Who:
• University researchers, educators and extension specialists
• State regulatory and enforcement agency partners
• Local food and farming organizations, NFP’s
• Industry associations
• Small and medium sized producers, small processors, buyers
• Other regional centers and initiatives, national center, USDA/FDA

Goal:
Enhance produce safety and preventive controls training, education, and outreach among small and medium sized farms and small processors in the Northeast.

Objectives:
1. Establish Foundational Network Structure
2. Build Capacity, Competency, and Collaboration
3. Develop and Deliver Educational Programs
4. Evaluate and Assess Progress and Impact
5. Sustain Good Work

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Next Steps

1. Establish Foundational Network Structure
   - Solid structure, supported by organic network development.
   - Sustain and nurture.

2. Build Capacity, Competency, and Collaboration
   - Continued, expanded communications via eNews and Webinars.
   - Enhanced Workgroup activity.
   - Focus on inclusion and diversity.
   - Shifting to producers and processors for network development.

3. Develop and Deliver Educational Programs
   - TSSP continues, shifting to focus on delivery support.
   - SPGP supporting add-on and supplemental materials.
   - Work-groups identifying specific development needs among producer and processor cohorts.

4. Evaluate and Assess Progress and Impact
   - Partner network evaluation beginning Spring 2018.
   - Gathering testimonials, stories, and impact narratives from producers and processors (started Winter 2017)

5. Sustain Good Work
   - Continue to foster and directly support regional, multi-state, transdisciplinary, and integrated proposals to support our mission.
   - Secure sustaining regional center funding via FDA/USDA programs.

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