

The Montgomery County Innovation Program welcomes you to the

Montgomery County Food Security Plan Kick-Off Meeting

Thursday, August 11, 2016

9:30 AM

Red Brick Courthouse, Rockville, MD



Agenda

- Background
- Scope of the Food Security Plan
- Objectives of Food Security Plan Meetings
- Process and Timeline
- Q&A

Background

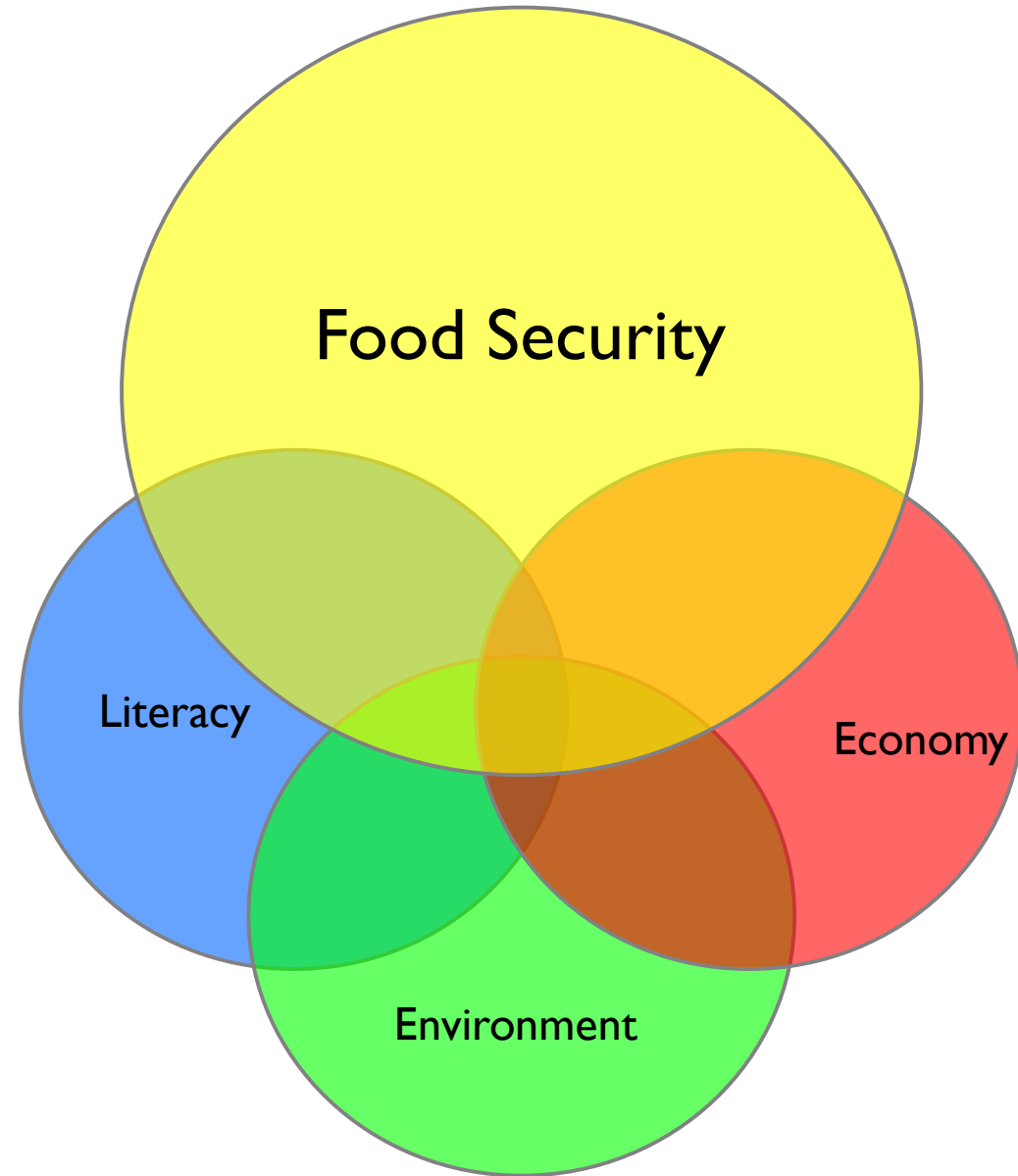
- Bill 19-16, The Strategic Plan to Achieve Food Security, was introduced by Councilmember Roger Berliner in Spring 2016
- Sixteen hunger relief and food system organizations testified in support of this legislation at a public hearing on June 14th
- Bill passed unanimously by County Council on July 11th
- Innovation Program now tasked with creating Food Security Plan by December 2016

