

CFSC List of Food Policy Councils in North America

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Alabama

S: Alabama Food Policy Council*

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Top Priorities: Convene listening sessions to determine ideas and information on community food security; Grassroots organizing for local councils; Develop state policy priorities from the listening session

C/L: Birmingham-Jefferson Food Policy Council

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Governance: Independent

Top Priorities: Developing a mission statement, goals, and priority areas in 2012.

R: North Alabama Food Policy Council*

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Governance: Independent

Top Priorities: Improve communication and collaboration among consumers, farmers, restaurateurs, retailers, distributors, processors, planners, health professionals, educators, and other stakeholders in order to inform policies that foster a more locally-based, sustainable and self-reliant food system accessible to all.

Alaska

S: Alaska Food Policy Council

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Governance: Independent. The vision of the Alaska Food Policy Council (AFPC) is healthy, secure food systems that feed all Alaskans. Proposed in early 2010, the AFPC is an independent organization open to anyone interested in improving Alaska's food system. Today, over 140 people representing federal and State agencies, tribal entities, university programs, farmers, fisheries, food systems businesses, and health and hunger agencies participate in the AFPC.

Top Priorities: 1) Develop, strengthen, and expand the school-based programs and policies that educate about and provide healthy, local foods to schools; 2) Strengthen enforcement language in the Local Agricultural and Fisheries Products Preference Statute (AS 36.15.050), also known as the "Seven Percent" statute; 3) Advocate and participate in the development of community level and comprehensive statewide emergency food preparedness plan(s); 4) Develop AFPC's role as research aggregator and resource; and 5) Identify and support existing local food system leaders, projects, events and activities that support Alaska's food system.

Notable Achievements: 2012-2015 strategic plan (attached)

Arizona

L: The Greater Flagstaff Food Policy Council

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Governance: Independent

Top Priorities: Health/ Nutrition; Business/Cooperatives; Meat Processing; Poverty/Accessibility; Growing; and Water

C: Pima County Food Systems Alliance (Tucson)

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Governance: Independent. Open membership with an 18-member leadership council selected through application process.

Top Priorities: Developing Informed and Effective Local Food Advocates; Expanding Opportunities for Local Food Producers; Connecting People to Their Food and Environments

Notable Achievement: The Alliance successfully lobbied the County health department along with other prominent community members to overturn prior "approve source" interpretation of the food code. As a consequence, schools, restaurants, etc. are allowed to serve food from gardens and small farms.

Arkansas

S: Arkansas Food Policy Council

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California

L: Berkeley Food Policy Council

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Governance: Convened by the Ecology Center, the Berkeley Food Policy Council is a community based coalition of food system projects, youth development organizations, health service providers, and others working to reduce diet-related illnesses in Berkeley's low income communities by increasing consumption of fresh local healthful foods. The Council accomplishes this through information sharing, programmatic collaboration, and policy advocacy.

Top Priorities: Reducing diet-related illness in low income communities; Ensuring continued and future development of our school district nutrition and nutrition education programs; Increasing community resiliency through local food systems development.

Notable Achievement: The Berkeley Food Policy Council successfully convenes significant players and builds cohesion between disparate groups towards unified action: submitted comments on Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) education funding priorities; coordinated “Food Day” activities with over 23 events; and helped educate City Planning staff on “Backyard Produce Sales” exemption ordinance.

S: California State Food Policy Council*

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L: Community Food Council for Del Norte and Adjacent Tribal Lands

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Governance: Independent

Top Priorities: Complete several local food system assessments; Conduct strategic planning based on those assessments; Strengthen pilot programs for long-term sustainability

Notable Achievement: As a newly formed Council, the CFC held its first election in October 2011 and is working towards the completion of a food system assessment.

L: Contra Costa Food and Nutrition Policy Consortium

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Governance: Independent. We currently operate without funding or association with any governmental jurisdiction. Representatives from the county public health department (including WIC) and the county human services department (food stamps, EBT, Head Start) participate, as do representatives from community based organizations and school districts receiving funding through USDA.

C: Fresno County Food System Alliance

Contact: Miriam Volat, Ag Innovations Network
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Web: <http://aginnovations.org/alliances/fresno/>

Governance: Independent with representatives from public health, agricultural commissioner, CSU, private, non-profit, and government groups.

Top Priorities: Farm to School Initiatives; Fresno Dialogues- creating safe, learning environments for Alliance members to discuss polarizing issues such as water, etc.

R: Healthy Food Access/Farm to School Committee (Monterey)

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Governance: Coalition. On the Central Coast of California, a group known as the Nutrition & Fitness Collaborative of the Central Coast with a food policy council subcommittee known as the Healthy Food Access/Farm to School Committee meets on a regular basis and works on food policy initiatives

C: Humboldt Food Policy Council

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Governance: Independent.

Top Priorities: Healthy food access (due to both income and geography) and localizing the food system.

Notable Achievement: Humboldt County Community Food Assessment. CCRP also has three other briefs that may be of interest: 1) The 'choice' food pantry model; 2) Legalities of food donations; and 3) Food waste. (PDFs attached)

L: Los Angeles Food Policy Council

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Governance: Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa led the formation of a food policy task force for the City of Los Angeles

Top Priorities: Developing a Regional Food Hub; Food chain labor issues; Policy recommendations to increase availability of healthy street food; Advocating for draft food purchasing guidelines to be adopted by cities and institutions in the region; EBT/CalFresh/WIC outreach at farmers' markets; Healthy food retail; Urban agriculture; School food and gardens

Notable Achievement: The Street Food Working Group developed a proposal to legalize street vending and developed incentives for compliance with nutritional guidelines for street vendors. The Good Food Procurement Working Group created a purchasing template and resource guide for foodservice bids and contracts. They also convened meetings and discussions with LAUSD which led to its ban on serving flavored milk and adopting local food procurement policies (achieving 57.4% local sourcing), and serving breakfast in the classroom at eight schools as a pilot.

L: Marin Food Policy Council*

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C: Mendocino Food Policy Council

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Governance: Independent advisory body to County and cities. Began meeting in June 2010.

L: Oakland Food Policy Council

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Governance: Oakland City Council Life Enrichment Committee passed a resolution to allocate start-up funding for the establishment of an Oakland Food Policy Council

Top Priorities: Expand and promote urban agriculture; Expand regions for mobile food vending operations; Economic development (local procurement, retail, business)

Notable Achievements: At the beginning of 2012, OFPC was able to mark progress in each of its [Plan for Action's](#) ten priority initiatives.

C: Plumas-Sierra Community Food Council (Quincy)

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Governance: Independent

Top Priorities: Food policy and regulation; farmer training; home-scale food production

Notable Achievement: Helped established delivery of fresh produce to local food pantries to County and make their food procurement more proficient through drop-off/ pick-up site.

L: Richmond Food Policy Council

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Governance: Independent

Top Priorities: Sugar-sweetened beverage tax; Farmers' markets; Mobile food vendor policies

R: Sacramento Region Food System Collaborative

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Governance: Independent (coalition of public, private, and nonprofit stakeholders)

Top Priorities: Food access and food security; Land use planning; Local food purchasing plans; Rural economic development.

L: San Diego Food System Alliance

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L: San Bernardino Food Policy Council

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Governance: Independent non-profit

Top Priorities: Organize and formalize structure of Council; Become inclusive of all stakeholders

L: San Francisco Food Policy Council

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Governance: In 2001, the San Francisco Department of Public Health's Environmental Health Section (EHS) initiated an independent project (San Francisco Food Systems) under the fiscal sponsorship of the San Francisco Foundation Community Initiative Funds.

C: San Mateo Food System Alliance

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Governance: Independent (seats both the County's Agricultural Commissioner and its Public Health Officer)

Top Priorities: Increased consumption of county-grown fruits/vegetables and harvested seafood in our county's harbors; Promoting a garden in every school and exposing students to garden-based education; and Protecting land as a resource for agricultural use, ensuring access, and enhancing infrastructure

Notable Achievement: The San Mateo Food System Alliance completed a sustainable food policy brief that outlines six different food policies vetted by the San Mateo County Food System Alliance.

C: Santa Barbara Food Policy Council

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Governance: Independent

Top Priorities: Council staffing; implementing ideas from the Food System Visioning Series and plan

Notable Achievement: Engaging a group of people to talk regularly about food issues, soliciting wide-ranging community input, and several projects that have laid the groundwork for a more sustainable local food system.

L: Santa Clara Food System Alliance

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Governance: Independent

Top Priorities: Improve access to a healthy, affordable food supply; Strengthen agriculture and food system viability; Advance environmental stewardship; Enhance community education and engagement

Notable Achievement: In 2011, the Alliance drafted a letter to the Open Space Authority for them to consider agriculture as a strong community value during their Visioning and Strategic Planning process.

C: Sonoma County Food System Alliance

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Governance: Independent (seats both the County's Public Health Officer and Agricultural Commissioner as well as a wide variety of community organizations and grassroots groups).

Top Priorities: Farm to Institution; Policy; and Assessment

Notable Achievement: The Sonoma County Food System Alliance conducted research and interviews to write and compile a roadmap to a healthier, more profitable and sustainable local food system (2011):

http://aginnovations.org/images/uploads/Sonoma_County_Community_Food_System_Assessment.pdf

C: Ventura County Food Policy Council

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Governance: Independent (seats the County Agricultural Commissioner as well as a wide variety of community organizations and agencies).

Top Priorities: House Farmworkers Committee is focused on City-based General Plan amendments to encourage more affordable and farmworker housing; Land Use Committee is looking at agricultural protection policies to ensure the long term viability of working agricultural land; Agriculture Education Committee currently focused on identifying and prioritizing key issues to support local agriculture in a public setting.

