COMMUNITY FOOD SYSTEMS: FOOD SYSTEM POLICY COUNCIL

GOALS

to bring **FOOD ACTIVISTS,** community members, urban and rural planners, and local, municipal and state governments together as partners in creating local food initiatives. Food policy councils **SUPPORT** communities in their efforts to rebuild, with existing community assets, local and regional food systems. This collaboration assists partners within various scales of communities to move forward in food system change through **COORDINATED EFFORTS** for policy change. These coalitions of leaders give a voice to numerous, compassionate individuals and organizations within the community. Food policy councils defend and articulate priorities of the community that inform local and regional policies to continue to enhance the opportunity for implementation of local food system implementation.

BENEFITS

- Provide policy frameworks for all scales
- Facilitate forums for diverse stakeholders in the food system
- Evaluate and influence policies effecting
- Food systems: food safety, land use and zoning, food procurement, food labeling, food assistance benefits
- Interact with the food supply chain: production, processing, aggregation + Distribution, retail, consumption, food waste
- Support programs and services relating to food system viability

COMMUNITY IMPACT

- Number of food policy councils nearly doubled from 111 councils in 2010 to 193 councils in 2012: representing and advocating for health, environmental sustainability, economic viability and socially just food systems.

- Assist in state and local food system assessments (fsa) : analysis of food supply chain data collected identifies gaps and assets within the food system to inform decision making on programs and policies

- Potential to address public health through improvements to food access, food insecurity, and quality of available food

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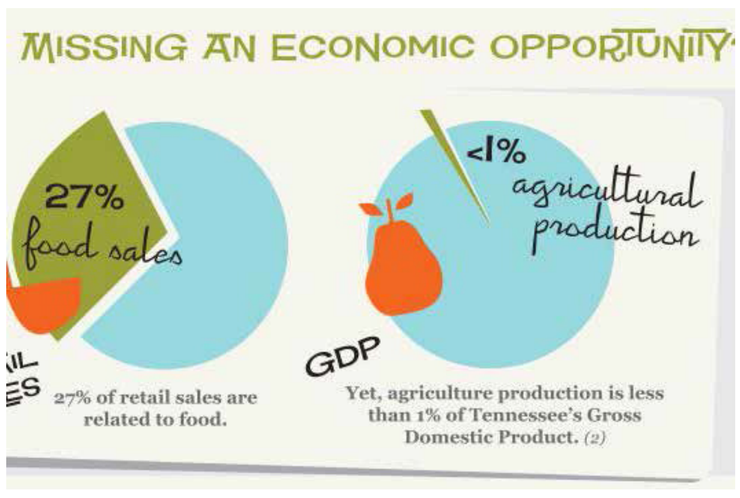
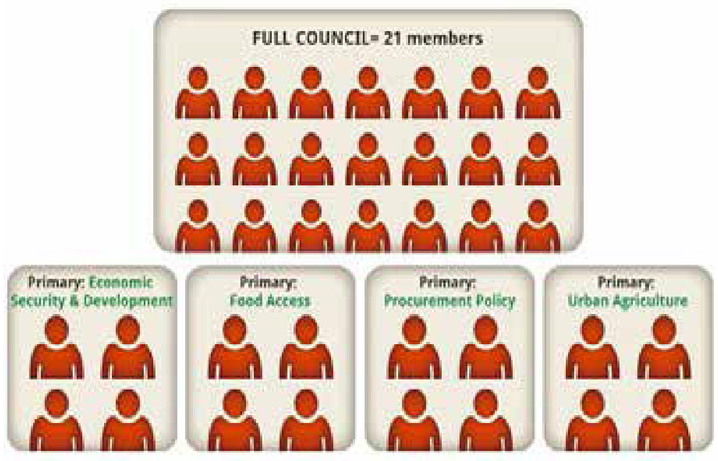


KNOXVILLE-KNOX COUNTY FOOD POLICY COUNCIL: Knoxville, Tennesse: Formed in 1982; The council is noted for advocacy in school nutrition, food monitoring system, improving access to full-service grocery through public transit



OAKLAND FOOD POLICY COUNCIL: Oakland, California: Began in 2006 after a Food Systems Assessment. OFPC strives to make healthy food available to every Oakland resident.

