



# **Austin-Travis County Food Policy Board Strategic Planning**

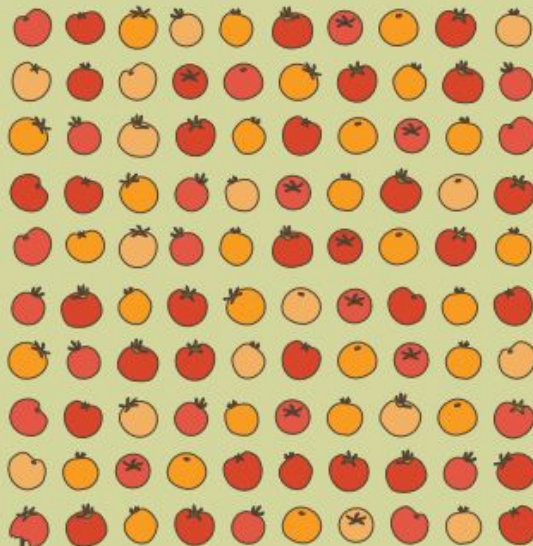


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# What is a Food System?



# Food for Thought



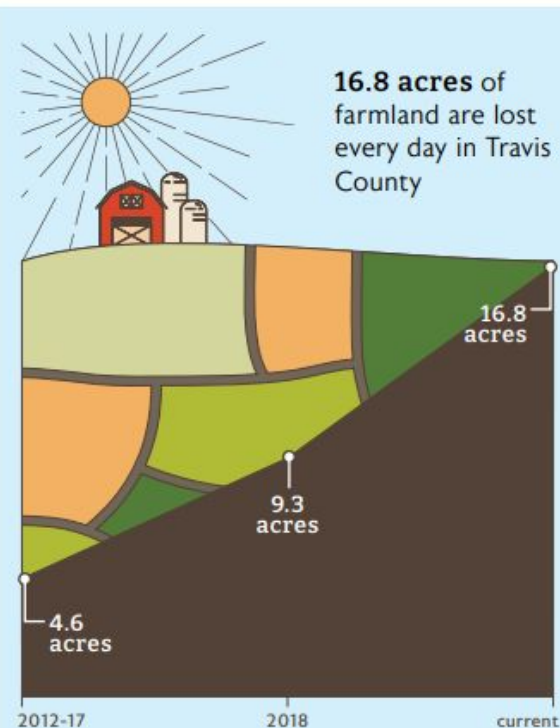
Approximately **0.06%** of food consumed in Travis County is locally produced

**1.24 million pounds** of food is wasted every day in Austin

Food is responsible for **21% of all greenhouse gas emissions** created by everyone in our community



**14.4%** of people in Travis County experience **food insecurity**



# Opportunities for the Austin-Travis County Food Policy Board:

How to get involved





# Options for Plugging into Comprehensive and Disaster Food Planning

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1. The Austin/Travis County Food Planning process has Karen Magid serving as liaison to the Community Advisory Committee.
2. Karen reports back at every full meeting and board members can provide feedback to Karen to take back to CAC.
3. Board Members can create an ongoing Working Group
4. Individual Board Members can participate in an Issue Area Group
5. Board Members can report regularly to Elected Officials on plan
6. Participate in community/stakeholder vetting of the Disaster Appendix
7. Once plan is developed, Board Members can help with implementation



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# Things the board can influence