Notable Achievement: The Council's biggest success has been convening a multi-stakeholder collaborative aimed at bringing diverse voices to the table in support of long-term agricultural viability.

C: Yolo County Ag and Food Alliance

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Governance: Independent (seats the County Agricultural Commissioner as well as a wide variety of community organizations and agencies).

Top Priorities: Farm to School Yolo County; Aggregation feasibility study in collaboration with the Food bank of Yolo County; Establishment of a bi-county "Farmbudsman" position

Notable Achievement: When the Yolo AFA set out to better protect ag land in the County, it did not expect to become the main proponent for a change in State Law, but that is exactly what happened in 2008. After hearing increasing reports of conflicts between rural residences and production farming, the group saw an opportunity to avoid conflicts by giving new home buyers clearer information about the life near farms. The group got together with local State Representative Lois Wolk and crafted AB 2881, which strengthens California's Right to Farm laws by assuring that all buyers of property in ag areas understand the nature of having a working farm as neighbor. The bill passed 34-2 in the State Senate and 54-0 in the Assembly and on September 30, 2008 Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger signed the bill into law. You can read the press release from [Lois Wolk](#) which cites the work of the Alliance as well as press coverage from the [Davis Enterprise](#).

Colorado

C: Boulder County Food and Agriculture Policy Council

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Governance: Advisory Board to County Commissioners

Top Priorities: Increase food production in Boulder County; Improve access to locally produced food; Improve economic viability of agriculture in Boulder; Recognize and enhance the role of Boulder County's food and agriculture system in conserving and regenerating natural resources and the environment; Improve health for all Boulder County residents; Build community bridges.

Notable Achievement: The FAPC Strategic Plan is a flexible, living document, designed to be reviewed, edited, and updated annually by the Council with subsequent approval by the Commissioners. Its purpose is to provide step-by-step concrete guidance to the Council and its committees and, at a glance, show the current status of various projects.

S: Colorado Food Systems Advisory Council

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Governance: The Council, established through the LiveWell Colorado-initiated Senate Bill 10-106 and seated in October 2010 by Governor Ritter, brings diverse food- related stakeholders together to identify key food and agriculture issues and opportunities for the State of Colorado.

Top Priorities: Inventory local food systems coalitions in Colorado and conduct needs assessments for these organizations; Develop peer-to-peer communication network; Conduct regional listening sessions in regards to economic development and healthy food access in order to inform recommendations to the governor and general assembly; Coordinate diverse stakeholders to develop a vision for "healthy food access" in Colorado and specific conditions needed to achieve such a vision; Prepare for a fall 2012 state-wide convening of workshops and issue briefs on key conditions for achieving healthy food access for all

Notable Achievement: Hosted by the Economic Development Subcommittee, the Council held a Summit in Pueblo on December 16, 2011, to hear from producers and producer support groups about key barriers and opportunities to expanding Colorado-based markets. Additional accomplishments can be viewed here (PDF attached).

C/L: Denver Sustainable Food Policy Council

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Governance: Mayor John Hickenlooper formed the Denver Sustainable Food Policy Council in October 2010. Council members are appointed by the Mayor and include community leaders in urban farming, Denver Public Schools, restaurants, Denver Housing Authority, medicine/public health, food justice, land conservancy, food retail, and more.

Top Priorities: Local Food Production, Food Security, Food Access, Economic Viability of Urban Agriculture, Natural Resources, Public Health, Community Awareness & Participation

Notable Achievement: The Denver SFPC advocated for and supported a proposed change in Denver's regulation of food-producing animals (chickens, ducks and goats), which the Denver City Council adopted in 2011.

C: La Plata County Food Policy Council (Durango)

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Governance: Independent Coalition.

Top Priorities: Member education about how to work with city and county governments to enact food-friendly policies; Educating local food producers as to the implications and opportunities of the Colorado Cottage Food Act; Monitoring the rewrite of the City Land Use Code and the La Plata County Land Use Code; Supporting community education of the County Election process this year, helping voters find out how much candidates know about and support food security; Continuing to support the Farm to School Program.

Notable Achievement: LPCFPC helped prevent passage of a County Comprehensive Plan which had been scrubbed of any mention of sustainable agriculture and food security issues.

C: San Luis Valley Local Food Coalition (Alamosa)

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Governance: Independent

Top Priorities: Nutrition & Food Systems Education, Policies & Programs that support a sustainable local food system, and Facilitating Farm to Table in the region.

Notable achievements: The San Luis Valley Local Food Coalition created a Farm to Table guide and successfully advocated for the “Colorado Cottage Foods Act” ([SB 12-048](#)) for locally-produced home foods sold directly to consumers.

C: Summit County Food Policy Council (Breckenridge/Frisco)

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Governance: Independent

Top Priorities: Urban Farming Task Force, Food Recovery Task Force, School Lunch Task Force and the Summit County Garden Network.

Notable Achievement: The first “Summit Count Food Day Resolution 2011-6” was adopted by the Summit County Board of County Commissioners on October 11 proclaiming and recognizing October 24 of each year as Food Day.

C: Western Colorado Food and Agriculture Council (Paonia)

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Secondary Contact: Carol Parker, Valley Food Partnership

Governance: Independent

Top Priorities: Merging with “Valley Food Partnership” in Montrose; Promoting local food; Farm to School; local food to food banks; Food education projects

Notable Achievement: The group worked closely with dietary services at Montrose Community Hospital to facilitate purchasing of local foods for the health care facility.

Connecticut

S: Connecticut Food Policy Council

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Governance: Created in 1997 by the State legislature.

Top Priorities: Involvement in the Governor’s Council for Agricultural Development to enhance farm viability and sustainable agriculture, improve access to local foods, preserve farmland, etc; Working with “No Kid Hungry” campaign with End Hunger CT, Inc!; Enhancing access to local food including animal protein foods

Notable Achievements: The CFPC sponsored a conference on farmland preservation that brought together environmental and agricultural interests, out of which sprang the [Working Lands Alliance](#). Also, the CFPC’s [Community Food Security](#) publication led to the development of several municipal and regional food policy groups.

L: Hartford Advisory Commission on Food Policy

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Governance: Advisory body to the City government

Top Priorities: 2012 recommendations to City leadership include: 1) Increase utilization of the Summer Food Service Program; 2) Tax incentives and economic benefits for healthy food businesses; 3) Increase school breakfast participation; 4) Expand the reach of farmers’ markets in Hartford; 5) Evaluate and improve disaster preparedness including Hartford’s food supply; and 6) Increase SNAP and WIC enrollment (report attached).

Notable Achievement: The Commission has been in existence since 1991, an achievement in its own right, and continues to serve as a model for other municipal councils across the country.

L: New Haven Food Policy Council

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Governance: Advisory Council to the City Government

Top Priorities: Completion and passage of an overarching Food Action Plan for the City of New Haven with three broad goals (Improving Food Access, Growing local Food Economy, Increasing Food Education); Building Coalitions and Community Outreach.

Notable Achievement: The NHFPC worked closely with community partners to reform the New Haven Public School Food Service Program to improve the quality of food served to students by including locally-sourced ingredients. (School food policy primer attached)

C: New London County Food Policy Council

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Governance: Independent with representatives from public, private, and nonprofit stakeholders.

Top Priorities: Reducing instances of diet-related diseases by addressing food insecurity and eating behaviors in schools and communities throughout New London County.

Delaware

District of Columbia

L: DC Food Policy Council*

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Florida

C: Duval County Food Policy Council (Jacksonville)

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Governance: Independent community-based council

Top Priorities: Healthy food access

Notable Achievement: Hosted their first Food Summit in April 2012.

S: Florida Food Policy Council

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Governance: Independent

C: Lee County Food Policy Council*

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C: Manatee County Food Policy Council

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Governance: Independent

Top Priorities: Develop Policy compendium; Develop food system description; Food insecurity

C: Sarasota Food Policy Council

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Governance: Unofficial advisory committee appointed by Sarasota County Commissioners

Top Priorities: Addressing food insecurity; Addressing policy/zoning needs for local foodshed development; Provide inventory of assets of local foodshed infrastructure

Notable Achievement: The Sarasota Food Policy Council successfully facilitated community-driven policy recommendations based on sustainable agriculture, local foodshed development, and farmland protection that were adopted into Sarasota County's Comprehensive Plan. In addition, the Council supports community-based projects to implement policy recommendations for improved community health and economic development.

R: South Florida Food Policy Council* (Miami/Dade County)

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Governance: Independent

L: St. Pete Area Food Policy Council

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Governance: Independent. The St. Pete Area Food Policy Council formed in December 2010 to build vibrant and healthy communities through sustainable food systems, and is currently seeking 501(c)3 status.

Top Priorities: Increasing access to healthy, affordable food; Educating the community regarding food supply and nutrition issues; Benefiting economic development with local food; and Promoting urban farms and gardens for schools, community, and residents.

L: Tallahassee Food Network

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Governance: Independent

Top Three priorities: Building partnerships and relationships that bridge race, income, neighborhood lines; Engaging youth in the food movement; and Facilitating urban agriculture/community gardens

Notable Achievement: The LCFPC partnered with the City to create the [Tallahassee Community Gardening Program](#).

Georgia

C: Atlanta Local Food Initiative

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Governance: Independent coalition

Top Priorities: Research, develop and advocate for urban agriculture policies and initiatives; Host an Atlanta Sustainable Food Summit in 2012 to promote networking and collaboration with diverse stakeholders in the food system; and Provide community education on select policy issues.

Notable Achievement: ALFI's single most significant achievement has been the development of the Atlanta Local Food Initiative's "Plan for Atlanta's Sustainable Food Future". This strategic blueprint has provided a framework to identify needs, promote discussion and planning, document activity and successes within the metro Atlanta area food system.

