

# ORANGE COUNTY FOOD COUNCIL

2019 Review & 2020-2021 Scope of Work

### **2018 Work Plan Progress Report**

The 2018 work plan was designed to be a living document. This plan was shared with all elected boards during the process to approve the MOU to create a Food Council Coordinator position. Any changes made to the Food Council's work plan and/or the Coordinator's scope of work have been approved by the County Manager and the Council's Executive Committee.

- ★ Progress made in all identified priority areas
- ★ Changes to actions came through collaboration with nonprofit agencies, community members, food system stakeholders, and county/town departments
- ★ Moved towards centering racial equity and lived experience

#### **Actions + Accomplishments**

- Lead the development of a regional food council collaborative
- Facilitated partnerships with OCS, UNC, local childcare centers, and Farmer Foodshare to increase local foods in schools
- Assembled a Community Food Resource Guide in Spanish and English (online and PDFs)
- Shared a 'State of Food Security' presentation at the County Commissioner annual retreat; continuing to work with county and town staff and community partners to better understand the challenges and opportunities for addressing hunger

#### **Actions + Accomplishments continued**

- Designed an infographic to illustrate the relationship between food security, affordable housing, and systemic racism
- Facilitated relationships to reduce food waste in schools and with local food businesses
- Supported the development of SOP's at a state level for reducing food waste and increasing safe food recovery practices
- Created a proposal for an Agricultural Trust Fund proposal, conducted a racial equity assessment, and transitioned this effort into the creation of an Orange County Black Farmers think tank

#### 2019 - 2020 Fiscal Year Review

- Hired a full-time coordinator
- Facilitated a partnership with Orange Co Schools and Orange Co Solid Waste to begin a school composting pilot program
- Organized a 'state of food security' report for the County Commissioners
- Presented to the Chapel Hill Human Services Advisory Board
- Facilitated Social Justice & Racial Equity workshops
- Met with food service providers to share & develop best practices for a justice approach to addressing hunger
- Expanded workgroup participation in Local Food Economy,
  Racial Equity, Food Access and Food Waste Recovery
- Completed a racial equity assessment of a proposed agricultural trust fund

#### 2020 - 2021 Goals & Scope of Work

Develop a Food Policy Agenda (FPA is intended to be a 2+ year process)

Recruit new members to sit on the Food Council

Relationships play a central role in the FPA design and implementation process

Support the development of a Racial Equity Community Data Index in collaboration with the Health Equity Council

## What is a Food Policy Agenda?



#### **EQUALITY VERSUS EQUITY**



In the first image, it is assumed that everyone will benefit from the same supports. They are being treated equally.



In the second image, individuals are given different supports to make it possible for them to have equal access to the game. They are being treated equitably.



In the third image, all three can see the game without any supports or accommodations because the cause of the inequity was addressed. The systemic barrier has been removed.

#### **Purpose & Structure**

Identify gaps and opportunities for improving the local food system

Develop an agreement between partners where lived experience and racial equity is centered and everyone understands their role in this work Provide recommendations for practices and policies; recommendations will be part of an accountability framework to ensure actions create necessary change guided by the community

### FPA design process in 2020 - 2021

- Lived experience centered in design process
- Focus on accountability & transparency
- Relationships with those most impacted essential for effective change
- Data Index as a complimentary tool for tracking outcomes
- Racial equity coach advising process
- Participating in other long-term planning processes to help identify areas for deeper collaboration and shared learning across sectors and jurisdictions

