

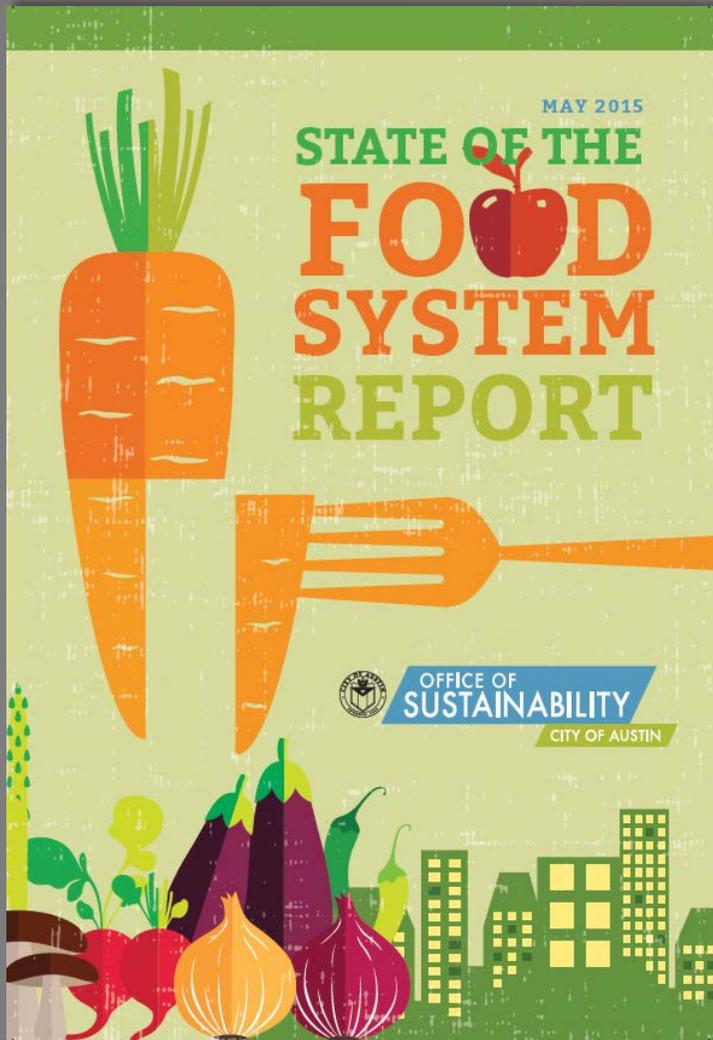
# Food Systems Update 2019

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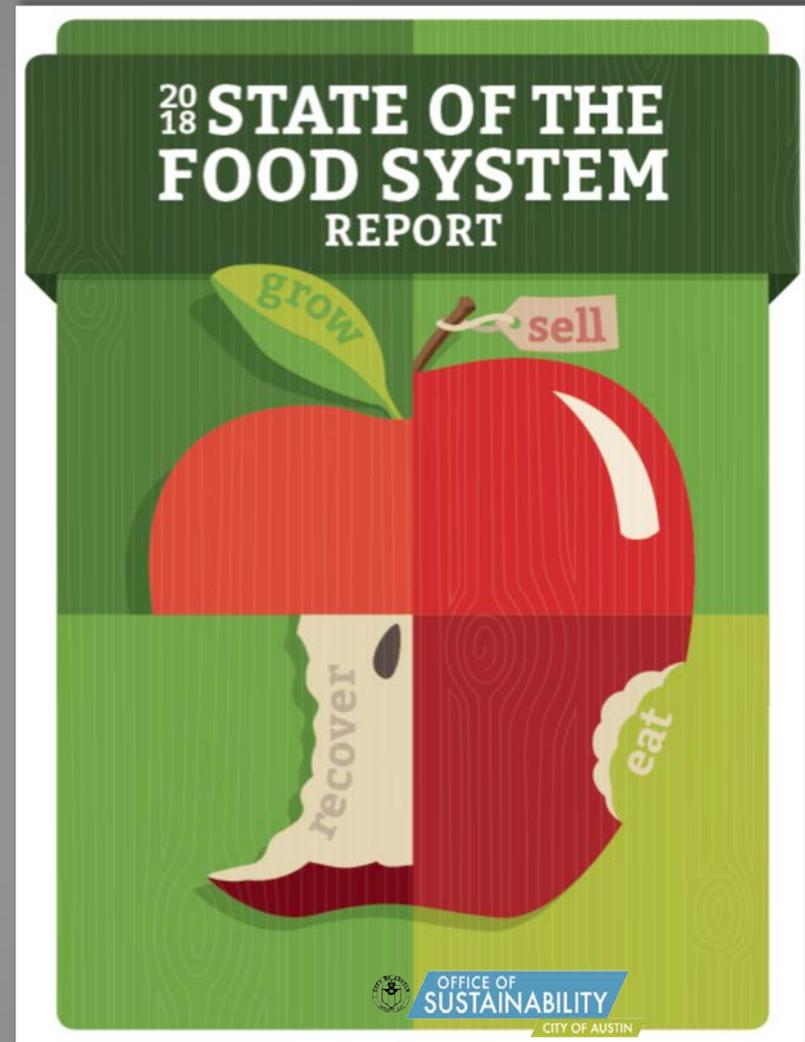


