to identify opportunities to increase support for local farmers.

* Strategize solutions for accepting SNAP/EBT at local farmer's markets.
* Provide town-owned land to expand growing opportunities.

* Expand collaboration between town & URI to increase access to healthy foods.
  - Create an MOU between town & URI.
  - Expand existing agriculture at URI to increase food security.
  - Utilize students as resources & to help with maintenance.
* Explore "time bank" idea to increase affordability of healthy food.
* Provide additional resources regarding the use of healthy foods.
* Increase collaboration between grocers & farmers.
* Increase collaboration between town & Jonnycake Center to reduce food insecurity.
* Encourage small-scale, neighborhood community gardens through collaborating with developers, homeowner associations, housing authority etc...
* Encourage local food sustainability by supporting farmers and growers, increasing local food production and seeking out available/potential lands.