



OAKLAND COUNTY FOOD POLICY COUNTY COUNCIL

MISSION: Create a fair and culturally friendly food system in Oakland County that encourages healthy eating

DEFINITION: A collaboration of citizens and government officials that influences food system policies

GOAL: Increase accessibility, affordability, and consumption of healthy foods throughout Oakland County

CURRENT FOCUS:



DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION COHORT

Working to improve diversity, equity, and inclusivity within the council's mission, culture, and operations



DOUBLE UP FOOD BUCKS WORKGROUP

Working to expand Double Up Food Bucks and SNAP acceptance to more grocery stores and farmers markets in Oakland County

IMPACT OF COVID-19 PANDEMIC IN OAKLAND COUNTY

The COVID-19 pandemic seriously disrupted, highlighted, and intensified inequitable access to the food system.

Council members addressed emergent needs by:

- Hosting weekly council meetings
- Developing a resource guide on food access in Oakland County
- Providing daily communications on food distribution events, special grocery shopping hours, and other community programs
- Sharing COVID-19 and health resources during food distribution events
- Collaborating with partner organizations to provide food to vulnerable populations



37% estimated increase in overall food insecurity



80% estimated increase in childhood food insecurity

Source: Data for Oakland County in *State-By-State Resource: The Impact of the Coronavirus on Food Insecurity*, Feeding America, 2021