

JEFFERSON COUNTY LOCAL FOOD SYSTEM COUNCIL

Working together to create, expand, and strengthen a local food system that is accessible, healthy, sustainable, and economically vibrant.

STRATEGIC PRINCIPLES

1. ENSURE the right to food security for all residents.
2. CREATE a system of food agriculture capable of supporting the population of Jefferson County without diminishing the long-term carrying capacity of our natural resources.
3. PROTECT local agricultural land.
4. SUPPORT both rural and urban food agriculture that reduces our reliance on food items produced elsewhere that can be produced locally.
5. ENSURE that farming remains a viable and valued vocational option by:
 - ❖ Honoring food farmers' basic needs;
 - ❖ Providing opportunities for agricultural education;
 - ❖ Collaborating to develop agricultural support systems;
 - ❖ Working to build shared infrastructure that allows farms to remain decentralized and take on less debt in order to function;
 - ❖ Identifying and helping to remove barriers to land acquisition and use by new farmers.

JEFFERSON COUNTY LOCAL FOOD SUPPLY COUNCIL

STRATEGIC PRINCIPLES - CONTINUED

6. ENCOURAGE access to local, regionally-adapted animals, plants, seeds, transplants, and nursery-stock that are free of the unknown effects of biotech modification.
7. INCREASE food self-reliance and community resilience, encourage landowners to participate in growing food.
8. ADVOCATE for the protection of pollinators.
9. MAXIMIZE the sale and local-use of food produced in Jefferson County.
10. COLLABORATE with government and the business community to develop and maintain infrastructure needed to support local food production and distribution.
11. ENSURE the majority of organic waste materials in Jefferson County are composted and cycled back into the soil to maintain and increase its fertility.
12. SEEK to capture and distribute food that is recoverable and useful.
13. FOSTER community food literacy, including educating all students from Kindergarten through High School.