

No matter where we live or the heritage we claim, we all depend on water. *Water is Life.*

As the headwaters for three major watersheds, Minnesota is positioned to act as leader in caring for water. As communities plan to live more sustainably, this leadership has never been more important.

Today, Minnesota's economy-and every community within her borders-are dependent on the industrial food chain. From source to table, this publicly funded economy is unsustainable-depending on practices that destroy ecosystems and contribute to greenhouse gas emissions. *We need an economic solution to this economic problem.*

The Headwaters Community Food and Water Economic Resiliency Program (HCFWEP) envisions every community in the headwaters operating as economic engines for sustainable living- neighbors connected by a locally-adapted regenerative food web capable of meeting the demands of food, water and climate.

What is a regenerative food web economy?

The web is a tool for managing energy (food) effectively. From source to table, the web is organized to create capacity to source and capture food where it is generated and preserve, store and deliver it effectively within communities.

Our common challenges offer an opportunity to create an award-worthy economy capable of setting a course for success. The **Headwaters Community Food and Water Economic Resilience Program** makes the pathway visible.

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