

Piedmont Triad Regional Food Council Overview

Vision: Communities united for an inclusive, healthy, and resilient local food economy

Mission: We are a community-led food policy council that aims to build a regional network that provides structure for collaboration and collective action across the Piedmont Triad foodshed.

Purposes:

- Serve as an umbrella organization that provides credible fiscal and administrative structure to leverage resources and to build political and public support
- Convene regional food system stakeholders to share best practices and resources, to increase collaboration, to provide focus and program alignment, and to energize the network with connection
- Research and analyze local food system economic development and policy opportunities

How to Get Involved:

Community members interested in the local food system that live or work in the 12-county Piedmont Triad region are encouraged to participate in the following ways:

Broad Network - Show up and give input

- **Who:** The Broad Network will consist of any interested community member engaged in the food system in the Piedmont Triad region.
- **What:** Food systems stakeholders will be encouraged to participate in the work groups and at an annual food system gathering.
- **How:** The Council will encourage public input and community engagement of the Network through social media, email lists, surveys, and/or in-person convenings.

Work Groups - Share expertise, resources, and take action

- **Who:** Community members with specific expertise, resources, and/or commitment to a work group topic.
- **What:** Work groups will be formed to advance strategies around specific issues, tentatively - Economic Development, Public Health, Equity & Food Access
- **How:** The work groups will convene as needed, often monthly, over email, conference calls or in-person as best fits the needs of the group.

Regional Food Council - Coordinate and advise

- **Who:** Through an application process, 18-25 food systems stakeholders will be selected that represent 1) each of the 12 counties, 2) a broad array of food system sectors, and 3) a balance rural vs urban, socio-economic, cultural, racial, and gender backgrounds.
- **What:** The Council will guide the scope, strategy, coordination, and evaluation of the Regional Food Assessment and Council while ensuring that it serves the Council's mission and vision.
- **How:** Through shared leadership, the Council will host meetings every other month and continue the work through email and phone calls between meetings.