Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Pittsburgh Food Policy Council and partners are building grassroots efforts and supporting resident leadership to pass a city-wide food policy.

Goals

- Standardize data collection and measurement of food and health equity in Pittsburgh that will identify healthy food priority areas for policy action
- Develop a comprehensive citywide food and healthy equity policy

Background

- Population size: 302,407
- 2019 data shows 20% of Pittsburgh’s population lacked consistent access to adequate food.
- Pittsburgh’s poverty rate among minority groups remain four times higher than Whites.
- Black populations in Pittsburgh are more likely to report food and housing insecurity and to be diagnosed with chronic diseases.

Success Stories

Healthy food priority areas have been identified and mapped and are being utilized to recruit resident ambassadors

Launched the applications for their pilot resident program in April, and are scheduled to kick off the program in June 2021

Key Milestones from July - December 2020

1 organizational policy or procedure adopted or modified to promote access to foods that support healthy eating patterns

453 individuals reached through public communications that promote advocacy, transparency, awareness or knowledge of the food system

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