

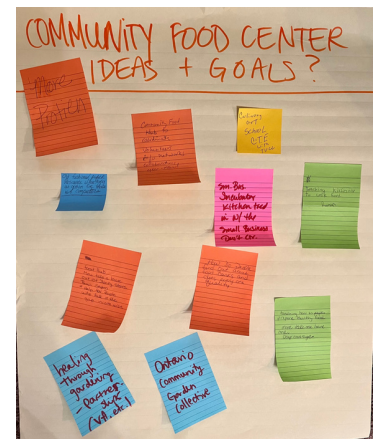
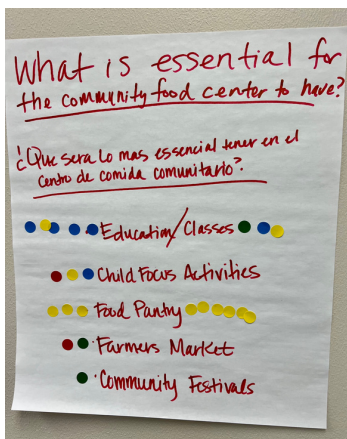
Ontario Community Food Center

The **Ontario Community Food Center**, opening in late 2026, aims to create an accessible and welcoming food-centered space that will cultivate fundamental changes to the food system in the Western Treasure Valley. The Center seeks to improve the quality of life and economic opportunities throughout the community. It will be a space where food-based business ideas will spark, existing businesses will grow and the unique agricultural culture of Ontario and the Western Treasure Valley will be celebrated.



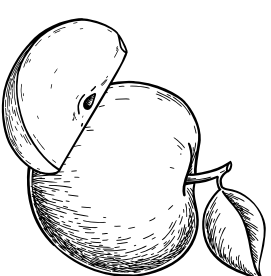
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The community food center will be nestled between Valley Family Health Care and River Bend Place, an affordable housing community. Located on a campus in one of Ontario's most under-resourced neighborhoods, The Center will be one of several wrap-around services, lowering barriers to food, healthcare, housing, and more for our most vulnerable community members.



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What work has been done so far?



Several local, multi-sector partners formed a coalition called Nutrition Oregon Campaign — Ontario Hub to decrease rates of food insecurity in the Western Treasure Valley.

Relationship building with affordable housing developer.

USDA awarded WTVFSP a Regional Food System Planning grant

Development Feasibility study completed

2018

2019

2019

2020

2021

Nov. 2021 - June 2023

August 2023

March 2023

The coalition named food access — community food centers and community gardens, for example — in new affordable housing developments as a priority for the Ontario area.

Oregon Food Bank — Southeast Oregon Services joined WTVFSP

Gathered interest and input from community members through surveys, community events and focus groups

Community briefings about the food center in the Ontario area

What is there still to do?

(This is an estimated timeline!)

Refine the concept and budget

Finalize the building design

The warehouse will be operational

April 2024

October 2024

February 2025

late 2025

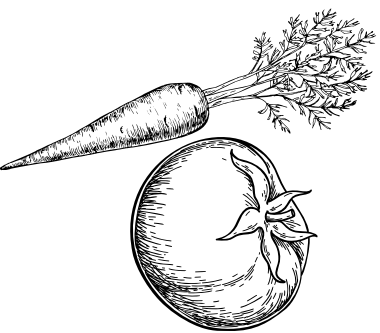
Summer 2026

late 2026

Conduct an environmental study

We will break ground!

Grand Opening!



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