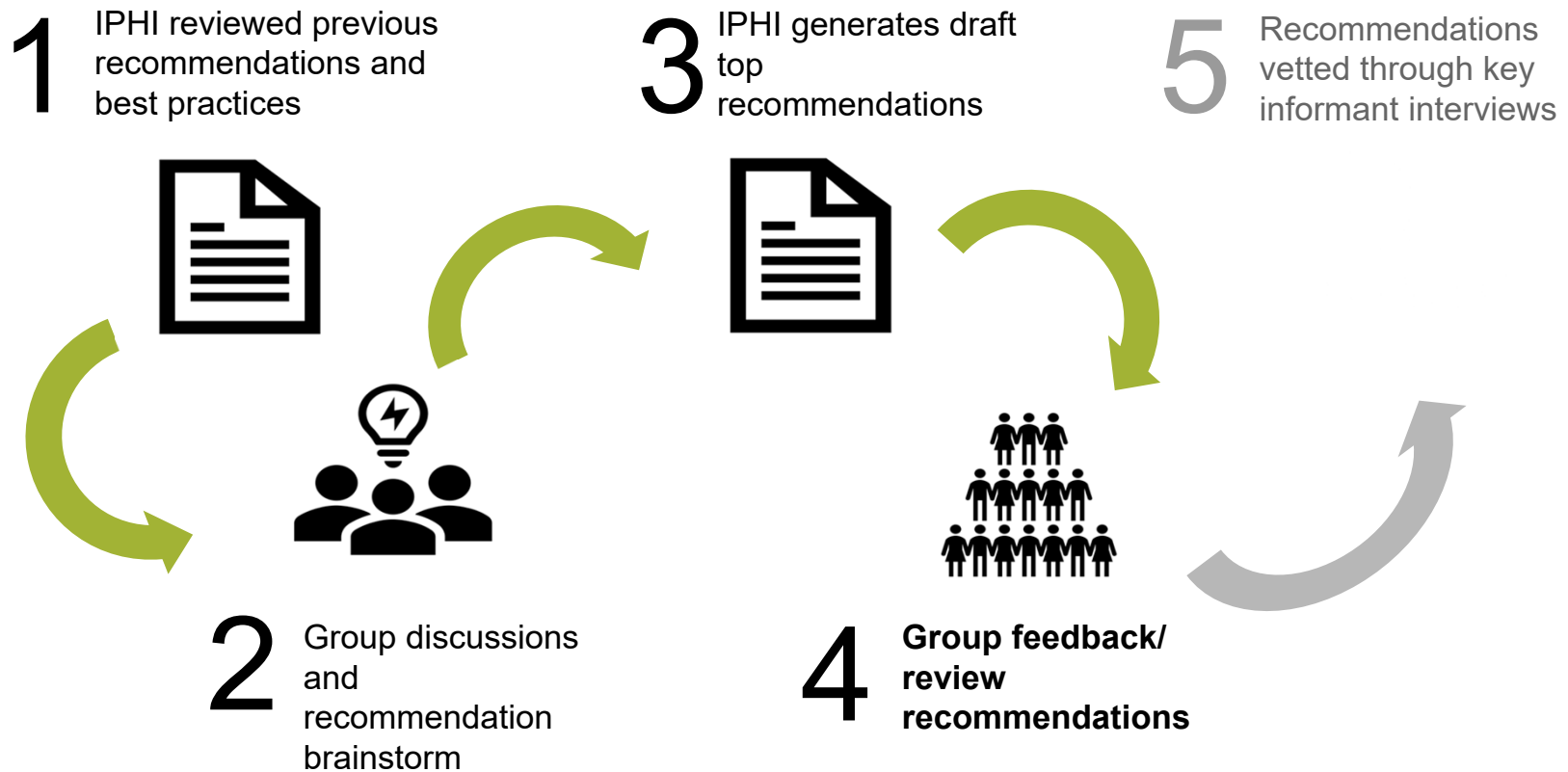


# Prince George's County Council FOOD SECURITY TASK FORCE

July 16th, 2021



# Overview of Process



# Report Structure & Outline

# Report Outline

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# Guiding Principles

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- **Equity**
- **Collaboration**
- **Accountability**
- **Sustainability**
- **Stewardship**
- **Evidence-Informed Decision-Making**

