

## **So You Want To Join Rochester's First Food Policy Council?**

### **What Is a Food Policy Council?**

A Food Policy Council (FPC) is an organized group of people who work together to create or change policies that impact food. In many cities across the country FPCs have worked on issues like access to healthy food; standards for food in schools and other institutions; supporting healthy food businesses; and urban agriculture.

### **How Will Rochester's Food Policy Council Work?**

The Rochester FPC will be an independent coalition led by city residents. Our FPC will have 13 members - 10 community members who are selected through an application process, and one appointed representative each from the City of Rochester, Common Ground Health, and Foodlink. The FPC will create issue-specific subcommittees that can be joined by any member of the public.

### **What Will Members Do?**

FPC members will prioritize what food issues to work on and lead subcommittees to create policy recommendations. Members will meet at least 6 times every year to review policies, share updates from subcommittees, and plan programs, projects, and actions. They will also each be asked to participate in one subcommittee, make connections with their neighbors and community to share updates on the FPC and gather input, and support advocacy work with policy makers.

### **Who Should Apply?**

Applications are open to any resident of the City of Rochester. We are seeking a group that reflects the diversity and characteristics of our city, including racial, gender, sexual and religious identity. The FPC will be grounded in the life experiences of members related to food - their personal food histories, family legacies, relationship to gardening and agriculture, professional and policy experience, and more. Anyone with a passion for community change work and food should apply!

### **Why Be A Member?**

Members of the FPC will have an active role in shaping how our city supports each other in eating, growing, and sharing food. Members will have the opportunity to make connections with people across the city, gain new skills, and create meaningful change. Stipends, transportation assistance, training, translation services, and other support will be available to all members.

Please visit [rocfoodpolicy.org](http://rocfoodpolicy.org), email [rocfoodpolicy@commongroundhealth.org](mailto:rocfoodpolicy@commongroundhealth.org), or call Mike Bulger (Common Ground Health) at 585-224-3171 for more information