S: Georgia Food Policy Council

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Governance: The Georgia Department of Health provided a grant to the Georgia Health Policy Center at Georgia State University to coordinate and facilitate the Georgia Food Policy Council.

Top Priorities: The GA Food Policy Council has three work groups that are focused on: 1) production & distribution; 2) processing & food waste/recycling/composting; and 3) consumption & education. Priority areas will be further identified in the Summer of 2012.

Notable Achievement: Convened in June 2012, the Georgia Food Policy Council's biggest achievement to date is that the Georgia Department of Health committed funding in late 2011 to support the reconvening of the Council, promote membership expansion, and host three regional and a statewide meeting to identify priorities.

C/L: Savannah-Chatham Food Policy Council

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Governance: Independent

Top Priorities: Land use; Purchasing; and Community Education

Hawaii

S: Hawaii Food Policy Council

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Governance: Independent

Top Priorities: Set-up internal organizational structure and protocol; Complete stakeholder resource database; Lobby for food self-sufficiency bill at the State legislature

Notable Achievement: HFPC set up an innovative framework to create a statewide database for stakeholders in the food system.

Idaho

R: Treasure Valley Food Coalition (Southwestern Idaho/ Eastern Oregon)

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Governance: Independent. The Treasure Valley Food Coalition is a non-profit organization in support of a vibrant local food economy in the Treasure Valley Food Shed of Southwestern Idaho and Eastern Oregon. We are currently operating as a small steering committee that works on raising awareness about our local food system and collaborating with other organizations to increase the amount of food grown and consumed locally.

Top Priorities: Education, Networking, 20% locally grown food by the year 2020

Notable Achievement: 2011 Year of Idaho Food Campaign

Illinois

L: Chicago Food Policy Advisory Council

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Governance: Independent (non-profit coalition)

Top Priorities: Local food supply chain (links between producers); Build network of Neighborhood Councils, provide support to Neighborhood Council Leaders and attend Neighborhood Council Summit at Growing Power's Iron St. Location; Urban Farmland Reclamation/Trust for Public Land (livestock, chickens, apiaries aquaponics and navigating UA Zoning Amendment); Remove State-level setback for compost operations and reform city policies/permitting/fees; Health and Wellness/Education (Accountability of food plan (money for implementation not research), "Building a Healthy Chicago" UIC-CEED, look at what is going on and what are different organizations policies); Research forward thinking policies to advance the vision and intent of CFPAC

Notable Achievement: The Chicago City Council passed an urban agriculture zoning ordinance in 2011.

C: Cook County Food Policy Council*

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L: Evanston Food Council

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Web: www.thetalkingfarm.org

Governance: Independent grassroots

Top Priorities: Adult Action-Learning (Help all Evanston adults enjoy working and learning together about food and farm systems, community interdependence, food policy, government operations, and local economics); Technical Assistance to local food projects and businesses (production to waste management); Local Food System Building (Facilitate strategic partnerships; Project/Policy identification, planning, and implementation; and information collection, packaging, and sharing).

Notable Achievements: Supporting the Illinois Local Food, Farms, and Jobs Council; The Talking Farm; and Local food system building in Evanston - production to waste management. (See attached resource list)

L: Food Initiatives Group (Macomb)

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Governance: Independent grassroots group, loosely organized.

R: Heartland Local Food Network (Bloomington-Normal)

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Governance: Independent non-profit

Top Priorities: Outreach; Community partnerships; and Policy education

S: Illinois Local Food, Farms, and Jobs Council

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Web: <http://foodfarmsjobs.org/>

Governance: Governor appointed

Top Priorities: Asset mapping for local food aggregation; Manage data to track and forecast; Expand farmer training; Increase State procurement; Address legal and regulatory barriers; Facilitate public awareness campaigns; and Raise and manage financial resources

Notable Achievement: Completed the “Building Successful Food Hubs” report in January 2012 in partnership with the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, the University of Illinois Business Innovation Services, the Illinois Department of Agriculture, and FamilyFarmed.org

C: Northwest Illinois Local Foods Task Force (Stephenson County)

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Governance: Independent through Extension

Top Priorities: Providing consultation to the U of I Extension staff regarding programming and educational opportunities in the area of local food systems; Working to educate consumers about the food sources locally; and Offering expertise and training opportunities to the local specialty crop producers.

C: Springfield Local Food Task Force

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Governance: Independent

Top Priorities: Initiating Farm to School programs (including hosting an annual Farm to School Summit); Cultivating Community Garden and Urban Agriculture projects; and Providing networking opportunities for local food system related work in the region.

Notable Achievements: The SLFTF raised awareness about the economic potential through an economic impact analysis conducted by Ken Meter and hosted a Farm to School summit.

Indiana

L: Bloomington Food Policy Council*

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Governance: Independent

Top Priorities: Have food charter adopted by City Council; Increase membership by 500%; Achieve 501(c)(3) status

Notable Achievement: Co-sponsored Lifelong Learning Week 2011: "Food for Thought" with Bloomington Lifelong Learning Coalition, a week of learning about food with a talk by Mark Winne.

Iowa

C: Cass County Local Food Policy Council (Oakland)

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Governance: Member of a regional coalition

S: Iowa Food Systems Council

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Web: www.iowafoodsystemscouncil.org

Governance: A non-profit corporation with a 17-member Board of Directors

Top Priorities: The mission of the IFSC is to recommend policy, research and program options for an Iowa food system which supports healthier Iowans, communities, economies and the environment. We have 28 recommendations shared across our five work groups.

Notable Achievement: We are hosting the Iowa Healthy Farms-Healthy People meeting where we can showcase our work in community garden initiatives and small scale food production.

C: Linn County Food Policy Council* (Cedar Rapids)

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C: Pottawattamie County Local Food Council

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Governance: Board of Supervisor appointed

Kansas

C: Douglas County Food Policy Council (Lawrence)

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Governance: The FPC was formed officially by the Douglas County Board of County Commissioners in September 2009, and formally approved as an advisory council in June 2010.

Top Priorities: Processing and distribution infrastructure for local foods, urban agriculture and food insecurity, land preservation for agriculture.

Notable Achievements: The Douglas County Food Policy Council created an urban agriculture and community gardening program on vacant or underutilized city-owned properties. This is a land-lease program that allows community members to grow food for consumption or sale on previously vacant properties.

Kentucky

L: Lexington Food Policy Council*

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L: Louisville Food Policy Advisory Council

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Governance: Created by Executive Order in December 2010, LFPAC works primarily in an advisory capacity with the Louisville Mayor and staff, as well as local and regional leaders as needed.

Top Priorities: Encourage public and private investment in the local food economy; Support the increase of food production through urban agriculture; Increase access to affordable, healthy food in underserved neighborhoods

Louisiana

L: New Orleans Food Policy Advisory Committee

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Governance: Authorized by the New Orleans City Council on an ad hoc basis.

Top Priorities: Monitoring the New Orleans Fresh Food Retailers Initiative and advancing retail food recommendations; Advancing school food reform in New Orleans; and Engaging the community in discussions about food policy issues.

Notable Achievement: The creation of a \$14 million Fresh Food Retailers Initiative. More information can be found at www.nolafoodpolicy.org and www.nola.gov.

Maine

L: Good Food for Lewiston-Auburn

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Governance: Independent

Top Priorities: Completing a community food assessment; hosting a food action charrette

S: Maine Network of Community Food Councils

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Governance: Independent

Top Priorities: Supporting the creation of local food policy councils in Maine; Developing a kick-start guide for Community Food Scans and Engagement (a toolkit for communities to conduct rapid food assessment)

L: Portland Food Policy Council*

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R: Saco River Lake Region Food Policy Council

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Governance: Independent

Maryland

L: Baltimore Food Policy Initiative

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Governance: BFPI is an intergovernmental collaboration with the Department of Planning, Office of Sustainability, Baltimore City Health Department, and Baltimore Development Corporation.

Top Priorities: Expand healthy food retailing in food deserts; Support urban agriculture; Improve the food environment in and around schools; Support research on food deserts and collaboration with policy makers; Promote and expand farmers markets; Create healthy food zoning requirement or incentives; Support street vending of healthy foods; Develop a targeted marketing campaign to encourage healthy eating among all Baltimoreans; Promote and expand community supported agriculture; Support a central kitchen model for schools

Notable Achievement: In partnership with Johns Hopkins Center for a Livable Future, BFPI created a [Baltimore City food desert map](#). In Baltimore City, 20% of the population lives in what is considered a “food desert,” and nearly 1 in 4 of Baltimore’s school aged children live in a food desert. Read the map methodology [here](#).

C: Montgomery County Food Council

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Governance: The Montgomery County Food Council is an independent council formed and led by professionals, private businesses, government officials, individual members, community organizations, and educational institutions that broadly represent the food system both substantively and geographically.

Top Priorities: Create a robust, local, sustainable food system in Montgomery County.

R: Southern Maryland Community Food Council*

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Massachusetts

L: Boston Food Council

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Governance: Advisory board to the City of Boston

Top Priorities: Increase access to healthy and affordable food in schools, farmers markets, and stores, educate the public about healthy choices, and promote food benefits to reduce hunger and obesity; Expand Boston's capacity to produce, distribute and consume local food through urban agriculture and distribution models to supply schools and local businesses; Build a strong local food economy through financing and supporting local food retail and distribution businesses, and Expand private and public partnerships to advance the food agenda.

L: Holyoke Food and Fitness Policy Council

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Governance: Independent

Top Priorities: Expanded access to healthy food sources in the city; and increased community awareness of the importance of nutritious food

Notable Achievement: FEEST (Food Education Empowerment Sustainability Team) is an interactive event that the Holyoke youth host as a way of engaging the community towards policy change. The premise is that food brings people together. Local area youth get produce from local farms and prepare healthy meals with each other. For folks who aren't in the kitchen, there is a presentation or educational theme that engages the guests of FEEST to discuss important issues around Food Systems and Nutrition.

