

FOOD POLICY COUNCIL

Origin: April 2010 the Linn-Johnson Local Food Task Force, in its Regional Food System Plan, recommended the establishment of a collaborative Regional Food Policy Council with representatives from the region's counties and cities.

Number of

Members: 10 and 15 community members with a strong understanding of the various segments of a local food system. In recruiting and selecting members for the Council representation from the following constituencies are preferred but not required:

- Anti-hunger advocates
- Education and outreach
- Farmer/Rancher
- Land Use and Conservation/Planning
- Registered Dietician/Physician
- Food Safety Specialists
- Realtor/Developer/Housing
- Restaurant/Institution
- Food Distribution/Processing
- At-large members
- County Ex Officio Member
- Municipal Ex Officio Member

Appointed

by: Board of Supervisors

Duties:

- a) Provide ongoing advice and input to the county, municipalities, community boards, agencies, non-profits, businesses, etc. on food related issues as needed.
- b) Annually hold two publicized public forums for the community to bring County food and agriculture issues and opportunities to the community's attention for action.
- c) Develop a set of governing principles and strategic goals to guide future local government and community decision making related to food issues by January 2013.
- d) Provide an annual report of findings and accomplishments to the Johnson County Board of Supervisors and Iowa Corridor Food and Agriculture Coalition Advisory Board.
- e) Identify and report back to the Board by March 2013 on issues including but not limited to:
 - Local land use policies and rules related to food production and distribution; and
 - Methods for promoting rural and urban businesses to build regional demand for locally produced foods and food products; and
 - County government food purchasing policies and practices.
- f) Develop a work plan and identify potential sources of additional funding for the Food Policy Council in subsequent years.

Term: Four (4) years with staggered appointments

Meetings: Johnson County will provide the necessary county staff to support the facilitation of Council meetings and activities and act as a place of contact for the Council.