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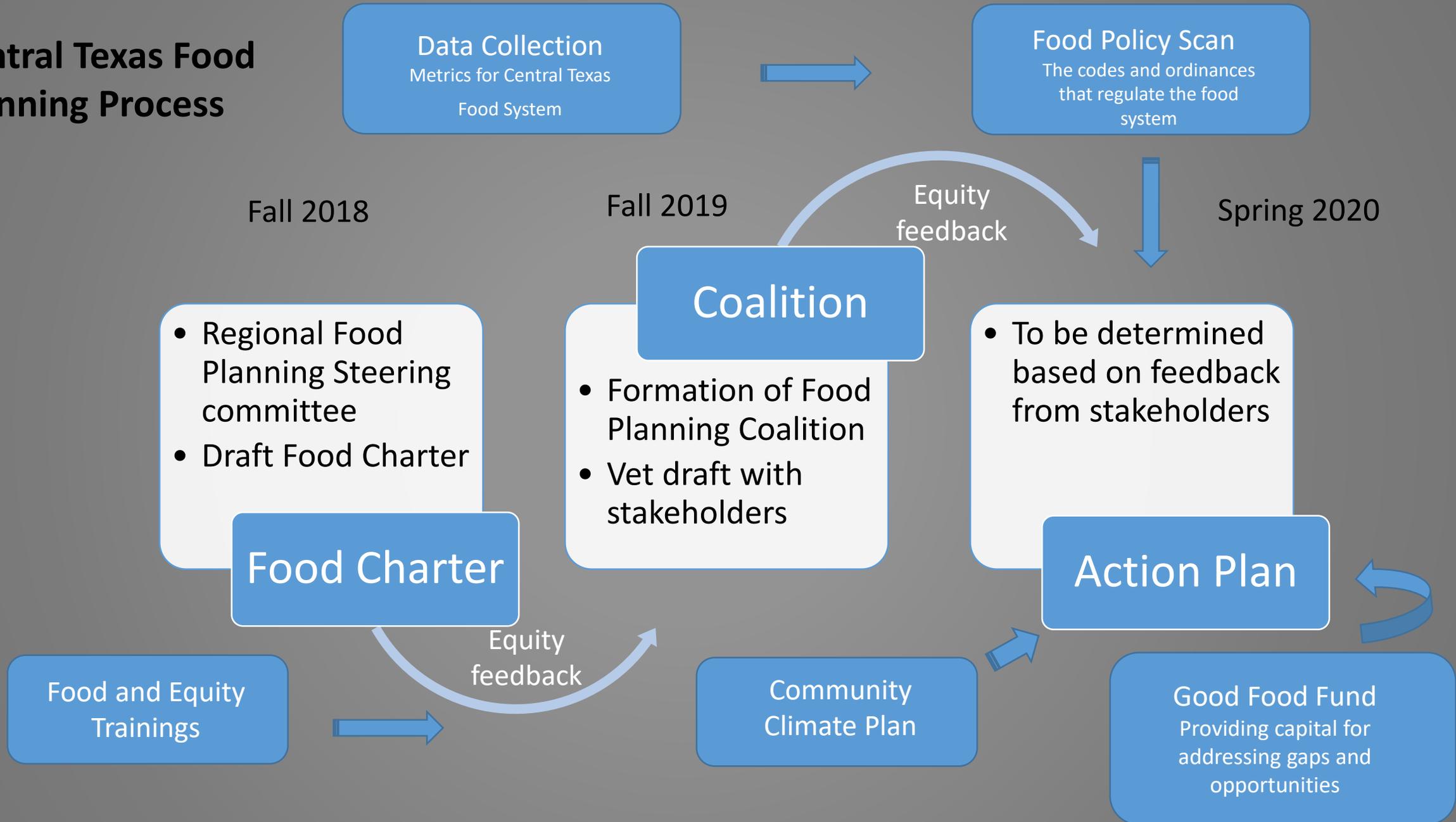