Knoxville-Knox County Food Policy Council: Knoxville, Tennesse
Food Matters Publication: pg. 2

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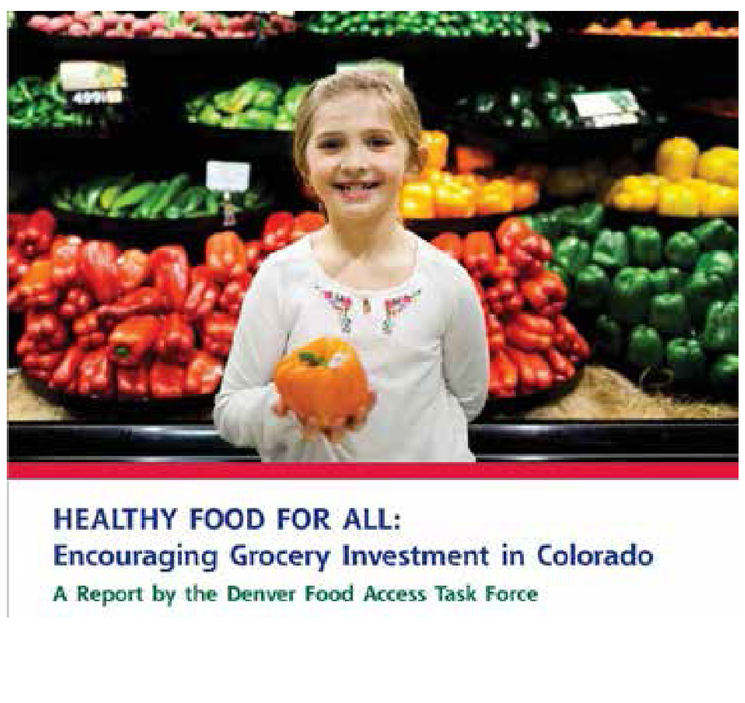
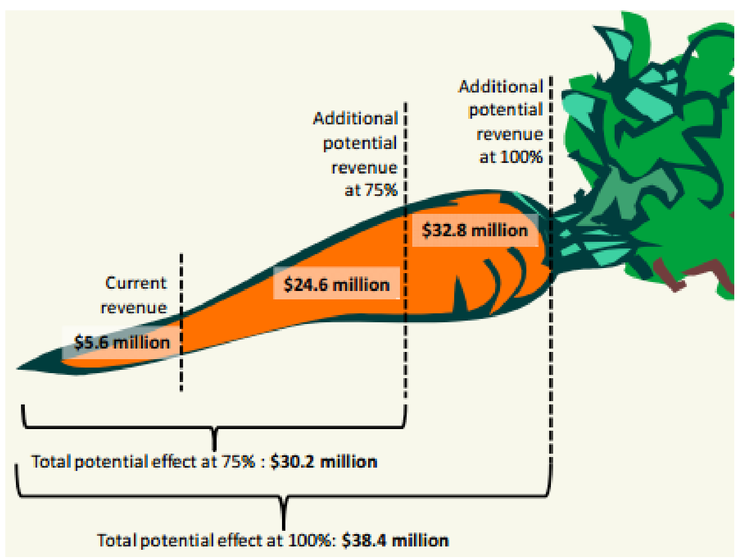


DENVER SUSTAINABLE FOOD POLICY COUNCIL: Denver, Colorado: Formed in 2010. The SFPC is an advisory entity to the city on food policy and programs



WEST VIRGINIA FOOD & FARM COALITION: West Virginia: Supports and strengthens opportunities for local food stakeholders through food access and viable business opportunities

Healthy Food For All: Encouraging Grocery Investment in Colorado

West Virginia Food System: Seasonal Production Expansion and Its Impact. p.22

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