

How can the City of Wichita and Sedgwick County support our local food system?

Our local food system is an interconnected system of producers, retailers, institutions, and individuals. Local government policy can influence all parts of this system. Here are some examples of how cities and counties can advance policies to build a healthy local food system for all.



City of Wichita / Sedgwick County Food System Master Plan

Throughout 2020, the Health & Wellness Coalition of Wichita, the City of Wichita, Sedgwick County and community partners will be creating a Food System Master Plan.

What is a Food System Master Plan?

A master plan is a long-range planning document that lays out a community's vision for its growth. A food system master plan aligns policies such as ordinances, zoning, and incentives to support a robust local food system.

The policies in a Food System Master Plan can:

- Foster profitable agriculture and food business,
- Support entrepreneurs in agriculture and food,
- Create new jobs and opportunities,
- Increase access to healthy, nutritious foods for all,
- Support skills in gardening and food preparation,
- Protect soil, water, and air quality,
- Reduce food waste,
- Celebrate diversity of food and agriculture in our community, and
- Empower all to participate in the food system.

Food System Master Plan Timeline

Phase I

Project launch +
background research
(Sep-Dec 2019)

Phase II

Community
engagement
(Jan-Apr 2020)

Phase III

Key findings +
plan writing
(May-Sep 2020)

Phase IV

Presentation to
City Council
(Fall/Winter 2020)

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