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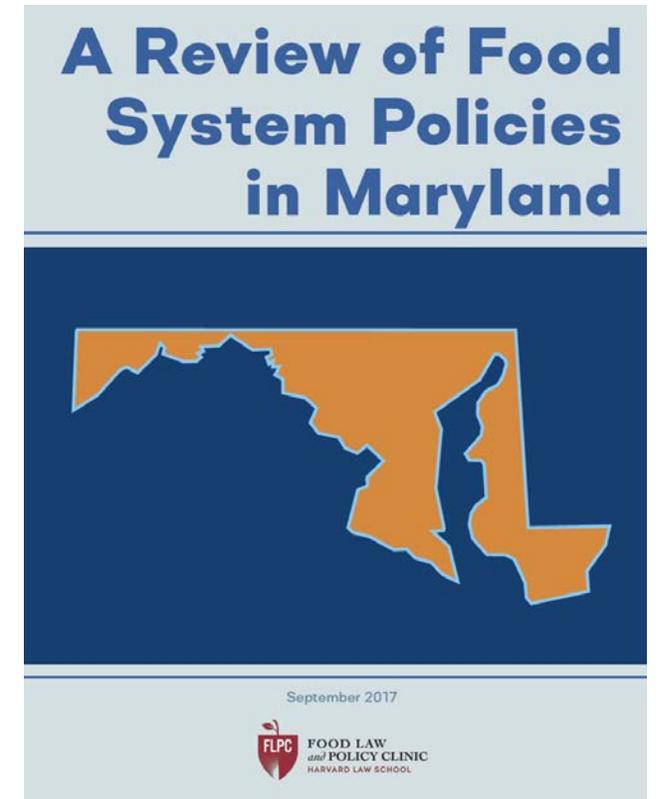
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# Central Texas Food Planning Process