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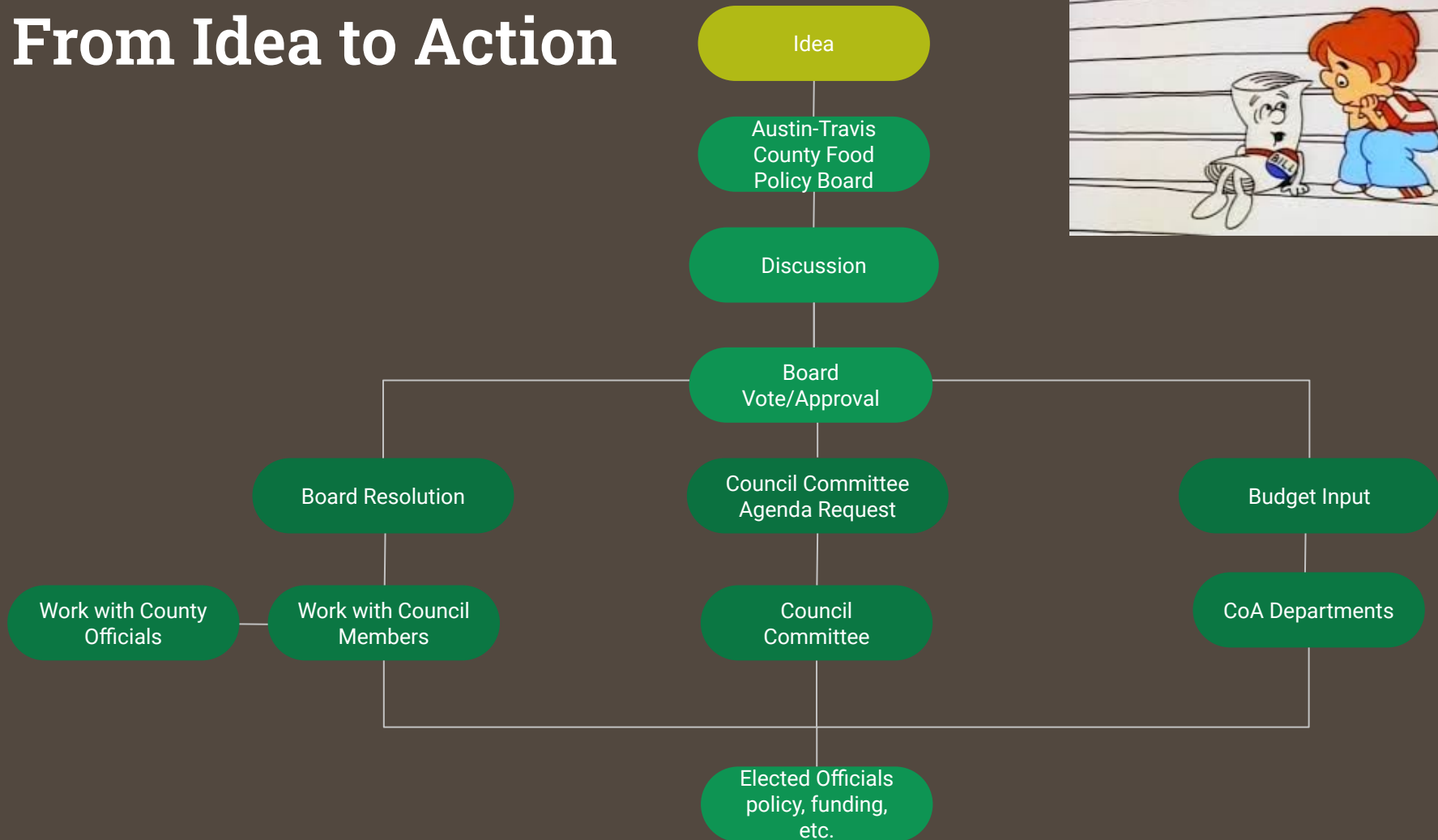
1. Policy
2. Programs
3. Administrative Actions (i.e., fee structures, permitting)
4. Budget Requests (initiatives, programming, or staffing)
5. Budget Reallocations



# Getting an idea to Elected Officials for consideration & further action

1. A **resolution** (see template) would be written to express your board's desire for Council and Commissioners to do something, and you write the "Whereas" clauses to express the context of it. The "Now therefore, be it resolved" section is where you make the ask.
  - a. Resolutions may or may not be taken up and moved forward by a Council office or County Commissioners, and it requires advocates of the issue to proactively reach out and discuss this with potential Council or Commissioner champions.
2. A **Council Committee Agenda Request** would make the request to the Mayor's Office to assign this topic to a Council Committee where it could give you all an opportunity to talk about it with a subset of Council members and they could decide to move it forward to the full City Council.
3. Budget **input** and engagement

# From Idea to Action





# Thank You!

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