S: Massachusetts Food Policy Alliance

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Governance: Independent

Top Priorities: Supporting to start-up of the legislated Massachusetts Food Policy Council; Supporting local and regional Massachusetts food policy groups; Initiating a plan for the Massachusetts food system

Notable Achievement: Passage and initial implementation of a legislated Food Policy Council that brings multiple state agencies together around food system initiatives.

S: Massachusetts Food Policy Council

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Web: <http://www.mass.gov/agr/boards-commissions/mfpc.htm>

Governance: Formed through legislature signed by the Governor in 2010. The council formed in 2011.

Top Priorities: Review and implement “Grocery Store Task Force Recommendations”

Notable Achievement: The MFPC appointed an Advisory Committee, and established bylaws and rules of order.

R: Pioneer Valley Grows

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Governance: Independent

L: Springfield Food Policy Council

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Governance: We have a resolution with City Government, however we collaborate with all sectors; community & faith based organizations, grocers & community garden groups, businesses & youth

Top Priorities: Emergency preparedness plan; Annual meeting in September 2012; Put forth a community garden ordinance to the City Council in May 2012

L: Worcester Food & Active Living Policy Council

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Governance: Formed at the appointment of (former) Mayor Tim Murray; currently serves as an ad-hoc advisory board to the local Congressman and Mayor

Top Priorities: Food Insecurity/Hunger, School Food Environment (school meals, food environment, gardens), Urban Agriculture, Farmers' Markets

Notable Achievement: The Worcester Food and Active Living Policy Council's completed a five-year grant funded project, Hunger-Free & Healthy, that supported improvements in nutritious quality and local sourcing in school meals, increased farmers' markets in low-income areas, increased access to cooking and gardening education, and increased participation in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). This project formed the base of the coalition/policy council formation and has led to the group's understanding of the cross between programming and policy.

View the final report: <http://hungerfreeandhealthy.wordpress.com/final-five-year-report/>

Michigan

L: Detroit Food Policy Council

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Governance: Approved by the Detroit City Council, now operates as an independent 501(c)3

Top Priorities: Advocate for urban agriculture in the city of Detroit; Implement the City of Detroit Food Security Policy; Produce and disseminate an annual City of Detroit Food System Report; Recommend new food related policy; Initiate and coordinate programs that address the food related needs of Detroiters, including an annual Powering Up the Local Food System Summit

Notable Achievement: The City Council unanimously passed a resolution adopting a [food security policy](#) on March 25, 2008.

L: Food System Workgroup Mid-Michigan* (Lansing)

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C: Genesee County Food Policy Exploratory Group* (Flint)

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Governance: Independent

L: Greater Grand Rapids Food Systems Council

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Governance: Non-profit, membership based organization that is a collaborative of west Michigan community-based, governmental, non-profit and private organizations and individuals

Top Priorities: Advocate for policies that encourage urban agriculture in cities across West Michigan with a focus on Grand Rapids; Develop projects and infrastructure that help people in traditionally challenged neighborhoods access healthy fresh local food; Elevate awareness and disseminate needed information (for example, where to buy local food, what the Farm Bill is all about) to a broad public.

Notable Achievement: The Council advocated successfully for the inclusion of "community gardens" (loosely considered to be non-livestock agriculture) and accessory structures as a use by right when Grand Rapids revised its zoning ordinance.

C: Houghton County Food Policy Council*

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S: Michigan Food Policy Council

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Governance: Governor advisory board formed by Executive Order

Top Priorities: Support the Michigan Good Food Charter; Creation of a local food policy council network; Food hubs (Michigan government is working to create / strengthen regional food systems and hubs)

Notable Achievement: MFPC spurred the State to change the schedule for food assistance benefits issuance from 9 to 21 days per month. This allowed for more consistent sales at for retailers and improved access to fresh foods at independent retail grocery stores. This action benefitted industry as well as people needing better access to fresh foods.

R: Northwest Michigan Food and Farming Network

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Governance: Convened by the Michigan Land Institute and Chaired by Michigan State University Extension. The Policy Working Group navigates agricultural issues related to government, regulations, and zoning. A current issue of interest is food safety, and the impact that legislation currently under consideration at the Federal level could have on local growers.

Top Priorities: Increase the resilience of the Northwest Michigan Agri-food system and by increasing the amount of food grown, purchased, and consumed in our region to 20 percent by 2020.

Minnesota

R: Cass Clay County Food Systems Initiative (ND/MN)

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Governance: Independent. The Initiative is currently governed by a five member steering committee. Representatives from various sectors of the food system as well as interested citizens have the opportunity to serve on task force groups including food infrastructure, urban agriculture, economic development, outreach and education, and food access.

Top Priorities: Work with our local Metropolitan Planning Organization to develop an area food systems report; Create a business road map for connecting local foods to individual and institutional consumers; and Continue to map the community to assess food access issues and land use opportunities

Notable Achievement: The Initiative sponsored a kick-off/community engagement event fall 2011 with over 115 participants in attendance, many of which continue to be involved through task force group interventions.

R: Good Food Network (Western Lake Superior- MN/WI)

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Governance: Independent. GFN is a network of regional food system organizations representing farmers, gardeners, anti-hunger advocates, consumers, nutritionists, policy makers, and others working to support environment and systems change. GFN is managed by a steering committee representing a diversity of organizations engaged in the regional food system.

Top Priorities: Economic Resilience, Community Health, Social Justice, Food Knowledge & Culture, Ecological Health

Notable Achievement: Lake Superior Good Food Charter Draft

R: Headwaters Food Sovereignty Council

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Governance: Independent. Covers the Headwaters Foodshed including 10 counties (Becker, Beltrami, Cass, Clearwater, Hubbard, Itasca, Mahnomon, Pennington, Polk, and Red Lake) and three reservations (Leech Lake, Red Lake, and White Earth).

Top Priorities: Build Capacity and Educate; Connect and Relate; Organize the Local Foods Movement; Strengthen Our Organization; Food Access; Community Assessment; Develop farm to school networks including growers, aggregation options, and procurement policies in schools and institutions; and Advocate for policies to support backyard and community gardens.

Notable Achievement: Co-founder of the HFSC, the Indigenous Environmental Network, whose core mission is to foster social and environmental justice for indigenous folks throughout the Americas, works on the “We Dig It” project, a community garden teaching project for low-income and at risk youth in the community.

L: Homegrown Minneapolis Food Council

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Governance: Homegrown Minneapolis is a jointly held City-community initiative expanding the ability to grow, process, distribute, eat and compost more healthy, sustainable local food. The Food Council is a 21-member body including community members selected through an open appointment process and six staff from different City departments including: Health and Family Support, Regulatory Services, Community Planning and Economic Development, City Coordinator's Office-Sustainability, Mayor's Office and City Council representation.

Top Priorities: Assuring all residents have access to affordable, healthy, sustainable, local food; Growing the growers and the growing spaces, especially in lower-resourced areas; Identifying and removing barriers to a strong, healthy, sustainable, local food system; Measuring and expanding healthy, sustainable, local food sales in the city; Incubating new healthy, sustainable, local food concepts and projects and supporting emerging entrepreneurs and businesses.

Notable Achievements: 1) Developing neighborhood-level capacity to grow food through the establishment of the Local Food Resource Hubs Network and increasing access to land and removing policy barriers to urban agriculture through passage of the Urban Agriculture Policy Plan and other ordinance upgrades.

C/L: Saint Paul-Ramsey County Food and Nutrition Commission

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Governance: Government appointed council with representatives from Saint Paul and Ramsey County

Top Priorities: Complete report based on assessment and recommendations by five task forces and present to the City Council and County Board; Work with governmental and community organizations to meet the need for access to community gardens; Increase access to healthful food in several low income neighborhoods including SNAP/EBT usage at more farmers' market sites

R: Southeast Minnesota Food Policy Working Group*

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Governance: Independent

Mississippi

S: Mississippi Food Policy Council

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Governance: Independent. We are a membership-based organization but we hold meetings open the public. We are governed by an 8-member Board of Directors elected by our members.

Top Priorities: 1) Promoting Farm to School in Mississippi through legislation that would create a "Mississippi Farm to School week," legislation that would create an Interagency Farm to school Council, and technical legal/policy assistance to schools and farmers; 2) Supporting the growth and expansion of farmers' markets in the state through legislation that would allow cities/counties to donate public funds to local farmers' markets and through training and assistance to farmers' markets in the state; 3) Promoting the ability of small producers to sell foods produced in a home kitchen through the new MDAC/MSDH pilot allowing for in-home processing and any other means available to support cottage foods.

Notable Achievement: Through the work of the Mississippi Food Policy Council, the Mississippi Department of Agriculture & Commerce and the Mississippi Department of Health took administrative action allowing Mississippians to be able to process low-risk foods at home if they complete a basic food safety course. The Food Policy Council is working with stakeholders from around the state to ensure that this new rule is implemented in a way that allows this beneficial economic activity for small food producers.

Missouri

C/L: Columbia Food Policy Council*

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L: Greater Kansas City Food Policy Coalition

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Web: www.kcfoodpolicy.org

Governance: Independent coalition

Top Priorities: Increasing institutional purchasing of locally grown foods (Institutional Purchasing Initiative work plan attached and three supporting docs attached); Increasing access to healthy, affordable food in several area food deserts (Food Deserts Initiative work plan attached); and Eat Local for the Holidays annual initiative.