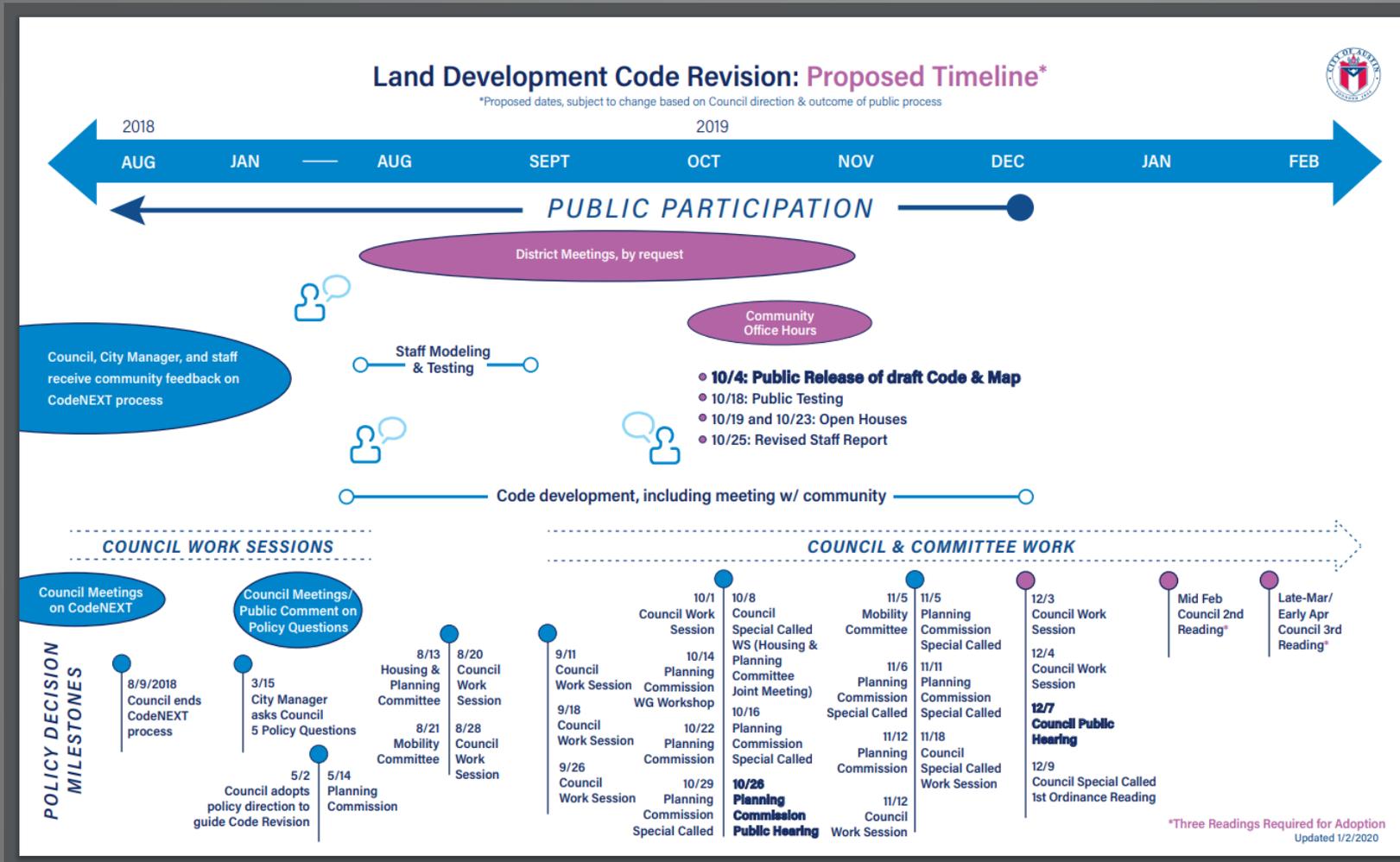


# State and Local Food System Policy Scan

- Which policies shape our local food system?
  - City, County, State, Federal
- **Policy Inventory** – categorized, searchable
- **Policy fact sheets:**
  - Policy Landscape
  - Sustainable Food Production
  - Food Assistance
  - Food Retail
  - Food Recovery



# Land Development Code Rewrite



*“Allow small neighborhood grocers as CUP in all zones  
**DIRECTION:** Work with Economic Department to identify the square footage of a small neighborhood grocer and where this type of use can benefit areas that have difficulties accessing healthy food options.”*



