

Sustainable Food Systems Update

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Discussion



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Background on Food Systems Programming

- The City's food system efforts have grown steadily over the past decade
 - Community Agriculture Project began in 2010
 - Overhaul of the Animal Keeping Code 2015
 - Urban Farm Incubator 2018
- Community partnerships have allowed for strong engagement and programming
 - Community events and education
 - Example: Community Seed Swap
 - Investment in key infrastructure and new businesses
 - Example: Flagstaff Foodlink's Grower Grants



How is COVID-19 Impacting Food Systems



The Need for Action

- The gaps and weak points in our food system are being revealed
- Existing inequities are being exacerbated
- Unprecedented demand on social safety net services

A Catalyst for Change

- Opportunity to build a more resilient and equitable food system
- Contribute to economic recovery



COVID-19 Response Efforts



Providing emergency food access and building an action network

- Sustainability staff are participating in the Social Safety Net Coalition
 - Focused on communicating emergency food access resources
- Working to build a food action team
 - Network of regional food system partners
 - Leverage knowledge and resources to take action
 - Goals:
 - Problem solve and respond to immediate needs
 - Develop shovel-ready projects that build food system resilience
 - Support longer-term economic development



Program Updates

Food waste prevention and recovery

Less Wasted Food



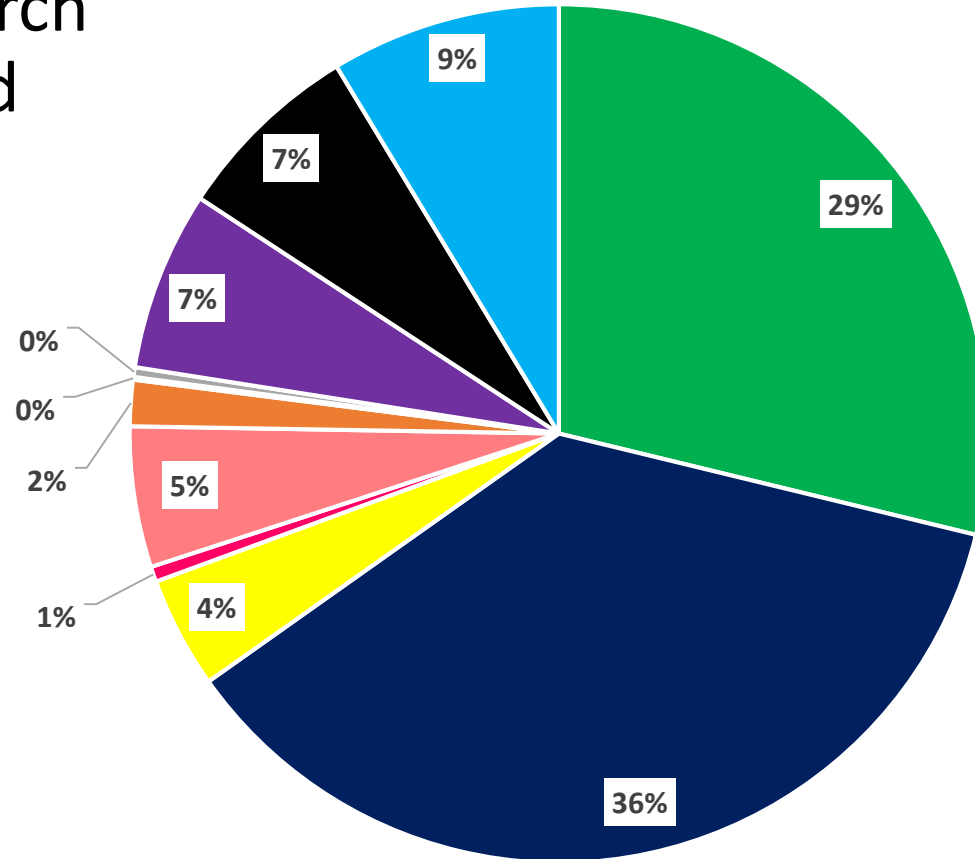


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Food waste prevention and recovery

Recently conducted research identifying sources of food waste and recovery



- Residential
- Restaurants & Caterers
- Colleges & Universities
- K-12 Schools
- Hospitality
- Health Care
- Events & Recreation Facilities
- Correctional Facilities
- Grocers & Markets
- Food Wholesalers & Distributors
- Food Manufacturing & Processors



Program Updates

Community garden expansion and improvements

- Expanding the O'Leary St. Garden
- 20 new garden plots this year
- Unprecedented number of new gardeners and scholarships provided
- Collaborating with the Cooperative Extension to provide education needed for new gardeners





Program Updates

Backyard livestock keeping outreach

- Distributing outreach to all single-family homes in Flagstaff
- Backyard livestock are a mechanism for food security
- Communicating the recent updates to the Animal Keeping Code
 - New permitting system – more updates to come





Program Updates



Backyard livestock keeping outreach

Want to raise livestock animals in Flagstaff?
Here's what you need to know.

Keeping small livestock animals is a sustainable, healthy, and fun source of food. And it's legal! Find out how.

What animals can I have? Small livestock animals like chickens, ducks, rabbits, miniature goats and bees are allowed on residential or educational properties throughout the city. However, check your Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions first.

If the property is less than 20,000 square feet, you may have one of the three options shown.

HIVES

Bees.
Up to two bee hives.

Chickens, Ducks, or Rabbits over four months of age. No roosters, geese, peafowl, or turkeys allowed.

Pygmy, Dwarf, or Miniature Goats.
Males must be neutered.

Do I need a permit? If you live in a zoning other than Estate Residential or Rural Residential, a permit is required to keep small livestock. However, there is no permit fee or site inspection required as part of the application. You can find the permit application at www.flagstaff.az.gov/livestock. Submitted applications will be reviewed within 2 weeks.





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Supporting local economic development

- The food system as a pillar of economic recovery
- Urban Farm Incubator
 - Working on a lease extension to improve the viability of the current and future users
 - Model for the use of other vacant City lots to increase local agriculture and jobs
- Exploring shovel-ready projects with community partners and Economic Vitality





Discussion



Seeking Council direction

Given the constantly evolving circumstances, we would appreciate:

- Your feedback on existing and future efforts
- Are there any immediate gaps you see in these efforts?
- Are there key stakeholders that we should be including in networking and collaboration?

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