



LOCAL FOOD ACTION PLAN

CITY OF COLUMBUS & FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO

Feedback Form

The following tables show the list of recommended actions presented in the DRAFT Policy and Program Recommendations Report, separated by goals. Please provide comments on the actions following review of the report.

GOAL 1 (Previously Focus Area 4)

Enhancing coordination and communication among existing food resources and agencies

ID	Action Presented 12/11/16	Action in Draft Report	Comments
059	Establish a "Local Food Office" to coordinate food system initiatives in the City of Columbus and Franklin County	Establish a centralized local food "office" to coordinate food system initiatives throughout the City of Columbus and Franklin County.	
010	Establish an Agricultural Land Trust that develops incentives, resources, and community education around the use of agricultural land	Establish an Agricultural Land Trust	
500	Partner with trade organizations to coordinate, build relationships and consolidate high cost activities to create a greater supply of processed local food.	Create a food processing collaborative	
2016	Establish a formal farmers market network agency like those in other cities	Create a farmers market collaborative for the City of Columbus and Franklin County	

GOAL 2 (Previously Focus Area 1)

Improving access to nutritious, affordable food, and education about healthy food

ID	Action Presented 12/11/16	Action in Draft Report	Comments
775	Increase SNAP payment acceptance at farmers markets, stands and corner stores*	Expand SNAP/WIC acceptance to support Veggie SNAPS expansion*	
177	Improve transit routes between low access communities and healthy food sources*	Improve transit routes and transit options to healthy food sources*	
699	Provide mobile markets to distribute healthy and local food along with food education to underserved communities	Increase and support mobile markets	
669	Provide a training program for small store owners on sourcing and handling perishable food	Support training programs for small store owners on sourcing perishable food	
134	Support purchases of local, nutritious food by schools, senior care facilities, and local government agencies	Support public and institutional purchase agreements of local and healthy food	
2014	Increase public funding to support and expand "community" gardens, education and green spaces in areas of low income and higher rates of diet-related chronic disease condition	Increase and support civic agriculture*	
682	Equip grocery stores in underserved communities with nutrition counseling, shopping strategies, and incentives to buy local and healthy food*	Provide nutrition education and healthy food purchasing incentives at grocery stores*	

GOAL 2 (cont.)

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391	Create centers housing community kitchens, gardens providing education, health fairs and services to the community, particularly women and children*	Increase and support centers with community food education and access programs and resources (e.g. kitchen programs, civic agriculture, health fairs)*	
652	Integrate nutrition and food system education into public school curricula*	Increase nutrition and food system education into public school curricula*	
861	Provide healthy food education through existing health centers*	Increase healthy food education and provide fruit/vegetable prescription programs with counseling and food vouchers at health centers.	
205	Provide culturally sensitive nutrition assistance, food education and cooking programs to immigrant communities	Increase and support immigrant and refugee community education	

GOAL 3 (Previously Focus Area 2)

Increase the role of food in economic development

ID	Action Presented 12/11/16	Action in Draft Report	Comments
464	Provide more short-term financial assistance for new and expanding farm operations	Provide short-term financial and technical assistance for food business expansions and start-ups	
548	Revise zoning codes to protect agricultural land, allow agricultural uses in more areas, and require pedestrian-friendly infrastructure in urban areas*	Revise zoning codes, land use plans and permitting processes to support agricultural uses and the local food system*	
193	Coordinate with State and Local agencies to streamline food processing certification	Support streamlined food processing certification with state and local agencies	
817	Transform vacant commercial spaces into neighborhood food hubs, food-based businesses, education sites or green space*	Transform vacant commercial spaces into neighborhood food hubs, food-based businesses, education sites or green space*	
2020	Conduct a study of impact on workers in food production and impact on diverse communities who prevail in that work	Create a task-force to study food system wages and support increased purchasing power of food system workers	
442	Provide agriculture and food business classes with internships at joint vocational schools	Support food business classes, internships, and hands-on learning experiences	
845	Establish an international food marketplace*	Support international food marketplaces*	
529	Develop a strategic marketing plan for local food using multiple mediums (newspaper, social media, television)*	Support a strategic marketing plan for local food*	

GOAL 3 (cont.)

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593	Attract grocery stores to underserved neighbor-hoods (e.g., tax credits, grant and loan programs, small business/economic development programs, and other economic incentives).	Support grocery store location and expansion, particularly in underserved neighborhoods	
813	Create a neighborhood food center that offers job and entrepreneurial opportunities, collaborative food education, and true community engagement*	Support neighborhood food business centers*	
437	Establish cooperatives around shared labor, equipment, distribution, storage and/or revenue generating processing operations.	Support local food system cooperatives	
807	Attach a community food hub to a permanent Farmers' Market to process and warehouse local food and serve the neighborhood*	Support food hubs, potentially in combination with a permanent farmers market*	
352	Fund a neutral "public interest broker" who can link regional producers with Franklin County commercial buyers	Support a neutral "public interest broker" or "value chain facilitator"*	
855	Establish a food manufacturing facility to provide local jobs*	Support food manufacturing facilities*	
869	Develop key guidelines and metrics for healthy food systems and incorporate into city and county departments to direct policy (similar to transportation and housing).	Develop and incorporate guidelines and metrics for healthy food systems into public agency departments	

GOAL 4 (Previously Focus Area 3)

Preventing food-related waste

ID	Action Presented 12/11/16	Action in Draft Report	Comments
157	Create financial incentives and educational campaigns to encourage food waste reduction	Support educational campaigns and incentives to encourage food waste reduction	
589	Require waste reduction plans from new businesses as part of the business license application and provide incentives for existing businesses to adopt waste reduction practices	Provide incentives to businesses for food waste reduction plans	
108	Revise zoning and health codes to allow commercial farming, farmers' markets, edible landscapes and composting areas in commercial districts.	Support zoning and health codes that encourage alternative food waste disposal methods	
135	Offer low-cost in-home and outdoor compost bins to residential areas	Offer low-cost compost bins to residential areas	
420	Engage local leaders in food waste reduction and diversion practices to provide training and guidance for other large scale food waste generators.	Provide training and guidance for large-scale food waste generators	