



"Food is accessible when it is affordable, and community members can readily grow or raise it; find it; obtain it; transport it; prepare it; and eat it." – Healthy Food Policy Project

## Letter of Intent to Increase Access to Healthy Foods

Municipal Intent to Implement Policy and Systems Changes to Benefit Local and Equitable, Healthy Food Access

Better access to healthy foods can enable residents to live healthier and more active lives, help children learn and play, contribute to a cleaner environment, and support a thriving local economy. The City of Coconut Creek participated in the [Food For All Broward](#) initiative which invited community leaders, stakeholders, and elected officials, to take a proactive and bold approach to envision, support and expand access to healthy foods for residents of all ages, abilities, and cultural and economic backgrounds.

As a result of our participation in the Food for All Broward Initiative and with Technical Assistance provided through it, the team defined (1) policy and/or (1) systems changes to support and expand healthy food access for all residents. These changes, next steps, and the timeline to implement the selected change(s) are outlined below. Supporting materials can be provided digitally.

This letter documents the intent and plan from the City's Green Team of the City of Coconut Creek in Florida to **implement these policy and systems changes:**

- 1. Policy Change: Pass a resolution to include language that links CO2 emission reduction, transit access and food access opportunities and strategies in City planning documents.**
  - a. Detail: The City of Coconut Creek will ensure CO2 emission reduction and food access are considered, with a common goal, in the City's Comprehensive Plan and/or other documents (e.g., Green Plan).
  - b. Next Steps:
    - i. Final resolution completed by (date/month): 10/24/2019
    - ii. Final resolution approved by staff (date/month): 10/30/2019
    - iii. Final resolution passed at City Commission meeting on (date/month): 11/14/2019
- 2. Systems Change: Support the development of a community-led food access and environmental stewardship education component.**
  - a. Detail: The City of Coconut Creek will work with the Environmental Advisory Board to develop an education component on the connections between food access, environmental health, and community health and wellbeing that they will steward throughout the community.
  - b. Next Steps:
    - i. Meeting with Environmental Advisory Board by (date/month): 11/19/2019
    - ii. Develop Educational Component by (date/month): 11/30/2019

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name and Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

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