Notable Achievements: Successfully advocated with coalition member organizations for the revision of municipal ordinances affecting urban agriculture in Kansas City, Missouri, in June 2010. (two attachments) Developed local research and educational tools in 2011, including a Food Habits Survey with 4,000 responses (attachments: survey, findings summary, distribution map), GIS mapping of food system (two samples attached), and seven policy briefs. (attached)

L: Springfield Food Policy Council*

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L: St. Louis Regional Food Policy Council

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Governance: Independent

Top Priorities: Government Affairs; Research & Funding; Food Production & Distribution; Communications & PR

Montana

S: Grow Montana Coalition

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Governance: Independent coalition developed with support from the WK Kellogg Foundation.

Top Priorities: Developing Montana's institutional market for local foods, supporting entrepreneurial assistance in value-added food processing, and framing community-based food systems as economic development opportunities.

Notable Achievements: Grow Montana's conducted formal research and coordinated with grassroots networks to pass legislative policies supporting institutional markets for local foods and assistance for value-added food processing entrepreneurs. Click [here](#) for research. Click [here](#) for our legislative policies.

L: Missoula Community Food and Agriculture Coalition

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Governance: Independent. CFAC was formed following a joint resolution at the City/County in 2005, recognizing the value of preserving agricultural land and ensuring access to food for all citizens. A member of both the City Council and County Commissioners originally sat on the Coalition. In fall, 2009, CFAC became a 501(c)3, and is now working independently from government, but has close ties to both city and county, including Office of Planning and Grants.

Top Priorities: 1) Establish a food and farm resource network to promote our regional food and agriculture system as an economic driver for better access to regional food, increased food security for all, and greater economic benefit to our region; 2) Support beginning farmers and ranchers to ensure greater production of food to be sold regionally through direct and institutional markets in Western Montana; 3) Ensure sound agricultural land policy is enacted at the local and state level to protect farmland at risk of development.

Notable Achievement: CFAC placed land use conservation policy on the public agenda through its grassroots efforts. The "[Losing Ground](#)" report is setting the foundation for local land use policy in County government. CFAC also secured a "[chicken ordinance](#)" allowing up to six chickens per household within City limits.

Nebraska

L: Omaha Area Food Policy Council*

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Governance: Independent

Top Priorities: Establish structural organization; Developing our message and communication strategy; Examining current city-wide policies that deal with the complete food system

Notable Achievement: Organized and hosted a training with Mark Winne for 30 people.

Nevada

R: Southern Nevada Community Food Council

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Web: www.threesquare.org

Governance: Independent Coalition formed in Fall 2011 with representatives from Metro Las Vegas and four Southern Nevada counties (Clark, Lincoln, Nye, and Esmeralda). Current activities focused in the Henderson and North Las Vegas areas. Three Square Food Bank instigated the formation of this group.

Top Priorities: Community education about food systems issues through meetings and events; Organizing a community gleaning project for local food pantries; Addressing key policy issues around water use for community gardens, health regulations for serving fresh food at farm events, usage of school garden produce in school food, and more to be determined in 2012.

Notable Achievement: Convening partner agencies to begin discussions of key policy issues.

C: Washoe County Food Policy Council (Reno)

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Phone: (775) 328-2442

Web: <http://www.gethealthywashoe.com/healthy-eating/fpc.html>

Governance: In October 2011, the Washoe County District Board of Health established the Washoe County Food Policy Council as a volunteer public/private partnership to bring together representation from all sectors of the Food System for networking, collaboration, and promotion of access to healthy foods.

Top Priorities: Strategize implementation of the Washoe County Food Plan: *Access to Health Food in Washoe County: A Framework for Food System Design*

New Hampshire

New Jersey

L: Camden City Food Security Advisory Board

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Phone: (856) 365-8733

Web: www.camdenchildrensgarden.org

Governance: Established in 2009, appointments made by City Council and the Mayor. Currently 5 appointed members.

Top Priorities: Developing urban agriculture; Addressing food insecurity; Reversing obesity and hunger; Supporting grants and projects such as for a second supermarket in Camden.

Notable Achievement: The CCFSAB worked with the City to change policies and ordinances to make vacant land more accessible for community gardens and urban agriculture, and supported and partnered with applications for grant funds to address food insecurity.

C: Mercer Food Council

Contact: Elyse Pivnick, Vice Pres. Environment & Community Health, Isles, Inc.

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Governance: Operates independent of a specific government jurisdiction

L: New Brunswick Community Food Alliance

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Secondary Contact: Lisanne Finston
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Phone: (732) 545-9002

Web: www.nbfood.org

Governance: Independent structure is open membership group with 17 member voting body including 3 local government appointed representatives, 5 residents and 9 reps of food sectors.

Top Priorities: Operationalize and establish working priorities for our five workgroups; produce a food system report.

L: Newark Food Policy Council*

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Web: www.letsmovenewark.org

C: Passaic County Food Policy Council

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Phone: (973) 278-8900

Website: http://www.unitedwaypassaic.org/Passaic_County_Food_Policy_Council.php

Governance: Independent

Top Priorities: (1) Develop an Action Plan to address Hunger/Food insecurity in Passaic County (2) Provide a permanent forum for stakeholders to discuss food-related challenges (3) Ensure that food and nutrition issues are prioritized in the 2012 Passaic County Sustainability Plan.

Notable Achievement: The Passaic County Food Policy Council began in December 2011 and plans to complete a County-wide Hunger/Food Insecurity Action Plan by October 2012.

New Mexico

C: Grant County Food Policy Council

Contact: Alicia Edwards, Co-Chair
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Web: www.grantcountynm.com/food

Governance: Established as an advisory council by a resolution from the Grant County Board of Commissioners in 2010

Top Priorities: Local food purchasing; Assessment; Land Use policy; Education

Notable Achievement: The Council completed a local food assessment in 2012.

C/L: Las Cruces-Dona Ana County Food Policy Council*

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S: New Mexico Food and Agriculture Policy Council

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Web: www.farmtotablenm.org/policy

Governance: The New Mexico Food and Agriculture Policy Council was formally initiated through 2003 House Joint Memorial 45

Top Priorities: Food Access- “Healthy Kids, Healthy Economy” legislative appropriation request for \$1.4 million for NM grown fresh fruits and vegetables for NM school meals; Farm to Market Infrastructure-incentives for growing local, coordinate infrastructure (public and private) to aggregate and distribute NM

grown produce to institutions, grocery stores, and restaurants. Work with other organizations and agencies focused on "joint use" agreements for access to public facilities for local food initiatives; and Water and Land Conservation for Farming- Support existing land conservation programs in New Mexico and minimize barriers for small farms to access program, support local zoning for food production, and expand LandLink program.

Notable Achievements: In 2006, the NMFAPC led legislation to change "competitive food rules in schools" to minimize vending and other such activities. (One of first states in nation to pass such a rule.) In 2007, NMFAPC led legislative appropriation for "NM Grown Fresh Fruits and Vegetables for School Meals" at \$85,000 recurring annually. Also in 2007, the NMFAPC helped pass a memorial to create the NM Food Gap Task Force to focus on food access in New Mexico. In 2008, the Task Force provided legislature with recommendations and has been working on them since including increasing rural grocery store assistance. The NMFAPC worked tirelessly with groups around the state and at the federal level to advocate for good food policy.

C: Rio Arriba County Food & Agriculture Policy Council

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Website: http://www.rio-arriba.org/boards/rio_arriba_food_council.html

Governance: Independent

Notable Achievement: The Council hosted a one-day public workshop on food aggregation. The event featured guest speaker [Anthony Flaccavento](#) and about 200 people attended.

C/L: Santa Fe Food Policy Council

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Phone: (505) 695-0663

Secondary Contact: Katherine Mortimer, Chair

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Web: www.santafefoodpolicy.org

Governance: Established as an advisory council by a joint resolution from the City of Santa Fe and Santa Fe County

Top Priorities: Disaster response/planning; Land Use Code update; Local food procurement

Notable Achievement: The Farmland Preservation Resolution was approved January 2010 by the Board of County Commissioners. The SFFPC used it to leverage the passage of one of the few bills that was funded by the legislature last year: the Natural Heritage Conservation Act. This act was passed with \$5 million to establish a fund that will restore and protect, among other things, working farms, ranches and other agricultural lands.

New York

L: Food Systems Network NYC Policy Subcommittee

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Web: www.foodsystemsnyc.org

Governance: Independent. Food Systems Network NYC is a membership organization working toward universal access to nourishing, affordable food and the development of a vibrant, sustainable, regional farm and food economy. The FSNYC Policy Subcommittee performs research and analysis and prepares informational documents to inform and support Network initiatives and activities. Additionally, the Policy Subcommittee may develop advocacy statements regarding public policies and coordinate sign-ons by FSNYC Leadership Committee Members and/or Network members.

S: New York State Council on Food Policy

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Web: www.nyscfp.org

Governance: New York State Governor's Office issued Executive Order No. 13 on May 18, 2007 that established the New York State Council on Food Policy (NYS CFP)

Top Priorities: Food procurement standards within State agencies; Farm to School; Farm to Institution of New England and New York

C: Niagara County Food Policy Council

Contact: Sue Capell, Cornell University Cooperative Extension Niagara County

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Phone: (716) 433-8839 ext. 227

Governance: Independent

Top Priorities: Focusing on Action Plan recommendations to develop a sustainable regional food economy

Notable Achievement: The NCFPC recently completed a community food assessment.

C/L: Utica-Oneida County Food Policy Council*

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North Carolina

C/L: Asheville-Buncombe Food Policy Council

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Governance: Independent. The four functions of the council are to serve as forums for discussing food issues, to foster coordination between sectors in the food system, to evaluate and influence policy, and to launch or support programs and services that address local needs.

Top Priorities: Access, Asset Mapping, Communications, Emergency, Health Wellness & Education, Land Use Policy, Legislation Policy & Advocacy, and Local Food Flow.

