Minnesota Food Access Planning Guide

A Minnesota Food Charter Leadership Guide
Food Access Presentation

- Food Access/Food System
- Local Planning
Introductions

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The Need

- Changing food system.
- Changing demographics, economy, and development trends.
- Knowledge gap between food and planning.
- Comprehensive planning process in the metro.
- A need to focus on equity.
Purpose

• Bridge the Knowledge gap between planners and food systems advocates by providing an overview of the food system and planning

• Provide tools and language to facilitate policy, systems, and environmental change.

• Empower planners

• Empower food systems advocates
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• Part I. provides an overview of both food and planning issues by highlighting important background information, legal/law considerations and impacts, and trend information.

• Part II. provide model comprehensive plan language as a resource to ease the process of adoption and implementation of food policy and E changes for local and regional governments and agencies.
Strategy Areas

- Land Use
- Housing
- Transportation
- Economic Development
- Farmland Preservation
- Food Production
- Food Aggregation + Processing + Distribution
- Healthy Food Retail
- Pollinators
Strategy Areas

• Goal Statement
• Overview
• Policy & Strategy Recommendations
• Things to Consider
• Case Studies
• Additional Resources
Strategy Area Example: Healthy Retail

- Goal Statement: Expand reliable access to food retail options that offer safe, affordable, healthy food.
  - Policy I: [Local government] will partner in efforts to bring a new grocery store to the community/underserved location.
    - Contribute to the research needed for establishing realistic expectations and an appropriate strategy.
    - Modify zoning codes that may restrict or not permit grocery stores, particularly in neighborhood commercial districts near residential uses.
Strategy Area Example: Healthy Retail

• Things to Consider:
  – Strong partnerships between local government and other stakeholders and advocates are important for bringing needed energy to the complex issues of attracting a grocery store
  – Because of its many benefits to the public, the development of a grocery store can justify public financial support, but only where the store will generate sufficient sales to cover operating expenses.
Thank you

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