



Application for New Members

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Mission:

To promote a healthy, equitable, and sustainable food system for all within Greater Cincinnati's ten-county region (Hamilton, Butler, Clermont, and Warren Counties in Ohio, Boone, Campbell, Grant and Kenton Counties in Kentucky, and Franklin and Dearborn Counties in Indiana).

Vision:

It will be easy for all residents in Greater Cincinnati to eat Good Food. Good Food will not be wasted. Good Food will result in healthier people. Producing good food will be economically viable and environmentally sustainable. Everyone in the region will be food secure.

Values:

- **Health and Wellness:** A food system that enhances public health through food security, nutrition, and production.
- **Social Justice:** A food system with equitable access to healthy foods and living wage jobs.
- **Local Economic Development:** A food system that contributes to the economic vitality of our region.
- **Environmental Sustainability:** A food system that promotes sustainable agricultural practices and protects and restores the environment and natural resources.
- **Collaboration:** A food system that thrives because of strong collaboration among regional stakeholders.
- **Measurable Impact:** Utilization of data to measure progress toward a healthy, equitable, and sustainable food system.

GCRFPC Goals:

1. Encourage healthy food access for all residents in the region.
2. Encourage regional-based production of local foods and value-added food products.
3. Promote flexible and stable local and regional food distribution systems.
4. Promote community development to support local foods and coalitions.
5. Advocate for food security for all residents in the region.

Good Food Is:

Healthy--It provides nourishment and enables people to thrive.

Green--It was produced in a manner that is environmentally sustainable.

Fair--No one along the production line was exploited during its creation.

Accessible--All people can obtain it.



GCRFPC Objectives:

1. Create a forum that brings together stakeholders from all segments of the food system to generate new relationships and share best practices.
2. Initiate research and recommend policies that increase food security in communities as well as social and economic opportunities for food producers, distributors, and consumers **throughout** the region.
3. Advocate for a food security and regional food system development agenda at the city, county and regional levels.
4. Serve as a resource to the community to assist in local food system development programs and projects related to health and nutrition, land use, food waste recovery, community food assessment and local purchasing.

Expectations of GCRFPC Members:

- Prioritize Good Food system issues for Council action;
- Regularly attend meetings of the Council and public events as necessary;
- Serve on at least one of the Council's workgroups;
- Assume a leadership role within the community related to Good Food issues;
- Bring Good Food issues of concern to the Council;
- Serve as the eyes and ears of the Council in the broader community;
- Participate in special Council activities and events; and
- Identify and recommend leaders in the region for nomination to the Council.

Monthly meetings generally last two hours and are committed to full council work and discussion or work group work. Work groups may hold additional meetings to work on their identified priorities. Sub-groups of working groups may meet more frequently, as needed, or divide tasks among members to be completed between meetings.

Please contact Michaela Oldfield with any questions: michaela@greenumbrella.org 513-541-1538



1. Why would you like to be a GCRFPC member?

2. What skills, experience and other strengths will you bring to the Council that relate to the GCRFPC’s mission and objectives? Please include your experience with volunteer boards, task forces and collaborative groups.

3. What is your vision for the Greater Cincinnati regional food system?

Membership on the GCRFPC will require attendance at all meetings of the full Council (bi-monthly) and participation in at least one working group (meetings in the intervening months). Will you be able to make this time commitment? Yes No

GCRFPC members are selected based on their skills, experience, and commitment to transforming the Greater Cincinnati regional food system, and are asked to serve in the public interest, rather than to directly represent any organization they are affiliated with. Will you serve in the public interest and recuse yourself from discussion topics if you have a conflict of interest? Yes No

By signing and submitting this application, you agree to abide by the operating procedures, values, and member expectations of the GCRFPC.

NAME _____

SIGNATURE _____

DATE _____

Please send your completed application to michaela@greenumbrella.org