

Situation

Problems:

- Not enough to eat
- Increasing food costs
- Reliance on poorer quality food
- Lack of access to good, locally produced food
- Increased obesity
- Limited cooking skills
- Lack of transportation
- Food injustice

Resources:

- Support for local produce
- Increasing number of farmers' markets and community gardens
- Interest in hoopouses and greenhouses

The situation was identified by concerned community members in a series of conversations to identify issues unique to our community

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Contact Us!

If you have any questions, comments or concerns, feel free to contact our Steering Committee Co-chair Randy Bell
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The vision of the Food Systems Workgroup (FSW) is that everyone has access to safe, healthy and affordable food.

Type of Organization:

The Food Systems Workgroup (FSW) shall be described and defined as an independent, non-political, non-sectarian community coalition.

Food Systems Workgroup functions to:

- Serve as forums for discussing food issues,
- Foster coordination between sectors in the food system,
- Evaluate and influence policy, and
- Launch or support programs and services that address local needs.
- Increase understanding and awareness of our food system.

Membership

The FSW has no limit on the number of participants. However, since membership does not require any specific actions, FSW will also work to establish a steering committee that will be comprised of up to 15 members with the goal of including as broad of a range of the following perspectives:

- Farmers/Growers
- Emergency Food Systems
- Health and Wellness
- Food Services
- Restaurateurs
- Food Manufacturers & Distributors
- Waste Management
- Planning
- Transportation
- Schools
- Grocery
- Business or Economic Development
- Human Services
- Community and/or Faith-Based Organizations
- Land Use
- Elected Officials
- Community Members

The membership selection process shall strive to encourage racial, socioeconomic, ethnic and geographic diversity. There are three levels of involvement:



At-large

Anyone interested in the food system of the greater Lansing area can join/contribute as an At-large member. At-large members may then choose a greater level of involvement by serving on the steering committee or on an action team.

Steering Committee

The Steering Committee is responsible for the development and evaluation of a strategic plan, evaluates the Workgroup's progress, prepares the agenda for At-large meetings, makes recommendations to the At-large membership on courses of action, serves as an executive committee if action is required between general meetings (inc. voting by email, if situation dictates), elects committee leadership, determines referendum votes and make recommendations for filling empty seats on the Steering Committee.

Action Teams

At-large members and other interested parties are welcome to participate at the action team level. Action Teams emerge out of strategic plan and are formed to carry out desired actions. Action Teams can be ad hoc or standing.

Meetings

At-large and Steering Committees meet bi-monthly (every other month) on opposing months. The steering committee is required to attend both the At-large and Steering committee meetings (12 per year). Steering Committee members may miss no more than three meetings unless absence is arranged and excused by the Steering Committee.

The Food Systems Workgroup wishes to adopt the Michigan Good Food Charter's definition of good food; Good Food means food that is:

- **Healthy** - It provides nourishment and enables people to thrive
- **Green** - It was produced in a manner that is environmentally sustainable
- **Fair** - No one along the production line was exploited for its creation
- **Affordable** - All people have access to it

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