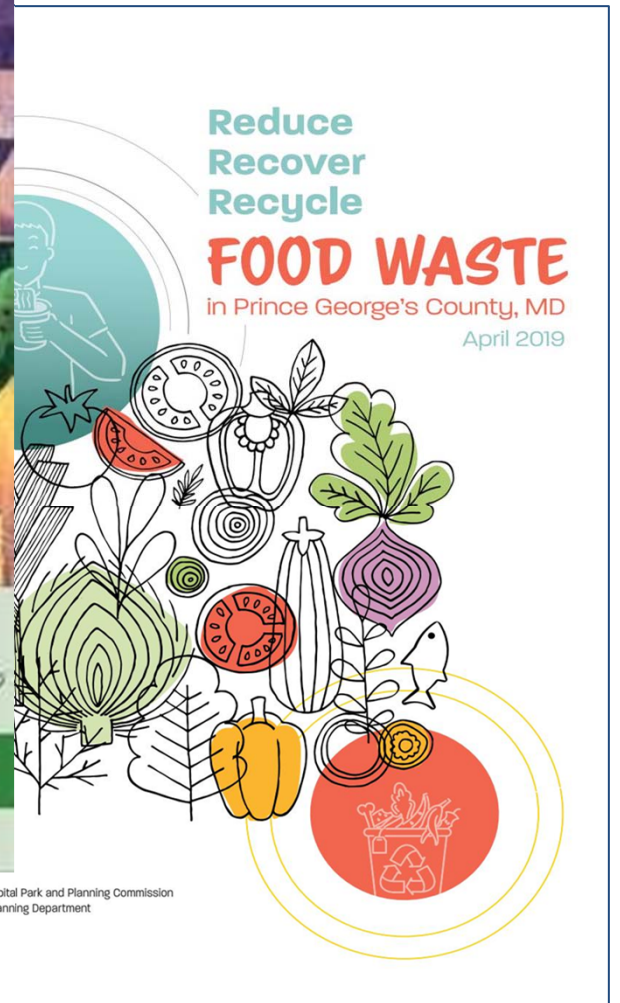
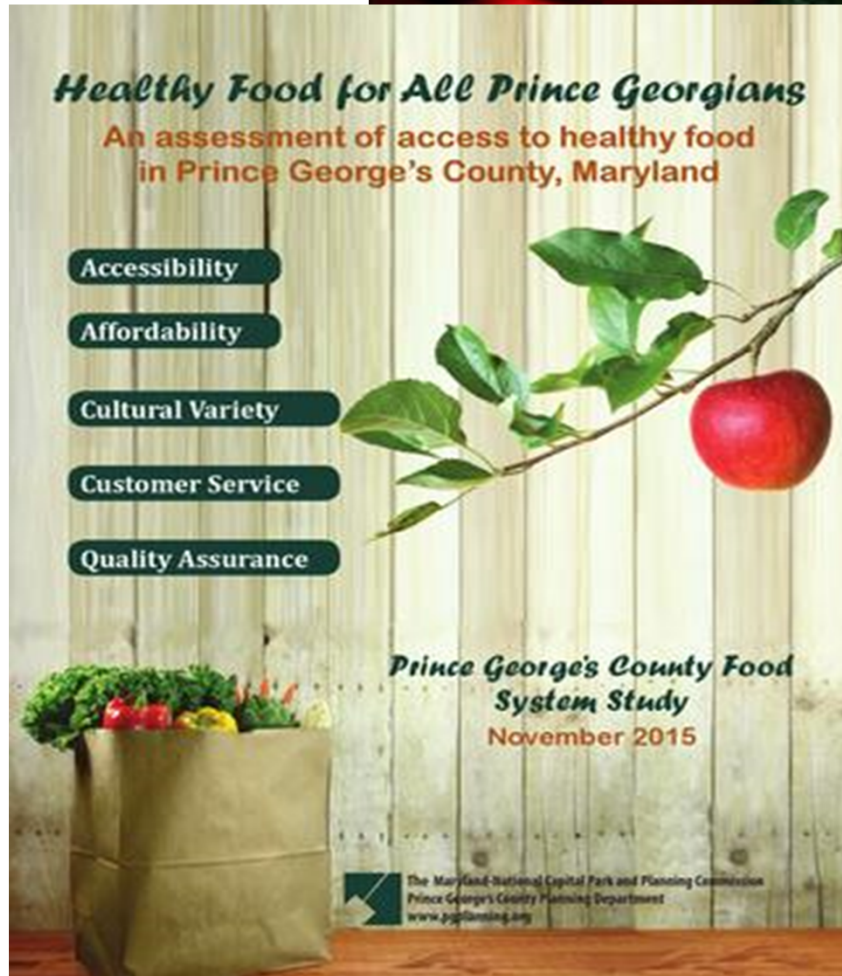
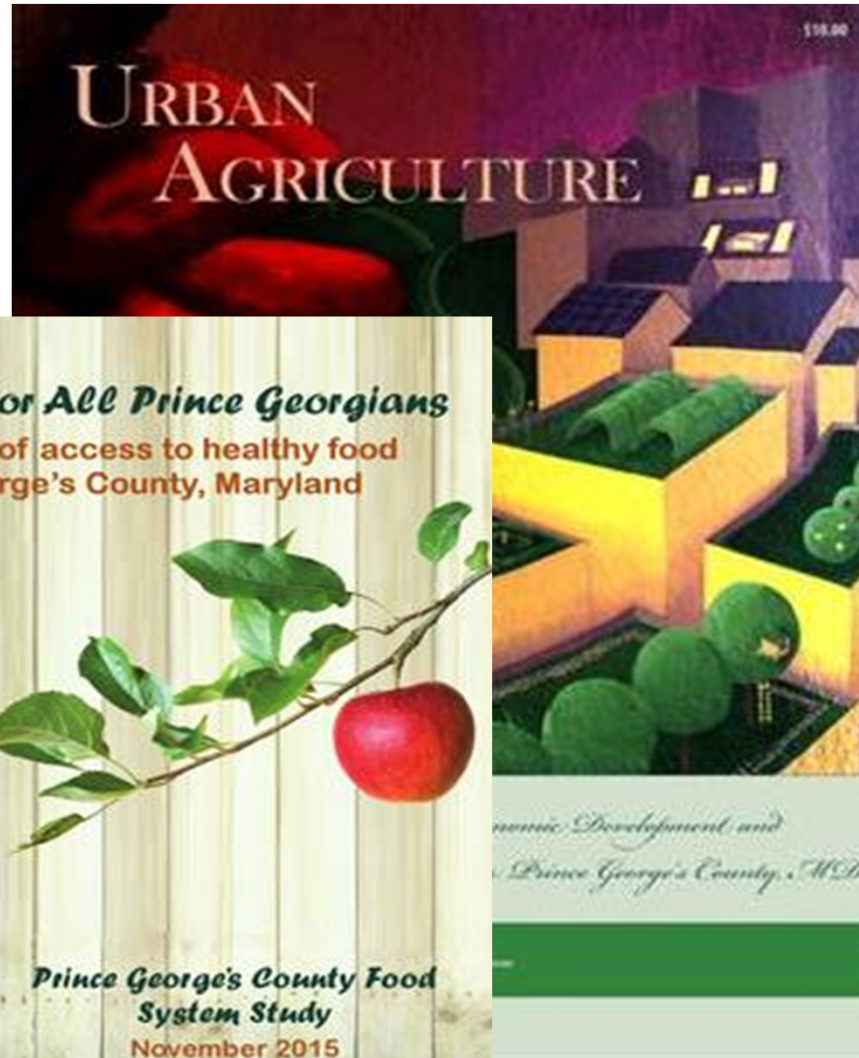
**The guiding principles can be found at:**

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1wPOiQ7w89nQs8ytQROVBOhi\\_egPCT9dk7WubgReZ3ns/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1wPOiQ7w89nQs8ytQROVBOhi_egPCT9dk7WubgReZ3ns/edit?usp=sharing)

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# Audit of Previous Food System Reports

PGC Food System Plan Recommendations Audit										
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1	Strategy	Report	Policy Area	Complete	In Process	Not started	Not relevant/actionable	Notes	FSTF Tie-in	Considered by Small Groups?
2	Consider zoning incentives that would encourage the provision of land for mini grocery stores in areas at least one mile from the nearest grocery store.	Healthy Food for Prince Georgians: An Assessment of Access to Healthy Food in Prince George's County, Maryland	Policy 11: Launch a "mini healthy neighborhood grocery store" initiative to make healthy foods accessible within residential neighborhoods.			x		Could be done through the HFPA Map		x
3	Use tax credit incentives to attract and support mini healthy neighborhood grocery stores.	Healthy Food for Prince Georgians: An Assessment of Access to Healthy Food in Prince George's County, Maryland	Policy 11: Launch a "mini healthy neighborhood grocery store" initiative to make healthy foods accessible within residential neighborhoods.			x		Existing tax credits are focused on larger footprint stores		x
4	Design bus routes to facilitate access to supermarkets, farmers' markets, and other healthy food destinations.	Healthy Food for Prince Georgians: An Assessment of Access to Healthy Food in Prince George's County, Maryland	Policy 13: Improve transportation options to healthy food outlets.			x		Could be assessed through the HFPA Map with updates	Resource the work of the HFPA map team	
						x			Reassess	