Notable Achievement: In January 2012, Asheville's City Council voted unanimously to support the Food Policy Council goal of expanding food access in residential neighborhoods through an amendment to the Unified Development Ordinances.

C: Cabarrus County Food Policy Council

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Web: [Facebook](#)

Governance: Approved by the Cabarrus County Board of Commissioners in 2010.

Top Priorities: Integrating Local Foods into Our Schools; Engaging the Community; and Raising Awareness through Events (Cabarrus County FPC 2012 goals attached)

Notable Achievement: Cabarrus County Food System Assessment (attached)

C/L: Charlotte-Mecklenburg Food Policy Council

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Secondary Contact: Bishop Wade H. Ferguson, III

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Web: charlottefoodpolicycouncil.org and [Facebook](#)

Governance: Independent; 501(c)3

Top Priorities: Partnerships and Local/Regional Policy; Infrastructure; Local Food Economy; Education; Access/Affordability

Notable Achievement: CMFPC joined with the University of North Carolina at Charlotte and the Mecklenburg County Health Department to produce the Mecklenburg County Community Food Assessment, Phases 1 and 2. (PDFs attached)

L: Durham Food Prosperity Council

Contact: Rochelle Sparko

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Governance: Independent

Top Priorities: Access to City-owned vacant lots for farming including access to the land, ability to develop (and get financing to develop) city owned lots as urban farm space, permitting issues, and access to water; Getting local food into the public school system

S: North Carolina Sustainable Local Food Advisory Council

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Governance: Approved by the NC State Legislature

Top Priorities: Extend the Sunset Date of the Council until July 31, 2017; Appropriate \$100,000 recurring to provide for one permanent position in the NCDA&CS that will serve as staff for the Council and to provide for recurring costs of Council activities; Statutorily designate one representative of the Conservation Trust for North Carolina (CTNC) as a member of the Council in lieu of the appointment of one representative of the North Carolina Farm Transition Network, Inc.; Appropriate \$55,000 to NCDA&CS for a consumer level survey of local food interests; Appropriate funds to increase the storage and preparation facilities in those schools lacking the equipment necessary to participate in the farm to school programs.

Notable Achievement: The North Carolina legislature adopted a resolution supporting legislation to exempt small-scale processing of agricultural products from wastewater permit requirements.

R: Southeastern North Carolina Food Systems Program “Feast Down East”

Contact: Dr. Leslie Hossfeld, Executive Director

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Phone: (910) 962-7849

Website: www.feastdowneast.org

Governance: Independent

Top Priorities: Expand number of Child Nutrition Directors buying local from Feast Down East Processing and Distribution Farmer Cooperative; Continue to build the capacity of limited resource farmers in Southeastern North Carolina; Expand and promote buy local campaign in Southeastern North Carolina.

Notable Achievement: The group created the successful Feast Down East Processing and Distribution Center, became a USDA designated Food Hub, and increased institutional and consumer buying of local farm product.

North Dakota

R: Cass Clay County Food Systems Initiative (ND/MN)

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Web: www.letseatlocal.org

Governance: Independent. The Initiative is currently governed by a five member steering committee. Representatives from various sectors of the food system as well as interested citizens have the opportunity to serve on task force groups including food infrastructure, urban agriculture, economic development, outreach and education, and food access.

Top Priorities: Work with our local Metropolitan Planning Organization to develop an area food systems report; Create a business road map for connecting local foods to individual and institutional consumers; and Continue to map the community to assess food access issues and land use opportunities

Ohio

L: Athens Food Policy Council

Contact: Michelle Ajamian, Founder

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Phone: (740) 590-1501

Governance: Independent

Top Priorities: Education; Local Food Marketing; Access and Equity; Economic and Food Community; Assessments; Advocacy; Policy

Notable Achievement: The AFPC successfully advocated for an ordinance that allows front yard food gardening in Athens City.

C/L: Cleveland-Cuyahoga County Food Policy Council

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Governance: Independent (public-private partnership)

R: Food Council of Northwest Ohio*

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C: Franklin County Local Food Council

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Governance: Independent

Top Priorities: Address barriers and opportunities to strengthen connections among producers, processors, distributors, retailers and recyclers and link these food system actors to non-profit organizations and local government entities and address their in a common effort to support a resilient local food system; Improve the availability of safe and healthful local food at affordable prices for all; Ensure through education that citizens, agencies, organizations and local businesses consider a healthful and resilient local food system to be an essential part of all policy, planning and decision-making.

R: Greater Cincinnati Regional Food Policy Council

Contact: Lauren Niemes, member

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Phone: (513) 621-3262

Governance: Independent

Top Priorities: Build council infrastructure; City zoning for mobile vending; and Revising childcare regulations that prohibit fresh produce

Notable Achievement: The newly formed Council has written bylaws, recruited members, and are now developing their first position papers.

C: Knox County Food Council

Contact: John Marsh, Chair
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Phone: (740) 427-5998

Governance: Independent

Top Priorities: Community Gardens; More farm to cafeteria with local school systems; Fresh local for seniors; Encouraging more value-adding infrastructure creation; Assisting producer/consumer cooperative formation; Assisting micro-finance endeavor of local college students as they startup

R: Lake Local Food Initiative

Contact: Cheryl Hammon, Chairman
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Phone: (440) 474 9885

Governance: Independent

Top Priorities: Supporting our farmers' markets; Increasing local food in schools and colleges; Education

Notable Achievement: The Lake Local Food Initiative sponsored the movie "Fresh" with a panel discussion. The panel had a diverse group of individuals that represented the local food industry. The theatre was packed and the discussion was lively and informative. They have also had some success with getting apples into a couple local schools.

C: Montgomery County Food Policy Coalition (Dayton)

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Governance: Government Appointed by the Montgomery County Board of Commissioners

Top Priorities: Assess food deserts in Montgomery County; Assess, identify and implement plan to connect eligible senior citizens to food assistance program; and Develop community gardens to provide education in food production, preparation and preservation.

S: Ohio Food Policy Council Network

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C: Summit County Food Policy Coalition (Akron)

Contact: Beth Knorr, Steering Committee Member

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Phone: (330) 657-2542 ext. 224

Governance: Independent

Top Priorities: Healthy corner stores; Community education about healthy eating and local food access; Creating opportunities for would-be farmers

Notable Achievement: The SCFPC facilitated getting fresh fruits and vegetables into a corner store in a neighborhood that did not have that as an option previously. Additionally, the Summit County Council adopted a Food Charter that the Coalition put forth in 2012.

Oklahoma

S: Oklahoma Food Policy Council*

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L: Tulsa Food Security Council

Contact: Katie Plohocky, Chair

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Phone: (918) 346-3788

Web: www.tulsafoodsecurity.org

Governance: Independent

Top Priorities: Farm Bill; Cottage Producers laws; Getting rid of eligibility of soda and candy to be used with SNAP; Community Gardens; Healthy Corner Store bill changes; Strategic planning; food desert tour using public transportation for policymakers

Notable Achievement: Healthy Corner store bill passed in 2010 provided healthy corner stores with definition of selling healthy food and access to AgLink program that provides low-interest loans for farmers.

Oregon

R: Central Oregon Food Policy Council

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Governance: Independent, 501c3 non-profit status in progress. The COFPC is a 13-member volunteer Council composed of a Board of Directors representing Deschutes, Crook and Jefferson Counties in Central Oregon. Our vision is to lead the effort to achieve a sustainable and just food system in Central Oregon using the following strategies: Healthy Food Access, Public Policy Advocacy, and Networks and Knowledge Sharing.

Top Priorities: Improving healthy food access; Advocating for public policies that increase local, sustainable food production; and Increasing outreach and education opportunities.

Notable Achievement: Central Oregon Food Policy Council's biggest achievement is maintaining a strong board of directors and becoming a non-profit in our first year; partnering with local government to become a Buy Fresh Buy Local chapter, the first in Oregon; and developing a map of land use policies for three counties.

C: Lane County Food Policy Council

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Governance: Independent (maintains government liaisons to the council)

Top Priorities: Assistance in developing a school nutrition free-zone policy that limits Fast Food and other calorie dense food outlets within school catchment areas; Assistance in developing community-based agricultural capacity in underserved areas of the county's major metro area; Organizing of food organizations into a coalition for economic development, community health, and food sovereignty in the county.

Notable Achievement: The LCFPC participated and supported in holding a large-scale university-based food justice conference, including a food sovereignty colloquium with Dr. Vandana Shiva as guest presenter.

C/L: Portland-Multnomah Food Policy Council

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Secondary Contact: Anita Yap, Chair

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Governance: A citizen-based advisory council to the City of Portland and Multnomah County.

Top Priorities: Food justice; Identifying and reducing regulatory barriers in the food system; Transparency in policy and decision making

Notable Achievement: The PMFPC developed criteria to engage broad participation from community members and stakeholders on the FPC through outreach and membership. In addition, the FPC encouraged increased transparency in the appointing process historically done within city jurisdiction.

R: Treasure Valley Food Coalition (Southwestern Idaho/ Eastern Oregon)

Contact: Janie Burns

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Web: www.treasurevalleyfoodcoalition.org

Governance: Independent. The Treasure Valley Food Coalition is a non-profit organization in support of a vibrant local food economy in the Treasure Valley Food Shed of Southwestern Idaho and Eastern Oregon. We are currently operating as a small steering committee that works on raising awareness about our local food system and collaborating with other organizations to increase the amount of food grown and consumed locally.

Top Priorities: Education, Networking, 20% locally grown food by the year 2020

Notable Achievement: 2011 Year of Idaho Food Campaign

Pennsylvania

C: Adams County Food Policy Council (Gettysburg)

Contact: Kim Davidson

Email: adamsfoodpolicy@gmail.com

Web: www.adamsfoodpolicy.org

Governance: Established by proclamation on May 13, 2009 by the County Commissioners

Top Priorities: Increase low-income families' access to nutritious food; Support Farm to Institution initiatives; Local foods network for education and collaboration to support a local, sustainable food system.