# AUSTIN COMMUNITY CLIMATE PLAN

## CURRENT SIGNS OF CLIMATE CHANGE IN AUSTIN:



HIGHER TEMPERATURES



EXTENDED PERIODS OF DROUGHT



INCREASED RISK OF WILDFIRE



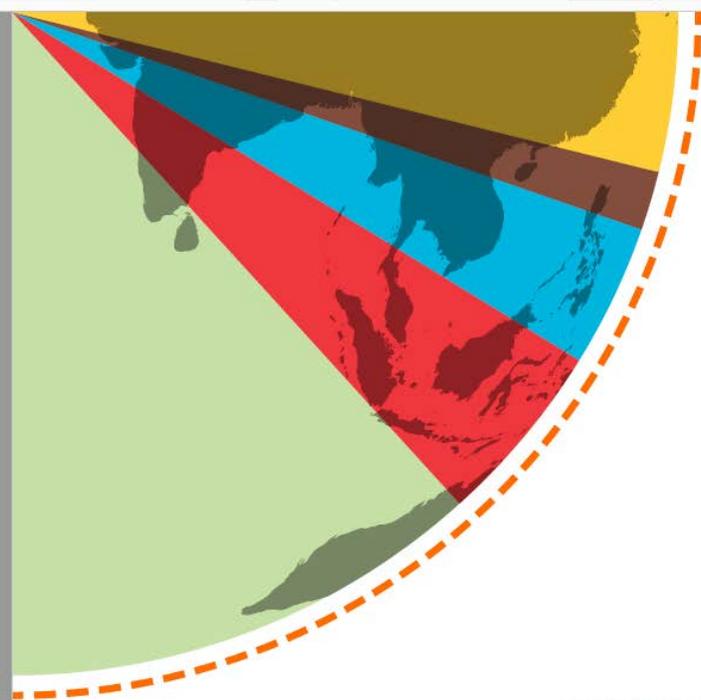
INTENSE RAIN AND FLOODING

Climate projections for Central Texas for the next 25 years indicate that there will be more days with rainfall over 2 inches, summertime droughts, and days with extreme temperatures over 110°F.



Austin City Council has set the **goal of reaching net-zero community-wide greenhouse gas emissions by 2050**. The Austin Community Climate Plan identifies more than 130 actions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from energy, transportation, and materials and waste sources.

CURRENTLY, **13.7 MILLION** METRIC TONS OF GREENHOUSE GASES ARE EMITTED COMMUNITY-WIDE FROM:



