Healthy Food Goals and Policies

Urban Village Element

UV10.5: Encourage the location of grocery stores, farmers markets, and community food gardens to support access to healthful food for all areas where people live.

UV57.5: Create opportunities for people to experience the natural environment by including parks, forested areas, urban agriculture (P-Patches, farms, orchards and community gardens), and viewpoints among the priority uses to be considered for the City's surplus properties.

Land Use Element

LU5.5: Seek opportunities to preserve active farms by employing mechanisms such as the transfer of development rights from regional farmland into the city.

Utility Element

U12: Pursue the long-term goal of diverting 100% of the city's solid waste from disposal by maximizing recycling, reducing consumption, preventing food waste, and promoting products that are made to be reused, repaired or recycled back into nature or the marketplace.

U12.5: Encourage residents to reduce food waste as a strategy to decrease utility expenses as well as to reduce fertilizer and pesticide use and greenhouse gas emissions.

Economic Development Element

ED11.5: Recognize the value of the local food system in sustaining the local economy and seek ways to expand this benefit by supporting our capacity to grow, process, distribute, and access local foods.

Human Development Element

HDG3.5: Strive to provide access to healthy, affordable food to all households in the city.

HD13.5: Seek to expand access to healthy food by encouraging better distribution and marketing of healthy options in a greater diversity of places and by addressing nutrition standards in City purchasing programs.
HD13.6: Encourage local food production, processing, and distribution through the support of home and community gardens, farmers markets, community kitchens, and other collaborative initiatives to provide healthy foods, promote food security, and build community.

HD13.7: Consider using City land, including parks and surplus property, to expand our capacity to grow, process, distribute, and access local foods.

Environment Element

E15.7: Encourage local food production as a way to decrease the environmental and climate impacts of the food production and distribution systems.

E12.5: Promote the reduction of the amount of pesticides, herbicides, and artificial fertilizers used for urban agriculture within the city.

E22: Work to achieve a sustainable urban forest that contains a diverse mix of tree species and ages in order to use the forest's abilities to reduce storm water runoff and pollution, absorb air pollutants, provide wildlife habitat, absorb carbon dioxide, provide shade, stabilize soil, provide food, and increase property values.