Notable Achievements: The Adams County Food Policy Council instigated The Fair Share Project, a food voucher program piloted in June 2011. In 2012, it aims to enable 40 families to purchase food from the Adams County Farm Fresh Markets. Each family will receive \$40 in vouchers per month during the months of June-September, 2012. These vouchers can be used to purchase fruit, vegetable, eggs, meat and bread at designated markets. For more information see:

http://www.gettysburg.edu/about/offices/college_life/cps/campus_kitchen/fair_share_project.dot and an assessment of the project is available here: <http://www.gettysburg.edu/dotAsset/3323112.jpg> Other major accomplishments: <http://www.adamsfoodpolicy.org/accomplishments.html>

L: Philadelphia Food Policy Advisory Council

Contact: Joan Blaustein, Co-Chair

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Phone: (215) 683-0215

Governance: Members appointed by the Philadelphia City Council

Top Priorities: Develop policy recommendations for the City administration in the areas of Vacant Land Use, Workforce Development, and Hunger.

Notable Achievement: In its two years of existence, the Council organized a governance system and developed subcommittees that include members from outside the Council.

L: Pittsburgh Area Food Policy Council

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Web: pghfood.pbworks.com/Pittsburgh-Area-Food-Policy-Council

Governance: Independent (operate as a loose coalition of several organizations)

Top Priorities: Improve access to healthy food for every Pittsburgh resident by promoting a farmers market system that is accessible to all resident including those who depend on social benefits such as Food Stamps and WIC; Supporting urban agriculture initiatives by working with Pittsburgh's Department of City Planning to develop appropriate and practical urban agricultural zoning ordinances; Increasing public awareness of urban food systems and good nutrition, as well as the PFPC and urban agricultural efforts through education and outreach.

Notable Achievement: The PAFPC hosted the first ever Regional FPC Symposium in December 2011 as an opportunity for peer learning around strengthening our food systems. Over 90 people from across the country attended.

R: South Central Pennsylvania Food Policy Council* (Carlisle)

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L: York Food Policy Council*

Contact: Susan M. Snell, Health Educator at WellSpan Community Health Improvement
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Rhode Island

S: Rhode Island Food Policy Council

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Governance: Independent

Top Priorities: Develop work groups (Finance, Policy, and Outreach/Communications) and priorities; Increase access to safe, fresh, affordable, nutritious and culturally appropriate food; Increase supply of foods produced, raised, caught, processed and distributed in Rhode Island; Cultivate healthy food environments; Boost state's food economy

Notable Achievement: The RIFPC was officially launched on October 24, 2011, in connection with the inaugural national Food Day. The morning launch event included speeches by Rhode Island First Lady Stephanie Chafee, RI Department of Environmental Management Director Janet Coit, RI Department of Health Director Michael Fine, Andrew Schiff (CEO of the RI Food Bank, and a member of the RIFPC), and included a summary of the RI state food assessment conducted by Karp Resources. The morning event had nearly 100 attendees, with Governor Chafee's proclamation declaring October 24th Food Day in Rhode Island read by the First Lady.

South Carolina

S: South Carolina Food Policy Council

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Governance: Independent (sponsored by Department of Agriculture; Board of Directors are nominated every 3 years)

Notable Achievement: The SCFPC introduced legislation on "Truth in Labeling" on menus and Farm to School.

L: Spartanburg Food Policy Council*

Contact: Ana Parra, Spartanburg Childhood Obesity Task Force, Access to Healthy Food Committee

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South Dakota

Tennessee

C/L: Food Advisory Council for Memphis and Shelby County

Contact: Chris Peterson

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Phone: (901) 725-4990

Website: www.growmemphis.org

Governance: Independent, but designed to have government membership

Top Priorities: Continuing to work with Health Department on suggestions for Food Ordinance Handbook; Help eliminate barriers to use of public land for community gardening; Help eliminate barriers to mobile markets

Notable Achievement: The Council conducted a comprehensive review of the Memphis Food Ordinance Handbook with the Shelby County Health Department and Harvard Law School Health and Public Policy Clinic.

C/L: Knoxville/Knox County Food Policy Council

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Web: www.ci.knoxville.tn.us/boards/food.asp

Governance: City/County-appointed Board. Eleven members are on the Council. Five are appointed by the City Mayor and six are appointed by the County Mayor.

Top Priorities: Creating connections between producers and restaurants/retail food; Better understanding and addressing food access issues; Policy work around urban agriculture.

Notable Achievement: The Knoxville/Knox County Food Policy Council is celebrating 30 years as an organization—the "oldest" food policy council in the nation. Promotional materials for 30th anniversary celebration (Eat Play Live Knoxville- attached)

L: Nashville Food Policy Council

Contact: Megan Morton, Community Food Advocates
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Web: [Facebook](#)

Governance: Independent, but work closely with the Mayor's Office and Public Health Department

S: Tennessee Food Policy Council*

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Texas

R: The Alamo Regional Food Security Network*

Contact: Stan Livengood, Alamo Area Council of Governments
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Phone: (972) 814-0928

Governance: Independent. The Alamo Food Policy Council (AFPC) serves eleven rural counties that surround San Antonio – Atascosa, Bandera, Comal, Frio, Gillespie, Guadalupe, Karnes, Kendall, Kerr, Medina, and Wilson Counties.

Top Priorities: Establish local food policy/food security networks in each county in the region, focusing efforts on five of the 12 counties in 2012.

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Governance: Created by city ordinance; associated with Travis County Commissioners

L: Dallas Food Policy Council*

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L: El Paso Food Policy Council*

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L: Food Policy Council of San Antonio

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Governance: Created under the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District with a-CPPW grant. Transitioning to 501c3 status in summer 2012.

Top Priorities: Collect and disseminate information about food policies at all levels that affect our community; Become known as a stakeholder forum for the local food system; and Engage the community to drive changes in the local food system.

Notable Achievement: Food security assessment and proposed Farm Bill principles and resolution to City.

L: Houston Food Policy Council*

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Utah

L: Salt Lake City Food Policy Task Force

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Governance: Advisory to Mayor's office

Top Priorities: Conducting a Community Food Assessment to help identify priorities, Passing the Salt Lake City Farm Bill Principles Joint Resolution, Increasing Public Awareness around local food issues

Notable Achievement: The Salt Lake City FPTF successfully advocated for zoning revisions concerning beekeeping, chickens, urban agriculture, and landscaping revision to allow for food production in front yards. In addition, they are launching a community food assessment and completed a backyard food production mapping project. (PDFs attached)

Vermont

L: Burlington Food Council

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Governance: We are a City-recognized group (through resolution) and report to the City Council quarterly, but we are largely independent

Top Priorities: Supporting the Burlington Urban Agriculture Task Force in completing its report to city council, developing a set of recommendations to the city around creating a cohesive policy for urban agriculture in Burlington; Form a steering committee to guide the Council through a capacity building process; Identify one or two high priority projects.

Notable Achievement: The BFC helped develop a city council resolution creating the Urban Agriculture Task Force, which has been charged with "developing a cohesive urban agriculture policy" for the city. The Task Force identified several areas for policy development, potential programs, and changes to ordinance and zoning structure that would help urban agriculture thrive.

R: Central Vermont Food Systems Council (Montpelier)

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Governance: Independent

Top Priorities: Agricultural Policy & Economics; Farming & Growers; Infrastructure; Food Education; Household Producer-Consumers; Food Justice; and Food Currency

Notable Achievement: The CVFSC raised over \$10,000 in three years for school garden programs in Washington County, Vermont, with proceeds from the annual Growing Local Festival in Montpelier.

L: Waterbury-Duxbury Food Council

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Web: [Facebook](#)

Top Priorities: Food System Economic Development/Agritourism; Producer-Consumer Linkages (getting more local food into retail establishments, supporting farmers' markets, etc.); and Consumer Education and Outreach (accessing healthy food, consumer awareness, food access to low income populations)

Notable Achievements: The Waterbury-Duxbury Food Council helped develop several Farm to School programs: <https://sites.google.com/a/wdsdvt.net/foodservice/home>

Virginia

L: Richmond Food Policy Task Force*

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S: Virginia Food System Council

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Governance: Independent

Top Priorities: “Grow Virginia’s Economy!” Challenge; Developing comprehensive informational and networking resource website for consumers and other food system stakeholders (report attached)

Notable Achievement: The Virginia Food System Council recently completed the “Virginia Farm to Table Plan” in collaboration with Virginia Cooperative Extension and the University of Virginia: <http://virginiafoodsystemcouncil.org>. Additional resources related to the Plan can be found at <http://virginiafarmtotable.org>

The Virginia Food System Council, in collaboration with the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and the Virginia Department of Education, successfully advocated for the passage of House Joint Resolution 95 in 2010 to establish an annual Virginia Farm-to-School Week.

Washington

C: Clark County Food Systems Council (Vancouver)

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Governance: Independent Coalition; receives staffing support from Clark County Public Health.

Top Priorities: Healthy Food Access, Land and Resource Preservation, Community Education

Notable Achievement: Clark County Food System Council was a key community champion in efforts to retain County property, previously used as a Washington State University (WSU) agricultural research station, for agricultural pursuits. The 78th Street Heritage Farm property has been dedicated as space to: celebrate our agricultural heritage, maintain WSU's presence in Clark County, showcase and promote sustainable agricultural and building practices, enhance community wellness and inspire life-long learning, promote community volunteerism and integrate activities and resources that provide community access to open space. Information about 78th Street Heritage Farm can be found at <http://www.clark.wa.gov/farm/index.asp>.