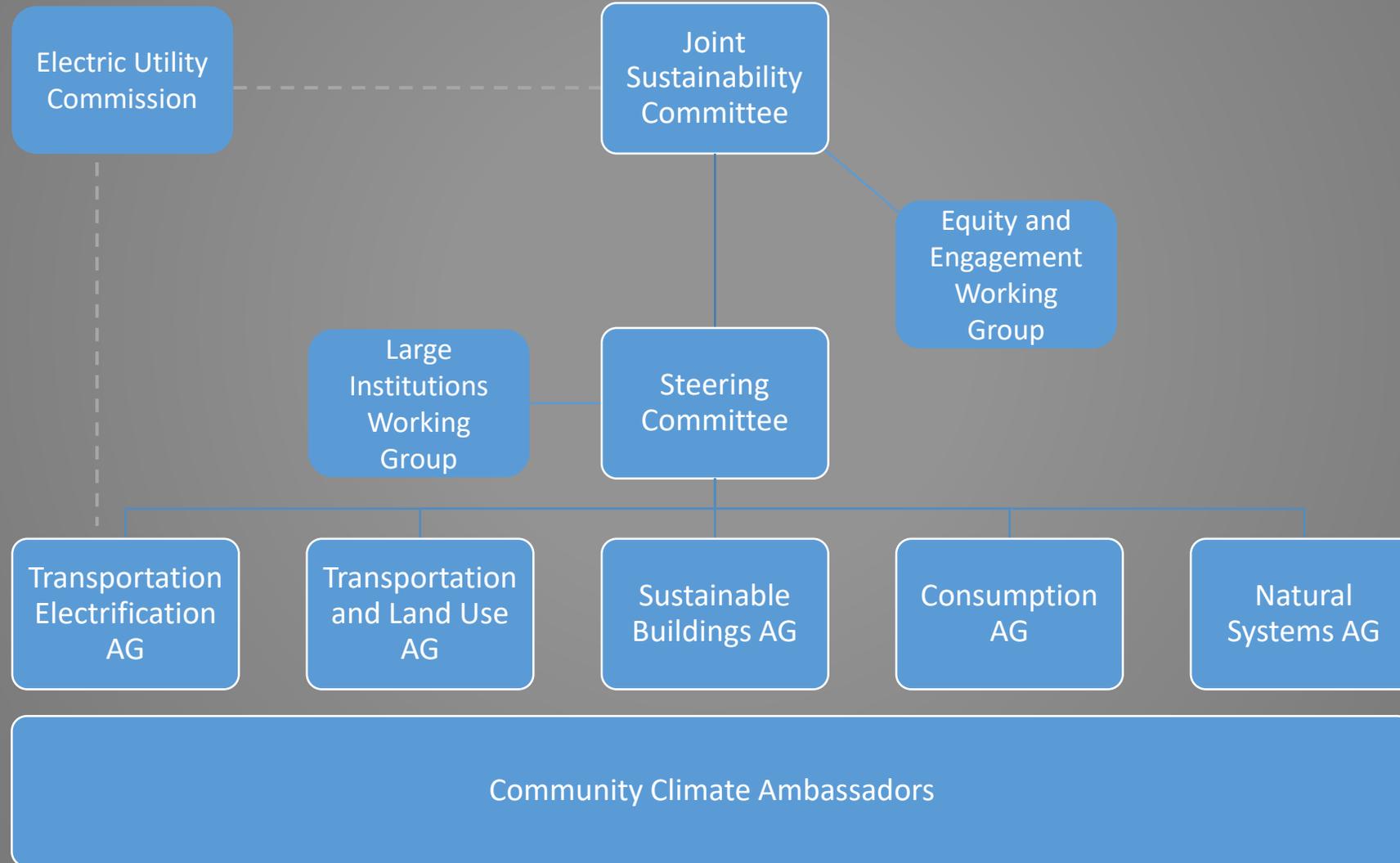
Summary Report of the EAT-Lancet Commission

Healthy Diets From Sustainable Food Systems

# Food Planet Health



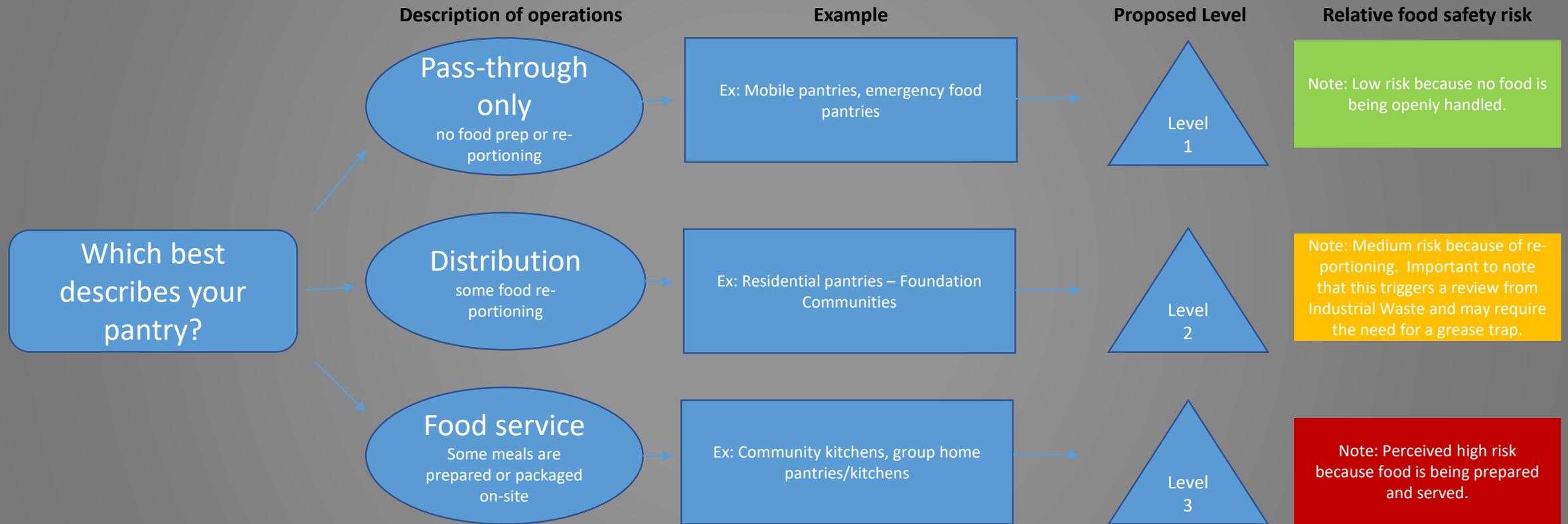
# Revised Community Climate Plan Structure 2020



