



Partnerships for Food Policy Councils

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Food Policy Councils

- **A food and farm advisory council for local elected officials**
 - **Brings together the people who grow, sell, and eat food**
 - **Helps to identify opportunities to enhance access to healthy food, and locally grown food**
 - **Community-driven food system changes**

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What do FPC's do?

- **Food system assessments**
- **Food hub development**
- **Grocery store, or otherwise reducing food deserts**
- **Nutritious food for low-income residents**
- **Opportunities for youth/young adults**

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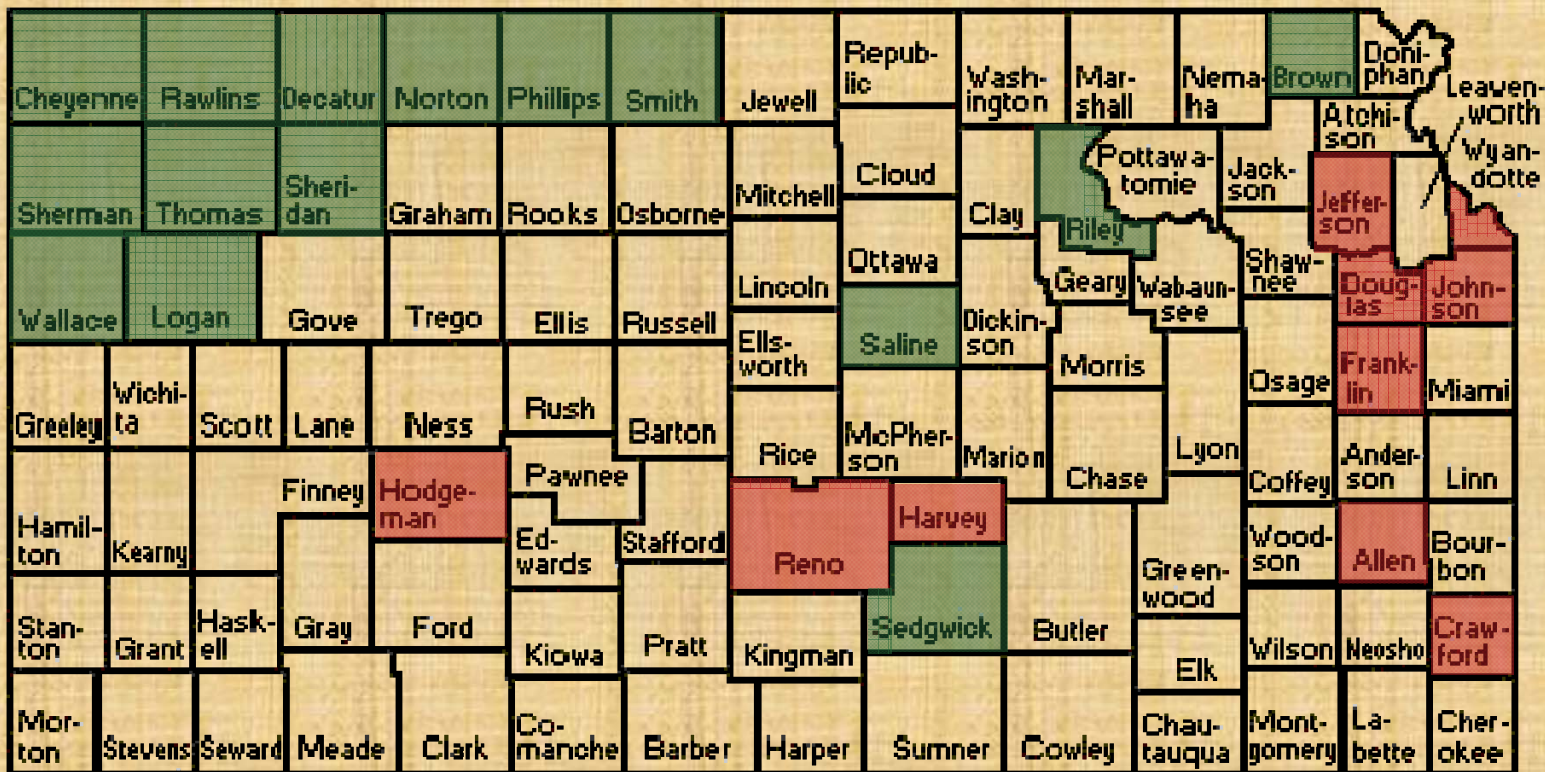
Types of Councils



- **Governmental or Publically appointed**
- **Non-government or Non-profit**
- **Hybrid**

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Food Councils in KS



-  Current FPC's
-  Working towards a FPC

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How to form a Council

- Find your Champion
- Find your team
- Know the support of your elected officials

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Next...

- **Schedule an information meeting**
- **Determine geographic boundaries and membership structure**
- **Draft a mission and purpose which could be like...**

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Sample missions

- **The mission of the council is to enhance quality of life for all residents by increasing access to economic opportunity, nutritious local food and physical activity**
- **The Council actively seeks to improve access to regionally grown healthy food options while promoting educational resources for the benefit of the local population**

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Sample Purposes/Roles

- Increase access to and distribution of affordable, nutritious and safe food for all residents;
- Enhance economic development, promote agritourism and strengthen local food systems in the county and regionally;
- Bring stakeholders together and provide mechanisms for seeking stakeholder advice and expertise;
- Effect improvement in the health and well-being of all county residents;
- Coordinate and collaborate with existing initiatives within the county and other regional and state food and farm organizations;
- Increase education and awareness of how to use healthy locally produced foods at home or at businesses and institutions.

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Then...

- **Determine roles and responsibilities for each member**
- **Contact other stakeholders to invite them OR inform them**
- **Draft a resolution and bylaws**

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Finally...

- Engage the media
- Talk to your elected officials

**Do this multiple times
throughout the planning process.**

- Get on the agenda of the City Council or Commissioners

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Know your resources

- **Public Health Law Center resources**

publichealthlawcenter.org/resources/food-policy-council-resources

- **Kansas Health Foundation grants**
- **CDRR, HCI, or other health coalition**
- **Kansas Alliance for Wellness TA**

Kansas Food Policy Council google group and listserv

- **Barbara LaClair, LaClair Consulting**

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Panel Presentation

Debbie Bearden

Lea Ann Seiler

Helen Schnoes

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Interactive Discussion

1. What do you all believe are your **biggest assets** to doing similar work in your community?
2. What do you believe are your **barriers** to making progress on this work in your community?
3. What can you do to **leverage your strengths to reduce your barriers**, and make progress?
4. What **else do you think is needed** to make progress in your community?

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Questions?

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