



AGENDA

Douglas County Food Policy Council Meeting

Monday, August 18, 2025 @ 6:30 PM
Various Locations



The [Douglas County Food Policy Council \(FPC\)](#) works to identify the benefits, challenges, and opportunities for building a successful, sustainable local food system. Its purpose is to advise elected officials on food-system-related policy issues and to serve as a community forum for local food system development.

Meeting details and materials can be found at: <https://www.dgcoks.gov/public-meetings/food-policy-council/food-policy-council-fpc-mon-aug-18-2025-630-pm>

A. APPROVE AGENDA:

The DCFPC reserves the right to amend, supplement, or re-order the agenda during the meeting.

1. August 18, 2025 Agenda

ACTION: Consider agenda approval

B. APPROVE MINUTES:

1. Review and approval of minutes from the previous DCFPC meeting.

ACTION: Consider minutes approval

C. AGENDA ITEMS:

1. **Food System Updates:**

- Kansas Local Food Summit
 - Summit Took place July 29-30 in Salina, KS
- Kansas Food Action Network Annual Convening
 - Consider attending the 2025 KFAN Annual Convening. Food and farm councils across the state of Kansas gather for a learning and sharing convening hosted by KFAN.

ACTION: No action required.

2. **Letter of Support Request**

- Margit Kaltenekker, Douglas County Agriculture Agent with K-State Extension, is requesting a Letter of Support from the DCFPC for a grant to attend the 2025 CREATE Agroecology Coaching Program, a 34-week intensive on regenerative agriculture led by Nicole Masters and Integrity Soils. The training will build advanced skills in soil microbiology, ecological agronomy, and behavioral coaching to help local producers transition to regenerative systems. Outcomes include serving over 100 producers, training 200+

stakeholders, supporting 5,000+ acres in transition, and advancing multiple goals of the Douglas County Food System Plan.

ACTION: Consider approval of a Letter of Support for Margit Kaltenecker's grant application to attend the 2025 CREATE Agroecology Coaching Program.

3. **DCFPC Public Support Request Form, Review and Discussion**

- Presenters: County staff and Leadership
- DCFPC Co-Chairs and staff have drafted a DCFPC Public Request Form to improve community engagement and access. The will also provide the Council a consistent format with information and materials needed to review requests and make informed decisions.
- The following text will be displayed on the DCFPC website followed by a button to the online form:
 - Title: Public Request Form
 - Text below: Members of the public and organizations may submit requests for letters of support, food policy recommendations, or other food systems matters to the Douglas County Food Policy Council. Please provide complete information to ensure timely review.

ACTION: No action required.

4. **Lawrence Farmers Market Permanent Location Feasibility Study and Community Engagement, Update**

- Presenter: Emily Lysen
- LFM Director of Development and DCFPC member Emily Lysen will provide an update on the Lawrence Farmers Market Permanent Location Feasibility Study and Community Engagement. The LFM website now includes information about the study and opportunities for community involvement:
<https://www.lawrencefarmersmarket.org/>

ACTION: No action required.

5. **Douglas County Legislative Priorities, DCFPC Recommendations**

- Timeline: Start a draft in August, deliberate in September, finalized in October; priorities due the first week of November.

ACTION: No action required.

6. **Economic Development Working Group | World Cup Readiness Updates**

- DCFPC Economic Development: The DCFPC will be working to implement the proposed WC readiness programming by preparing local food businesses and promoting sustainable practices. Programming will be focused on fire safety, food safety, and big event management.

- The Economic Development Working Group meets on the third Tuesday of the month from 9:00am to 9:30am virtually via Teams. Contact staff if interested in participating.

ACTION: No action required.

7. **Curbside Compost Collection Pilot in Lawrence**

- The FORWARD working group will meet in September to start planning the Curbside Compost Collection Pilot. This pilot aims to test the feasibility and effectiveness of curbside food waste collection for composting from residential households.
- Meeting date and time TBD.

ACTION: No action required.

D. NEXT MEETING:

Date: Monday, September 15, 2025

Time: 6:30–8:30 PM

Location: Virtual and In-Person 1006 New Hampshire St.

E. ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourns.