

Austin/Travis County Food Plan Summary

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OUR VISION FOR THE FUTURE

We envision a just, accessible, and culturally diverse food system, built by undoing inequities, that supports and sustains inclusive thriving communities, healthy ecosystems, and solutions to climate change where everyone can reach their full potential now and for generations to come.

The Austin/Travis County community has been deeply engaged in shaping the plan, demonstrated by community member participation in plan meetings and events, feedback collected, and the commitment of many individuals to working tirelessly on all aspects of the planning process:

4,332 — individuals engaged in plan meetings and events.

3,529 — pieces of feedback collected.

3,010 — hours of committed community participation.*

34% — of participants identified as having current or past experience of hunger, using public benefits/financial assistance, or struggling to meet basic needs.°

13% — of participants reside in Travis County areas outside City of Austin boundaries.°

11% — multilingual engagement in a language other than English.°

* — committed community participation is defined as persons attending more than one plan meeting

° — of 2,695 participants who completed an engagement form



EXPLORE OUR FOOD PLAN GOALS



LAND | Expand community food production, preserve agricultural lands, and increase the amount of farmland dedicated to regenerative food production long-term in Austin/Travis County.



OWNERSHIP | Increase access to and stewardship of land for regenerative food production by increasing the number of Austin/Travis County farms that are owned by socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers.



LIVELIHOODS | Improve farm worker and food worker livelihoods by ensuring a safety net, defining career pathways, expanding training opportunities, and strengthening opportunities for advancement for workers across the local food system.



PREPAREDNESS | Establish and fund a resilient, inclusive, and accessible emergency food provision system that ensures all community members, regardless of cultural background or medical needs, have access to safe, nutritious, and culturally relevant food during disasters and emergencies.



INSTITUTIONS | Create more resilient and sustainable local supply chains through the adoption of values-aligned distribution and purchasing frameworks and increase in the percentage of institutional menus sourced locally.



ACCESS | Expand access to nutritious and culturally relevant food in food distribution programs and food retail locations for residents of Austin/Travis County experiencing food insecurity or facing barriers to food access (proximity, mobility, income, and availability) with priority investment in areas of Austin/Travis County experiencing high rates of food insecurity.



FOOD RECOVERY | Increase the diversion of surplus food and non-edible food waste from the landfill to support a circular food economy, improve soil health, and reduce climate impact.

PRO-CLIMATE/PRO-HEALTH FOODS | Raise awareness of the benefits of foods that nourish our bodies and reduce the overall environmental impact of our food system while addressing barriers to access.



EMPOWER | Develop community education, empowerment, and infrastructure to support effective implementation of the food plan as measured by increased funding, data collection, partnerships, and community participation in a local food system network.



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