

MISSION

The Council works to promote food security in Howard County by bringing together multi-sector partners to advance equitable and sustainable systems-level solutions.

VISION

A County where all neighbors have reliable access to education, healthy and nutritious food that honors their cultural traditions while empowering individuals with choice and autonomy for generations to come.

Howard County Food Council STRATEGIC ROADMAP, FY27 - 28



Goal

Foster collaboration among diverse food system partners to improve food and nutrition security among Howard County community members

PRIORITIES & STRATEGIES

Food System Collaboration

- Create professional development opportunities to ensure comprehensive understanding of the entire food system.
- Design and create visual depiction of Howard County's Food System with key sectors and roles to help identify synergies and gaps to inform collaborative initiatives.
- Foster collaboration across the food system to explore grant opportunities and other cross-sector initiatives informed by individuals with lived experiences of food insecurity.

Farm Fresh At the Table

- Support educational opportunities to increase access and utilization of farm fresh food.
- Pilot collaborative Farm-To-Plate initiatives.
- Foster collaboration with schools, food pantries, community centers and food pantries with farms.
- Research and Pilot Food As Medicine interventions.
- Collaborate on food rescue and gleaning opportunities.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- ❖ Advocacy
- ❖ Collaboration

- ❖ Equity
- ❖ Inclusive

- ❖ Innovation
- ❖ Integrity