

Our Impact in Montgomery County:

Bring the Community Together: The Food Council's Working Groups bring together 60-80 Montgomery County partners every month to discuss ways to improve the food system in our County.

Increase Awareness of Montgomery County Foods and Beverages: Through our Montgomery County Food and Beverage Guide and MoCo Made brand, we make it easier for residents and businesses to find, purchase and consume locally produced foods.

Connect Neighbors at Risk of Hunger with Food Assistance: The Food Council's Food Assistance Resource Directory - a comprehensive list of all hunger relief providers in the County - helps people in need of food assistance find food pantries and meal sites that are convenient, accessible, and culturally appropriate. In addition, our Screen and Intervene Program trains community healthcare, housing, and other partners to screen patients for food insecurity and to make referrals to resources when needed.

Lead Community Efforts to Reduce Food Waste: We bring together a diverse group of residents and composting experts to help create and implement the County's Strategic Plan to Advance Food Waste Composting, expand the local market for compost, and reduce food waste by leading community gleaning projects at County farms.

Connect Residents with Food Education: We are creating a comprehensive resource of all cooking, nutrition, and gardening classes offered in the County to help residents grow, select, and cook more healthful food.

How can I learn more about the Montgomery County Food Council?

Join the Conversation - Come to a Working Group meeting! Visit <https://mocofoodcouncil.org/get-involved/> to learn more.

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What are Food Councils?

A Food Council is a coalition that brings together community stakeholders involved in their local food system.

What is a food system?

All activities involving the production, processing, transport and consumption of food. Essentially, it is the journey that food takes from the farm, to our plates, to the wastestream. Food Councils bring together community partners to make the local food system more healthy, accessible, sustainable, and local.

In Montgomery County, we do this by:

- Increasing access to food for everyone in the community
- Providing information on how food affects our health
- Minimizing the impact of food on our natural environment
- Supporting our local food producers



The Montgomery County Food Council has 25 Council Members who are experts in local food issues. The Council Members lead public Working Groups, which are Food Council subcommittees with more than 160 volunteers from nearly 80 organizations that meet every month to address specific issues.



Our Working Groups are:

Environmental Impact: Facilitates policy, program, and process changes that reduce food waste and increase food waste composting.

Food Economy: Strengthens connections between Montgomery County food and beverage businesses, farms, buyers, and retailers to increase awareness and consumption of local products.

Food Education: Educates residents about agriculture, gardening, nutrition and cooking to help residents make healthful food choices.

Food Recovery and Access: Fosters collaboration to create a Montgomery County where all people at all times have access to safe, sufficient, nutritious food, with dignity.

We hope you will join us at an upcoming Working Group meeting!

Learn more about our Working Groups and view each Group's meeting schedule at www.mocofoodcouncil.org/priorities.