

Regional Food Policy Council



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The Regional Food Policy Council was established in September 2010 at the Puget Sound Regional Council to bring together community, government, business and agricultural interests to work on integrated and sustainable policy recommendations to strengthen the regional food system. The Puget Sound Regional Council serves as the Metropolitan Planning Organization for King, Pierce, Snohomish and Kitsap counties and is focused on ensuring a thriving central Puget Sound region now and into the future through planning for transportation, growth management and economic development. The Regional Food Policy Council has a diverse membership of 30 jurisdictions, businesses, institutions and community organizations.

The Regional Food Policy Council has adopted vision, mission and goal statements to guide its work:

Vision

The Regional Food Policy Council envisions a thriving, inclusive and just local and regional food system* that enhances the health of: people, diverse communities, economies, and environments.

Mission

The Regional Food Policy Council develops just and integrated policy and action recommendations that promote health, sustain and strengthen the local and regional food system, and engage and partner with agriculture, business, communities and governments in the four-county region.

Goals

- **Agriculture:** strengthen the economic vitality and viability of farming and promote a vibrant community of farmers; maximize opportunities for farming across scales; preserve land for farming.
- **Economic Development:** advance regionally-scaled Infrastructure; enhance economic viability of local and regional food systems; support living-wage jobs and occupations.
- **Education:** foster education about and understanding of food, agriculture and environmental protection; facilitate outreach and education among elected leaders and communities
- **Environment:** promote sustainable agriculture and protect the environment.
- **Equity:** promote equity and access to affordable, nutritious food; strengthen local and regional food systems and increase community food security.
- **Health:** improve public health through food access, nutrition and production; improve the health, safety, and welfare of workers and worker rights and reduce environmental health risks.
- **Policy:** connect local and regional efforts with statewide, national, and international efforts to strengthen local and regional food systems; develop model policies for use by jurisdictions in support of all goals; sustain Regional Food Policy Council.

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* *The food system is the network of people and activities connecting growing and harvesting, processing, distribution, consumption, and residue utilization, as well as associated government and non-government institutions, regulations and programs.*