

Jefferson County Food Council  
Statement of Interest

Thank you for considering stepping forward to serve on the Jefferson County Food Council. The purpose of the Food Council is to strengthen and expand the capacity of Jefferson County to grow, process, store, transport/deliver, and make affordable raw ingredients and value-added products locally.

The Food Council will be a collaboration of representatives from a broad spectrum of our local food system, potentially including and not limited to: health, nutrition, education, food security, resources, conservation, agriculture, distribution, manufacturing, elected officials, government agencies, and community members. The vision is for a group of 15-20 people to begin meeting on a regular basis to identify gaps and weaknesses in our local food system and find and/or develop resources to address them. Meetings will begin before the end of the year.

Citizens for Local Food (CLF), an Action Group of Local 2020, recognizes Jefferson County's potential for a more accessible, secure, and locally-sourced food system, and has been inspired by other Food Councils thriving around the U.S. CLF is facilitating the formation of the Food Council (and is available to support the implementation of the Council's recommendations), but once convened, the Food Council will be an independent body and decide everything from a mission statement to short/long-term agenda, and the schedule and frequency of meetings.

To express your interest in serving on the Food Council, please fill out the form below and return it to WSU Small Farms Program. Please feel free to attach a resume, if you wish.

**DEADLINE: OCTOBER 20**

**Hand Deliver or Postal Mail:**

**380 Jefferson St., PT  
(located at Pt. Hudson)**

**Scan your completed form to:  
(or request an electronic version)**

**fieldinternship@gmail.com**

**Questions? Call Judith Alexander 360-385-5794**

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Ph # \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Address \_\_\_\_\_

Best way to reach me is (circle): phone text email

I represent the following sector(s) of our local food system: (circle all that apply, add your own if appropriate)

Farming

Restaurant

Value-Added/Manufacturing

Retail /Wholesale

Food Security

Institutional Food Service

Grange

Concerned Citizen

Elected Official

Distribution

Government Agency

Conservation

Nutrition

Education

Resource/Waste Management

Elected Official

Health

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Members of the Food Council will be expected to solicit input from, and regularly inform, others regarding the work of the Council. Who do you currently collaborate with in the Jefferson County food system? (For any of your responses use back of pages as necessary.)

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Please briefly state why you believe Jefferson County needs a Food Council.

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Please briefly state why you wish to serve on the Food Council.

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Members of the Food Council will be expected to set their own personal and business agenda aside in favor of representing their sector of the food system and serving the needs of the food system as a whole. Please describe your collaborative, discussion-driven decision making, cooperative, etc. skills.

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How often do you think the Food Council should meet?

Once/month year round     Every other month year round

Once/month Oct-March     Every other month Oct-March

6 Times/year                       8 Times/year

How often would you be able to attend meetings? (For example, if the Council elected to meet every other month year round, how often would you be able to be present?)

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Please check one:

I can make a one (1) year commitment to serving on the Food Council

I can make a two (2) year commitment to serving on the Food Council

If you are a farmer or a farm intern, do you feel that participation on the Food Council is realistic for you (or, in fact for farmers in general)? How do you think the Food Council could make participation on the Council accessible for farmers?

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We invite you to add additional comments you feel are pertinent to your serving on the Food Council or regarding the formation of the Council.

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