



We envision a Food System in which...

- Farming is a recognized, respected, and profitable occupation and both current and new farmers have access to affordable land and diverse markets. (*Sustainable Agriculture and Farming, and Economic Development*)
- Food and farm workers everywhere have decent and fair working conditions and earn a living wage. (*Fairness and Economic Development*)
- Ecological resources are sustained, replenished and regenerated. (*Ecological Stewardship and Conservation*)
- People have access to, can afford to buy, and know how to cook healthy food that is culturally appropriate, socially nourishing and produced in ways that respect the environment and the producers. (*Hunger and Food Access, Healthy Relationship, Fairness, and Ecological Stewardship and Conservation*)
- Diversity is recognized and valued as exhibited by the variety of crops grown, different farming practices, successful business models, and increased consumer choices. (*Farming, Food Access, and Economic Development*)
- Farmland is treasured, preserved and available in a variety of scales and places. (*Healthy Relationship, Ecological Stewardship and Conservation*)
- Stakeholders maintain open communication and personal connections and forge collaborative partnerships. (*Collaboration*)
- Food and farming are cornerstones of a healthy regional economy, with adequate resources and support for business development and entrepreneurship. (*Healthy Relationship, Economic Development*)
- All of these goals can be met while being adaptable over time to changes in land, energy and climate. (*Overall sustainability and resiliency*)

If you are interested in providing input, please email your comments to DVRPC's Food System Associate, Amanda Wagner, at awagner@dvrpc.org. Please include "Draft Goal Statements" in the subject line.