The Farm to School Program was developed to educate Nantucket children about our local food system - nutrition, eating fresh fruits and vegetables and the joys of growing your own food. We work with students in the classroom, in after school programs and in our popular summer camp. We also partner with the Nantucket Public School Food Service Department to increase the amount of locally sourced produce it serves in school lunches through grants, gleaning and our Harvest of the Month program.

The Community Farm Institute As a result of a partnership with Nantucket Land Bank, Sustainable Nantucket has created the Walter F. Ballinger Educational Community Farm, home of our Community Farm Institute, comprising 8 acres of the former Mount Vernon Farm. Sustainable Nantucket’s Community Farm Institute (CFI) is designed to increase overall sustainable agricultural production and distribution on the island. SN provides classes, workshops and resources for grower education and seeks to mentor individuals who wish to make a career of farming on Nantucket. Our new farm stand and education building at 168 Hummock Pond Road is where the Community Farm Institute is “growing new growers”, and offering freshly harvested produce, honey, jams and artisanal salts throughout the growing season.

The Farmers and Artisans Market is designed to support and strengthen our traditional industry of agriculture; to support the local economy and encourage entrepreneurs; to help keep downtown vital and to enhance our experience of community. All vendors are seasonal or year-round residents of Nantucket, and all goods sold are grown or produced on the island. Vendors include growers, artisans, and prepared food purveyors. There are live music performances, activity tables, demonstrations and space for local nonprofits to share their mission. The market, located in the heart of downtown Nantucket on Cambridge + North Union St, is held on Saturdays from early June to mid-October and occasional holiday weekend pop-ups.

Nantucket Grown™ Campaign includes a unique SN Brand which promotes and encourages the consumption of locally grown food on Nantucket in our top restaurants, clubs and among caterers. It also provides farmers, restaurants and food producers with an instantly recognizable branding campaign that will indicate to consumers that the food they are consuming was grown, processed, and distributed on Nantucket.