



Board of County Commissioners,

The Douglas County Food Policy Council (DCFPC) is writing this letter to express the full support of the Adapt Douglas County: A Climate Action and Adaptation Plan. Our council has had the privilege to be staffed by the Douglas County Sustainability Office. Jasmine Moore, Kim Criner, and Jamie Hofling have all presented to the DCFPC and worked closely with our working groups, and membership to gather input for this plan from 2021-2024. In addition, DCFPC membership has served on the Adapt Douglas County Steering Committee and the DCFPC plans to continue to be actively involved in the implementation of the plan.

The Douglas County Food Policy Council is committed to promoting equitable access to healthy, sustainable, and locally produced food for all residents of Douglas County. We know that the Adapt Douglas County” aligns closely with our Douglas County Food System Plan and that the proposed plan acknowledges the significant challenges posed by climate change and has actionable strategies to enhance resilience and adaptation to our changing climate, particularly in the realm of food production, distribution, and access.

The plan includes a plentitude of policies that align with the Douglas County Food System Plan. Below you will find a list including some of those policies:

Living Systems: Balancing land uses, ecosystems, and natural functions

Goal 7: Protect and build the potential of carbon-sequestering ecosystems

Goal 8: Support a thriving, sustainable agricultural sector

Thieving Commining: Nurturing health and resilience across the county

Goal 12: Increase resilience through skill building, self-sufficiency, and resource sharing

Goal 13: Systemically prevent, reduce, and responsibly divert solid waste

Goal 14: Foster and develop a resilient business community and equitable workforce

The Douglas County Food Policy Council is proud to offer our enthusiastic support for the "Adapt Douglas County: A Climate Action & Adaptation Plan."

Sincerely,

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