R: Regional Food Policy Council (Puget Sound)

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Governance: Regional representing King, Snohomish, Pierce, and Kitsap counties.

Top Priorities: Focus on three subcommittees - agriculture, economic development and equity; creating a policy landscape map. Their work plans can be found on the main page of the website.

Notable Achievements: Collaborated with the University of Washington on regional food system assessment; creating database of regional food-related policies; started work with Seattle on including food in comprehensive plan: http://www.psrc.org/assets/6715/rfpc_progress_report_2011.pdf

L: Spokane Food Policy Council*

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West Virginia

S: West Virginia Food Charter*

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Wisconsin

C: Dane County Food Council (Madison)

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Web: www.countyofdane.com/foodcouncil

Governance: Appointed Citizen Committee of the Dane County Board of Supervisors. Three of the nine members are County Supervisors.

Top Priorities: Develop food and agriculture policy recommendations for Dane County; Advocate for food and agricultural policy that supports our vision for the Dane County food system; Promote public education and outreach on food and agriculture issues; and Establish a coalition of the county's food system groups to collaboratively address food system and agriculture issues.

Notable Achievement: The DCFC's engaged key community partners in its six years of existence - whether it was forming the Dane County Food Coalition (#4 in the Action Plan), assisting the creation of the Institutional Food Market Coalition in the County, hosting a successful recognition event for County food system actors, or other things.

R: Good Food Network (Western Lake Superior- MN/WI)

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Web: <http://www.goodfoodnetwork.org/home.html>

Governance: Independent. GFN is a network of regional food system organizations representing farmers, gardeners, anti-hunger advocates, consumers, nutritionists, policy makers, and others working to support environment and systems change. GFN is managed by a steering committee representing a diversity of organizations engaged in the regional food system.

Top Priorities: Economic Resilience, Community Health, Social Justice, Food Knowledge & Culture, Ecological Health

Notable Achievement: [Lake Superior Good Food Charter Draft](#)

L: Milwaukee Food Council

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Governance: Independent. Housed at the Center for Resilient Cities, but operates independently of this organization and any government entity.

Top Priorities: Urban Agriculture; Healthy Food Access; Policy Change and Advocacy

Notable Achievement: The Milwaukee Food Council underwent an intensive strategic planning process in 2011 in order to guide the work and clarify goals (attached).

S: Wisconsin Food Policy Council*

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Wyoming

NATIVE AMERICAN TRIBAL COUNCILS

Hoopa Food Policy Council (California)

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Governance: Independent, works in cooperation with Hoopa Valley Tribe

Top Priorities: Broadly based assessment of community food issues using Participatory Action Research approach; compilation of demographic data; outreach activities

Notable Achievement: The HFPC is the first food policy council based in a California Indian reservation community.

Muscogee Creek Nation Food and Fitness Policy Council (Okmulgee, OK)

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Governance: Tribal Advisory Board comprised of tribal department managers, health systems, WIC, Head Start, Child care, Commodity program, legislative branch, Community farmer and rancher, elderly nutrition program

Oneida Community Integrated Food Systems (Wisconsin)

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Governance: Tribal Advisory Board

Top Priorities: Addressing food insecurity; Expanding farm to school project; Youth and community education about food and nutrition

Notable Achievements: OCIFS completed a community food assessment and also created the Oneida 4-H Food Buyers club to accelerate the Farm to School program (attached).

L: Pryor Food Policy Council (Oklahoma)

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L: Tahlequah Food Policy Council (Cherokee County, Oklahoma)

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Governance: Independent. The Tahlequah Food Policy Council began organizing local people in June of 2011, as a way to understand, support and develop the local food system in Cherokee County and the surrounding counties.

Top Priorities: Production; Processing; Distribution; Consumption; and Composting/Recycling

Notable Achievement: The TFPC conducted a mapping project of local food resources in partnership with the Cherokee Nation. The group conducted a participatory mapping analysis with over 50 attendees. The project is housed online as an ongoing project with the assistance of the Cherokee Nation Geo-Data department: <http://www.arcgis.com/home/item.html?id=7021f7ba96b0467a947283affbff17e6>

CANADIAN COUNCILS

Alberta

Alberta Food Policy Council

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Facebook | Twitter <http://www.facebook.com/AlbertaFood#>

Governance: Independent

Top Priorities: Defending food charter to promote food liberty; cross-Canada municipal Agri-Canada food policy group; food production; Held candidate forums for municipal elections

Calgary Food Policy Council

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Governance: Independent

Top Priorities: Promote Calgary community gardens and future community farms; Leverage social media; Converting transportation utility corridors to farmland; Value-added production of food; Promote household food security; kid's farm; Canadian urban chicken club

British Columbia

Central Okanagan Food Policy Council (Kelowna)

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Governance: Independent. The Central Okanagan Food Policy Council (COFPC) is a group concerned about the Central Okanagan Food System. Our focus is work in Food Security, Food Sovereignty, Food Policy - basically anything that has to do with food and its cycle through growth, production, processing, purchasing, consuming, disposal and all people and policies involved in the process.

Kamloops Food Policy Council

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Governance: Independent grass roots.

Top Priorities: Public Produce Project

Notable Achievement: The City adopted Kamloops FPC document "Best Practices in Urban Agriculture" within their Sustainable Plan.

Vancouver Food Policy Council

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www.vancouverfoodpolicycouncil.ca & Facebook

Governance: The VFPC was created through a City of Vancouver Council motion and operates under a Council-approved terms of reference

Top Priorities: Working with the City to develop and implement a coordinated food strategy; Supporting neighbourhood-level food system initiatives; Local, sustainable food procurement

Notable Achievement: The Vancouver FPC advocated for and collaborated with the City to take an integrated, systems approach to food policy building through the adoption of a Food Charter and now towards a Food Strategy.

Manitoba

Winnipeg Food Policy Working Group

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Governance: Winnipeg Food Policy working group is actively involved in discussions with the City of Winnipeg and in presentations to elected officials with the goal of formally establishing a Food Policy Council.

Top Priorities: Continue to educate/advocate for a City of Winnipeg Food Policy Council; Expand our stakeholder base; Develop a series of policy recommendation documents to present to the City on such topics as composting, urban agriculture and child nutrition

Notable Achievement: The WFPWG successfully advocated for a food security section to be added to the City's long range planning document *OurWinnipeg*.

Ontario

Brant/Brantford Food Systems Coalition

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Governance: Independent, currently chaired by Grand River Community Health Centre

Guelph Wellington Food Round Table

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Governance: Independent

Top Priorities: Promotion of the Guelph Wellington Food Charter; Food Access; Community Gardens

Notable Achievement: In 2011, the GWFRT's presentation to the Guelph City Council led to the City of Guelph endorsing the Guelph-Wellington Food Charter. Other successes can be viewed here ([attach PDF](#)).

Halton Food Council

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Web: <http://www.haltonfoodcouncil.ca/>

Governance: Independent

Top Priorities: Facilitate the establishment of community food centres in Halton region; and Work with the Halton community to enhance the expansion of community gardening in the region.

Notable Achievement: Endorsement of food charter by Regional Council; Community food assessment; Three community forums; Establishment of workgroups to address the Priorities listed above.

Just Food

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Governance: The Ottawa City Council approved the recommendation of the HRSS Committee for the Ottawa Food Security Council in 2003. The Ottawa Food Security Council officially changed its name to “Just Food” in 2006.

Toronto Food Policy Council

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Governance: City created the Toronto Food Policy Council, staff working with the TFPC are employed by, and responsible to, Toronto Public Health.

Top Priorities: Supporting implementation of Toronto's food strategy and Greater Golden Horseshoe Food and Farm Action Plan, Urban Agriculture Strategy, and embedding food in the Official Plan.

Notable Achievements:

- Toronto Food Charter (2000)
 - Toronto Food Strategy (2010)
 - Greater Golden Horseshoe Food and Farm Action Plan (2012)
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Toronto Youth Food Policy Council

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Governance: Supported by the Toronto Food Policy Council, an independent, youth-run council of approximately 10 committed young people. The Council has three strong committees made up of several dozen committee members and a community membership of nearly 300 engaged youth.

Top Priorities: Networking (TYFPC website, social media channels, community meetings, inter-council social gatherings, and food/drinks in partnership with Food Forward); Education by coordinating *Gathering*, the TYFPC journal found at <http://journal.tyfpc.ca/>), as well as the food policy workshops to interested groups; and Advocacy to advocate the youth voice within the Municipal food policy discourse by attending City Council Meetings and creating action items based on actions at City Hall, delivering deputations on behalf of the council in support of relevant issues, supporting TFPC priority issues, and serving as TYFPC Alternates on the TFPC.

Notable Achievement: The TYFPC's greatest success has been creating a platform for Toronto's vast youth food-security movement to come together, build connections, support each others initiatives, and start new ones.

Waterloo Region Food System Roundtable

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Governance: Independent. The establishment of the Roundtable was led by the Regional Municipality's Public Health department, and Public Health has supplied staff support (.5 FTE), but there is no official defined relationship between the municipality and the Roundtable. It is an independent organization.

Top Priorities: Food Sovereignty, Food Policy, Urban Agriculture, Local Food Infrastructure, Farm Viability, Healthy Food Access (Described in detail at www.wrfoodsystem.ca/priorities)

Notable Achievement: The Roundtable's biggest achievement has been the establishment of food policies into our Regional Municipality's Official Plan. It draws a countryside line around urban boundaries (preventing further sprawl onto farmland), requires lower-tier municipalities to permit temporary farmers' markets and community gardens, and urges consideration of healthy food access when considering development applications. Link to journal article about its development: <http://dx.doi.org/10.5304/jafscd.2011.021.003>