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Food Policy Council Mission

Create a more equitable and sustainable Montgomery County Food System

Goal 1

- Increase coordination of County services and resources

Goal 2

- Improve communication among food system stakeholders

Goal 3

- Identify and achieve collective goals

Montgomery County Food Policy Council

Leadership Team

Strategic guidance and direction
for Council development

Working Groups

Issue specific research and
recommendations

General Members

Information and resource sharing



Leadership Team Structure

12 seats:

- 5 County Seats

- Commerce Department (1)
- Health and Human Services (2)
- Planning Commission (2)

- 4 At-Large Seats

- 3 Stakeholder Seats

- Agriculture
- Community Member
- Food Security

Currently accepting applications for 2 At-Large Seats! [Apply here](#) by September 1.



Leadership Team Role and Expectations

Role:

- ❖ Provide strategic guidance and direction for local food system development
- ❖ Give feedback on Working Group reports and other Food Policy Council projects
- ❖ Plan General Membership Meetings and other Council events
- ❖ Develop policy recommendations for County Commissioners and relevant County Departments

Expectations:

- ❖ Attend regular (monthly or bi-monthly) leadership team meetings
- ❖ Complete tasks in between meetings, including participating in email conversations, reviewing and editing documents, conducting outreach or research as needed, etc.
- ❖ Participate in the Leadership Team with a spirit of respect and collaboration
- ❖ Represent the Council as appropriate in coalitions, meetings, and events
- ❖ Complete a 2-year term
- ❖ Receive compensation for participation - \$300 quarterly stipend

Working Groups

- All working groups meet monthly
- Email samuel.applefield@montgomerycountypa.gov to join a working group
- Take the [Network Development Survey!](#)



Food Security Educational Campaign

Increase awareness and action to address food insecurity



New Farmer Pipeline

Make connections among resource providers

Support the next generation of farmers



Network Development

Understands current partner needs

Stakeholder analysis and outreach



General Membership

- Quarterly Meetings
- Scheduling next meeting for early September
- Monthly newsletter - [Sign up here!](#)





Other Orgs to Follow

- [Pennsylvania Hunger Action Coalition \(PHAC\)](#)
- [Pennsylvania Food Policy Council \(PA FPC\)](#)
- [Community Legal Services \(CLS\)](#)
- [Food Research and Action Center \(FRAC\)](#)