

## Catalyst Projects

### Greater Portland Sustainable Food Production Cluster

#### Infrastructure

- Construction of **cold storage facility** at the International Marine Terminal to increase Maine food exports
- Restoration of **freight service** on the Mountain Division rail line between Portland, Maine and Saint Johnsbury, Vermont

#### Trade

- Technical assistance to help Maine food producers become **export ready** to take advantage of international container service
- Development of an **international brand** for Maine food products

#### Capital Access

- Construction of FORQ Food Lab, a **kitchen incubator** in Portland for food entrepreneurs
- Capital to support the **scale-up of food enterprises**, including building acquisition and renovation, leasehold improvements, and machinery and equipment

#### Research & Development

- Development of Ocean Cluster House, the **nation's first ocean-based commercialization center**, on Portland's waterfront
- Creation of a **collaborative fermentation laboratory** at the University of Southern Maine to support Quality Assurance/Quality Control for Maine's microbreweries
- Research on the impact of climate change on Maine's agriculture & fisheries

#### Workforce

- **New energy efficient kitchen** at Southern Maine Community College, the region's only Culinary Arts training program
- 2+2+2 career pathway for **jobs in green infrastructure**, including urban agriculture
- Attraction of **New Mainers** into career pathways associated with industrial engineering, culinary arts, and food science

#### Supply Chain

- Development of **processing facilities** to support increased production and availability of Maine meat
- Demonstration projects for sustainable year-round production using **renewable and alternative energy**, including solar, geothermal, wind, biomass, and methane