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PORTLAND FOOD POLICY COUNCIL

The Food Policy Council is a citizen-based advisory council to the City of Portland and Multnomah County. The Council brings citizens and professionals together from the region to address issues regarding food access, land use planning issues, local food purchasing plans and many other policy initiatives in the current regional food system.

Meeting Information

Food Policy Council meetings are open to the public. Please come and make your voice heard. Meetings are held from 4 p.m. - 6 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month. See our calendar for specific times and dates.

For more information and current agenda contact: Steve Cohen, Food Policy and Programs,
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Vision

All City of Portland and Multnomah County residents have access to a wide variety of nutritious, affordable food, grown locally and sustainably.

Mission

Bring together a diverse array of stakeholders to integrate the aspects of the food system (production, distribution, access, consumption, processing and recycling) in order to enhance the environmental, economic, social and nutritional health of the City of Portland and Multnomah County.

Goals

- 1) Educate and compile information about the local food system.
- 2) Develop strategies to enhance the environmental, economic, social and nutritional health of the City of Portland and Multnomah County.
- 3) Affect and develop food policy.
- 4) Advocate and advise on policy implementation.

The Burlington Food Council has been meeting monthly since Fall 2003 to examine the farm to school food system and food, farm, and nutrition education in Burlington, Vermont. The Food Council has developed a School Food Action Plan and a more focused One-Year Workplan, which guides the group's work for 2006-2007. [Click here](#) to download the Assessment from the Legacy Project publications page.

The Burlington Food Council is comprised of over 30 active members. The diverse group includes farmers, parents, Burlington School District employees, students, researchers, and health and nutrition experts. [Click here](#) for a current list of members and advisors.

The Council defines its purpose as:

The Burlington Food Council is overseeing a Community Food Assessment focused on school-aged children (ages 5-18) and their families. The purpose is to improve the health of our children through better food & nutrition education, access and availability. An important component to this vision is to strengthen the local food system by utilizing locally produced food and connecting youth to food sources.

Goal 1: Building Food Knowledge and Experience

Youth will develop critical eating/thinking skills and gain sensory experiences to evaluate food choices and the food system as it relates to personal health, sustainability, and equity.

Goal 2: Building Food Appreciation and Access

School age youth and their families will examine their approaches to food in school and home settings and increase awareness of the importance and value of healthy and diverse foods in their lives.

Goal 3: Building Local Food Systems

Stronger links will be established between local food producers and the Burlington School District to improve market opportunities for local producers, improve Food Service choices and enhance youth connection to food sources. Contact Betsy Rosenbluth, Legacy Project Director, for more information on the Burlington Food Council. Phone (802) 865-7515 or email brosenbluth@ci.burlington.vt.us