

Detroit Food Policy Council Connecting: Food, Environment, Justice

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Food Policy Councils

- 324 Food Policy Councils across the USA and Canada as of 2016 Johns Hopkins Survey
 - Johns Hopkins Center for a Livable Future
- Roughly 25 Food Policy Councils in Michigan
 - Michigan Local Food Council Network
- A directory of food policy councils can be found at:
- http://www.foodpolicynetworks.org/directory/



Detroit Food Policy Council Origins

- June 2006 Detroit Black Community Food Security Network (DBCFSN) presented to city council need for Food Security Policy
- Policy Adopted March 25, 2008
- A resolution, offered by Council Member Watson, was unanimously approved by the Detroit City Council on October 7, 2008 authorizing creation of the Detroit Food Policy Council (DFPC)
- The City Council unanimously approved the recommendations on February 17, 2009
- The first DFPC council meeting was held November 2009
- 2011 first employee hired





Mission:

To influence policy which ensures the development and maintenance of a sustainable and equitable food system, resulting in a food-secure City of Detroit in which all of its residents are hunger-free, healthy, and benefiting from a robust food system.

Vision:

Residents of the City of Detroit are educated about healthy food choices and understand their relationship to, and benefit from policies that promote food security, food justice and food sovereignty. We envision a city of Detroit that has a healthy, vibrant, hunger-free populace with easy access to affordable fresh produce and other healthy food choices. In the City of Detroit urban agriculture, composting operate sustainably and contribute to the City's social and economic vitality All residents, workers, and visitors are treated with respect, justice and dignity by those from whom they provide and obtain food

Values: Justice - Respect - Integrity - Inclusion - Transparency

Structure of DFPC

- 23 Council Members
 - 15 Sectors Food System
 - Environmental Justice
 - Sustainable Agriculture
 - 4 At Large Members
 - 1 Youth Member
 - 3 City Appointees
- Three Staff Members
- Four Committees
 - Research and Policy
 - Wasted Food Work Group
 - Education an Engagement
 - Fund Development (Internal)
 - Nominating (Internal)





