OUR MISSION
The mission of the Prince George’s County Food Equity Council is to significantly improve public health and community well-being of all who live, work, study, worship and play in the County.

The Food Equity Council seeks to develop and support policies, approaches, procedures, practices and initiatives to create systemic change to the local food system, while promoting health, economic opportunity, food security, and well-being, especially among communities that have been negatively impacted by the current food system.

WHO WE ARE
The Prince George’s County Food Equity Council (FEC) is a local independent food policy council for Prince George’s County, Maryland, comprised of 22 local leaders representing anti-hunger direct service and advocacy groups, grocery stores, government agencies, community-based organizations, civic associations, urban farms, universities, and health care providers. FEC developed out of the Place Matters Policy Development Team of the Port Towns Community Health Partnership and is currently housed within the Institute for Public Health Innovation, which ensures that FEC has the capacity and support it needs to be productive and sustainable.

*Prince George’s County Health Department, 2014

OUR WORK
Prince George’s County has a 71% adult obesity and overweight rate—the second highest in the State of Maryland—and nearly half of the county’s youth (48%) are overweight and at risk for obesity*. Research shows that poor access to healthy foods and low levels of physical activity are main causes for obesity in Prince George’s. To help reverse the trends of obesity and reduce related chronic diseases, FEC members work collaboratively with stakeholders to identify deficiencies and promote innovative solutions to help transform the County’s food system into one that improves public health, ensures environmental sustainability, and spurs sound economic development.

FEC WORKGROUPS:

Local Food Production
Healthy Eating and Nutrition Education
Healthy Food Retail

The Prince George’s Food Equity Council is looking for residents and business to join its workgroups and give input on what is important to their community. If you want share your ideas for the food system change happening in Prince George’s County or just want to learn more and spread the word, visit www.pgcfec.org to learn how you can get involved.

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