

CROSS-CUTTING PRIORITIES

Climate Change

Increase awareness of and action on the intersections of climate change exacerbating challenges in the food system and ways to mitigate emissions.

ALL WORKING GROUPS

Racial Equity

Expand practice of conducting Racial Equity Impact Analysis for Food Policy recommendations

ALL WORKING GROUPS

Budget Transparency

Highlight District funding across the food system to increase awareness of where and how money is spent.

FOOD POLICY DIVISION

Housing & Economic Equity

Acknowledge and address economic injustice and housing costs as key drivers in inequities in food access.

ALL WORKING GROUPS

Resource Promotion

Promote existing funding available for food businesses and food education organizations, as well as the ongoing work of partners

FOOD POLICY DIVISION

URBAN AG WORKING GROUP

Goal: All District residents have access to knowledge and resources to grow food for themselves.

Update, release and publicize urban agriculture map, including farms and assets like greenhouses

Update and publicize urban agriculture classes in the District

Complete and share outcomes from the urban agriculture and affordable housing case study

Pursue discussions with DC Water for free and accessible water for all District urban farms and community gardens

SUSTAINABLE SUPPLY CHAIN

Goal: Improve District procurement through the purchase of more nutritious, sustainable, and local & regional food

Ensure that Central Food Processing Facilities in DC are designed to foster values-based procurement

Support Communities of Practice for food-procuring agencies, offices, and institutions

Support the passing of Farmers Market legislation based on 2024 Working Group recommendations

Release procurement study and socialize findings to improve procurement

REDUCING WASTED FOOD

Goal: Improve food waste prevention and diversion among residents, and businesses, and District government.

Help DC government agencies lead by example with food waste prevention and diversion practices

Encourage a "make the most of your food" mindset and improve understanding of food waste prevention

Build capacity among DC businesses to prevent and divert food waste



HEALTH & NUTRITION EDUCATION

Goal: Reduce the burden of diet-related chronic disease in Washington, D.C. by improving access to food education, enhancing nutrition workforce capacity, and increasing opportunities for reimbursement of services.

Increase access to food education programs for youth and adults in Washington, D.C.



Increase capacity for food and nutrition related community based organizations to work with the healthcare sector.



Reduce barriers to entry for residents in Washington, D.C. to become licensed as a nutritionist or credentialed as a registered dietitian nutritionist.



ENTREPRENEURSHIP & FOOD JOBS

Goal: Reduce barriers to new food businesses successfully launching and growing, especially in Wards 7 and 8.

Understand barriers for cottage food businesses and other food entrepreneurs, while also lifting up stories of success



Release food business registration road map with support of DC Health and DLCP



Continue to promote funding opportunities for food businesses from all District agencies, nonprofits, and local entities



Identify opportunities for local food businesses of multiple types to access the Certified Business Enterprise designation



FOOD ACCESS & EQUITY

Goal: Enable District residents to access increased local and Federal food benefits they deserve and are eligible for

Educate the public about legislation aimed at increasing funding for food access programs

Increase enrollment of seniors and people with disabilities in food access programs

Support DC residents in navigating and participating in food access programs, with no wrong door approaches to benefit access and food services

