

TO: Planning Commission  
FROM: Dana Bowers, Associate Planner  
DATE: February 11, 2025  
SUBJECT: Food System Plan Update

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1) Recommended Action:

No action is requested. This is an update with the consultant about the initial steps in the process of developing a Food System Plan for the City.

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2) Background:

The City Council included the preparation of a City Food System Plan to address community concerns with food insecurity on the local level on the 2025 Long Range Planning Work Program.

City staff have been working with our consultant Rebeca Potasnik to prepare a Plan that focuses on supporting ways to access food more effectively and consider the role of local and community-based agriculture activities, such as community gardens and local producers and processors to build a more resilient food system.

The Plan will focus on how to provide healthy food to the community, reduce food waste, support local food processing, eliminate barriers, address gaps in the current system, produce solutions to implement at appropriate scale, and identify how to maintain and update resource materials through jurisdictional and community partners.

The Planning Commission was originally briefed on the project on November 26, 2024. This following up work session with the Planning Commission will provide an update of the community members interviewed thus far, plans for a survey to broaden outreach to more subject matter experts. The General Government Committee will receive a similar briefing at their March 18, 2025, meeting.

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3) Alternatives:

None

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4) Attachments:

- A. Staff Memorandum
- B. Consultant Memorandum