Purpose of the Food Security Plan

- Greatly enhance the level of food security in Montgomery County
- Link County dollars spent on food assistance to the metrics defined in the Food Security Plan
- Guide non-profits seeking food assistance grant funding from the County

Food Action Plan

The Food Security Plan will be an integral component of the Food Action Plan, which is a comprehensive overview of the entire food system currently being created by the Montgomery County Food Council



Objectives of Food Security Plan Meetings

- Engage stakeholders, food security professionals and residents to create a strategic plan to bring food security to all Montgomery County residents
- Incorporate valuable perspectives from a wide range of strategic partners in this County-wide effort
- Today:
 - Provide details on timeline and process for the plan's creation
 - Highlight variety of opportunities for organizations and individuals to share insights

Montgomery County Food Action Plan

Four Guiding Principles

Value 1: Inclusive Progress

Value 2: Economic Opportunity

Value 3: Education and Health

Value 4: Environmental Integrity

Target Stakeholder Groups

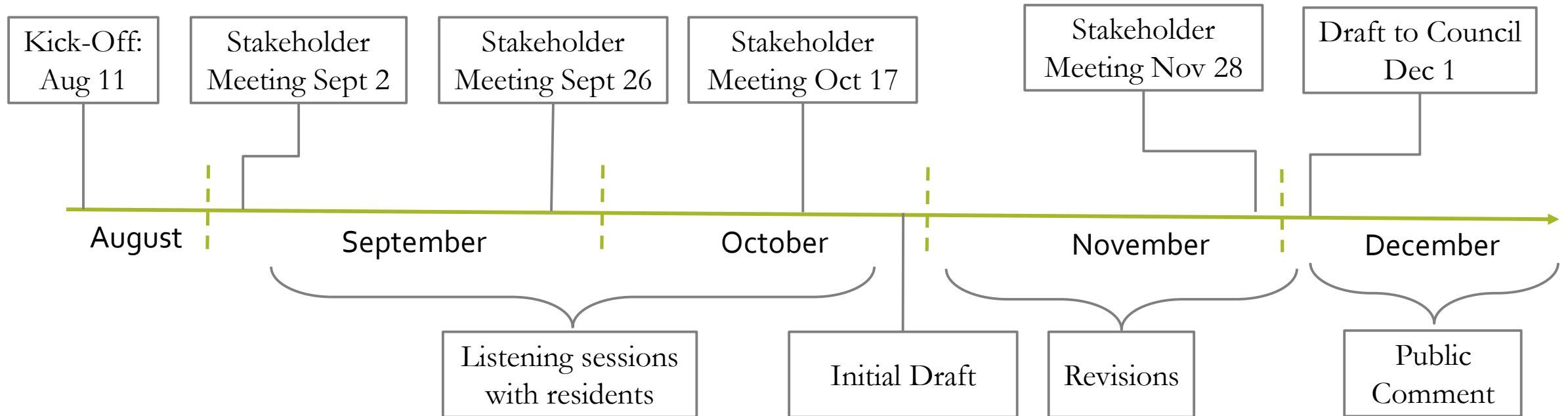
We need our partners' help in coordinating and developing outreach strategies

- Nonprofits
- Government agencies
- Community organizations
- Geographic based outreach
- Partners identified in legislation
- Residents and clients who have experienced food insecurity

Existing Resources

- Models from other jurisdictions (ex. San Francisco; Nevada; Cook County, IL; Pioneer Valley, MA)
- Community Food Access Assessment
- Manna Food Center Strategic Plan
- Food Assistance Resource Directory
- Existing data (ex. FARMS rates, Food assistance program enrollment)

Process and Timeline



Opportunities to Engage in the Process

- Host a listening session
- Attend monthly meetings
- Provide feedback on draft document
- Potential online survey

Questions?

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