## Access to Audit spreadsheet:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1IXwHqxcgM0dQwYbNVZxyQfOkGzomMyzUUqb3le9eWvPQ/edit?usp=sharing>



# Draft Recommendations

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- ✓ Create and fund a **County Food Security Office** (line item in the County budget)
- ✓ Apply for all available public and private **Food Security/Resilience funding**
- ✓ **Update, maintain, and use data** sources related to Food Security to inform decisions
- ✓ Develop a master food security/resilience **communication strategy** that ensures accurate and timely information available in multiple languages, for multiple language proficiency levels, and is issued across a variety of trusted platforms (e.g. app, text, phone, print, internet, social media, word-of-mouth (central hub))
- ✓ Establish partnerships with food suppliers (and local producers) to order bulk food for providers or help providers establish **bulk purchasing coops**
- ✓ Work with stakeholders (government, community leaders, organizations and networks) to **plan for future FS disruptions**, including a robust Incident Command Structure plan to quickly respond to emergency situations
- ✓ Increase **participation in federal nutrition assistance programs**
- ✓ Create a “one stop shop” for residents to **learn about and receive assistance navigating everything** they are eligible for.
- ✓ **Improve transportation options** to access healthy food outlets and Food assistance providers
- ✓ Leverage partnerships at the regional level for **cross-jurisdictional food systems planning** and infrastructure development
- ✓ Provide support, land access, tools, and infrastructure to **help agriculture, urban farms, and community gardens** flourish.
- ✓ Provide incentives and support to **healthy food retailers** of multiple sizes in target communities

**Full list of recommendations:** [https://docs.google.com/document/d/1pMsi\\_iF1VdN5dVT9gr\\_vB-Pz\\_VcjlOwa\\_PaXPA7rZJc/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1pMsi_iF1VdN5dVT9gr_vB-Pz_VcjlOwa_PaXPA7rZJc/edit?usp=sharing)

# Recommendations Structure

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**Recommendation:** Create and fund a County Food Security Office.

**Strategy:**

Create a County Food Security Office tasked with collaborating across county agencies and engaging with local organizations and community groups to design and implement food security policies, practices, and initiatives that facilitate a healthy, equitable, sustainable, and economically sound food system in Prince George's County....

**Policy Pathways:**

- ✓ Executive/Agency Action
- ✓ 2021-2022 County Budget
- ☐ Legislation

**Case Study:**

Baltimore Food Policy Initiative - The City of Baltimore has proactively undertaken an intergovernmental approach to collaboration on food issues....

# Recommendations Structure Cont...

## Action Plan:

Recommendation	Create and fund a County Food Security Office
FSTF Values addressed	<b>Accountability:</b> Ensure goals related to food security are met and County resources are fully engaged. <b>Stewardship:</b> Streamline and reduce duplication of effort. <b>Evidence-informed Decision-Making:</b> Use data and evidence to make decisions and take action but also be willing to try new and promising practices .
Audience/reach	<b>Systems-level Impact:</b> 900,000+
Expected cost	\$250,000.00-\$300,000.00 annually
Funding source	General Fund/Agency Operating Budget
Lead partner	Department of Social Services or M-NCPPC's PGC Planning Department
Barriers/limitations	Budgetary constraints Interagency coordination Limited political will
Indicators/evaluation	Process-focused metrics: -Office established and funded through a County resolution and CEX Budget allocation -Staff recruited and hired
Key considerations for equity	How will this office ensure accountability to the community? How will the office's priorities be community informed? How will data used by the office be disaggregated by race and ethnicity?
Co-benefits from other strategies	Office can coordinate progress on the following FSTF strategies:...
Links to county goals or action plans	Healthy Food for Prince Georgians: An Assessment of Access to Healthy Food in Prince George's County, Maryland: Office will be responsible to implementing strategies related to the assessment Plan Prince George's 2035: Healthy Communities & Economic Prosperity

# Community Engagement - Priority Populations

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- Female Single parent households
- Children
- Grandfamilies or Multigenerational families
- Immigrants
- College Students
- Seniors

\* Priority Populations from Capital Area Food Bank's 2020 Hunger Report

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# Appendices

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- ✓ County Resolution
- ✓ Agendas and meeting minutes
- ✓ Summary of Task Force Process
- ✓ Audit of Previous Food Systems Report Recommendations
- ✓ Synthesis of Key Informant Interviews
- ✓ Sample Equity Impact Assessment Tools
- ✓ Poll results

# Next Steps

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- ✓ Conduct Key Informant Interviews
- ✓ Convene Food System Policy Subcommittee (group #4) to review recommendations
- ✓ Draft the Report

**Thank you!**