

Homegrown Minneapolis Food Council

Working together to improve the Minneapolis food system

Who we are

The Homegrown Minneapolis Food Council is a City advisory board that was established in 2012. It is staffed by the Homegrown Minneapolis team in the Minneapolis Health Department.

The food council is helped create and is guided by the Minneapolis Food Vision, a 2033 vision for a more fair, just, and equitable food system.

The food council has 25 members appointed by:

- City Council (13)
- Minneapolis Health Department (7)
- Mayor (2)
- Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (1)
- Minneapolis Public Schools (1)
- Hennepin County Public Health (1)



How we do our work

The food council provides advice and recommendations on local food systems issues to the Mayor and City Council. In addition, it advises on Homegrown Minneapolis programs and projects. To do so, we:

- Foster City-community partnerships
- Convene and engage diverse stakeholders
- Serve as a platform for collaborative and coordinated action

What have we done

- **Supported policy work** on food in boulevards, deep winter greenhouses, and the Staple Foods Ordinance
- **Advised** on the City's response to increased immigration enforcement's impact on food access and local food businesses.
- **Provided advice** on funding opportunities for community organizations implementing priorities in the Minneapolis Food Vision.

Our vision

A vibrant local food system that:

- Enhances the health of all residents
- Protects the earth
- Increases economic vitality
- Expands social connectedness
- Improves food security

Our work

- Supporting healthy food access in the city
- Increasing community engagement
- Increasing our voice and collaboration with City Council

Get involved

Attend a meeting to join the conversation. Meetings are held:

- 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
- Usually the second Wednesday of each month
- Powderhorn Recreation Center, 3400 15th Ave. S.



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Homegrown Minneapolis

Who we are

Homegrown Minneapolis is a team in the Minneapolis Health Department. Our goal is to create an equitable and sustainable food system in Minneapolis.

What we support and do



Urban gardens



Wasted food prevention



Farmers markets



Food council



Food access



Minneapolis Food Vision

2025 highlights

- We **funded 14 community projects** focused on sustainable growing and wasted food prevention. These projects:
 - Grew 10,000 pounds of food
 - Rescued nearly 1 million pounds of food
- We **launched the Food Forward program** that helps food businesses save money and reduce wasted food.
- City Council passed an ordinance **allowing food to be grown in boulevards**. We created online material to help people understand the rules and grow more successfully.

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Contact us at homegrown@minneapolismn.gov



What is the food system?

A food system is a network that connects how food goes from the farm, to plate, to waste. We want to help connect you to your local food system and the people that are involved in it.



Grow

50 Garden Lease Program sites



Process

Six shared commercial kitchens



Distribute

Five food co-ops



Eat

About 1,600 restaurants



Compost

Residential organics recycling