The Healthy Food Policy Project (HFPP) is a two year project funded by the USDA National Agricultural Library, and led by Vermont Law School's Center for Agriculture and Food Systems in collaboration with the Public Health Law Center at Mitchell Hamline School of Law and the Rudd Center for Food Policy and Obesity at the University of Connecticut. The project's mission is to advance the field of knowledge about local laws and policies that improve access to healthy food and also promote health equity, support local economies, and/or foster improved environmental outcomes. The project will identify and document pioneering and exemplary local policy innovations to increase awareness about promising and emerging policy approaches and support communities in the development of their own policy solutions.

The HFPP will examine a diverse range of policies, from new innovations to tried-and-true approaches. In the first stage of the project, we will identify and categorize the range of policies to be covered and develop an evaluation tool to aid in selection of policies to feature. This tool will be made publically available and accessible to communities interested in advancing a similar policy model. The second stage of the project will document and template successful and replicable policies through the creation of in-depth case studies that outline the background of the policy, implementation methods, and existing outcomes. Other tools may include infographics representing key policy takeaways, sample policy language, templates to facilitate adaptation and implementation, and checklists to help communities pinpoint achievable outcomes.

Products
The primary deliverable will be a website that includes:
- Detailed project methodology;
- A guide to existing policy databases and other policy resources;
- An evaluation tool to categorize and compare policies;
- Partial or full results of the application of this rubric to a range of existing policies;
- Multimedia case studies on exemplary policies and tools to help replicate these policies.

Collaboration
In order to ensure a contribution to the existing body of work that is not duplicative, the project partners will conduct stakeholder outreach to deepen our understanding of what work is already being done in this space, identify potential advisory committee members and expert resources, and establish connections with existing efforts to try to maximize overall value. The project partners will also build relationships with stakeholders in communities whose policies are featured and revisit those communities through the course of the project to understand the function and lifespan of a policy in action.