# Food Pantry Permitting

How can the City of Austin make it more simple, and cost-effective to run a safe, and compliant food pantry that serves healthy foods?

# Determining level of permit



# Urban Agriculture on Public Land

- COA Community Garden Permit revisions
- Joint use agreements
  - School Gardens as Community Gardens
- Park-land for Food Forests
- Lease of City land for Community Urban Agriculture
- Lease of flood plain buyout land for urban ag





PURCHASING  
PROGRAM



**TEXAS**

The University of Texas at Austin

**30,000 meals per day**  
**\$6M annual food budget**  
**525,000 pounds of produce from local gardens**

Baseline complete  
Y2 report underway



**AUSTIN**

Independent School District

**77,000 meals per day**  
**\$12M annual food budget**  
**57% qualify for free or reduced price lunch**

Baseline & Y2 report  
complete

**AUSTIN**



CONVENTION CENTER

**145 events (2013)**  
**Over 311,000 meals served (2016)**  
**\$6M annual food budget**

Baseline complete  
Y2 report underway

# Next Steps

## Grant funding to amplify work in Austin with TA from Center for Good Food Purchasing

- Asset and liability scan—what’s preventing institutions from moving forward?
- Trainings for vendors
- Advance supply chain analytics

AISD hired GFPP coordinator to help achieve 4 star rating

## Planning a Vendor Summit in 2020

## Identify other institutional partners to participate

- Parks and Rec Department
- Travis County Jail
- Seton Hospital System – Dell Children’s



# Food Environment Analysis

## Assessments

### CONSUMER BEHAVIOR SURVEY

A sample of the Austin community will be surveyed about their food purchasing decisions. The intent is to address factors, other than objective measures identified in the Food Environment Analysis, that influence individual purchasing behavior.



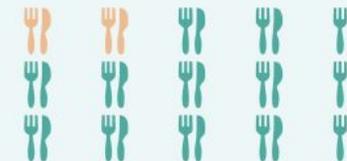
### FOOD ENVIRONMENT ANALYSIS



Surveying and mapping of all food retail locations in Travis County to identify the availability of nutritious food.

### FOOD PANTRY ASSESSMENT

The City has an interest in supporting and investing in food pantries in Travis County. A survey will be conducted at all food pantry sites in Travis County to better understand the current landscape (including capacity, food distributed, current challenges, etc.) of these important safety nets.



## Food Retail Investment



1

#### Assessment

The Food Environment Analysis, Consumer Behavior Survey and Food Pantry Assessment all contribute to a baseline understanding how, why, and where people access food.

2

#### Economic Development Evaluation

The Economic Development Office will analyze opportunities for food retail development in current city-owned land parcels. The Food Environment analysis will be leveraged for prioritization of areas with low food access.

3

#### Community Liason

The community liason will work with communities in identified parcels to discuss potential solutions for food retail improvement and gather feedback on what development community members would like to see if their neighborhood..

4

#### Development Plan

A consultant team will leverage existing information from City assessments, community engagement, and partner research to develop an development plan that will include strategies for expansion or recruitment of retailers, incentive criteria, and evaluation metrics, with an emphasis on economic and community stability..

# Networking



Texas Cities  
Summit on Food  
Access