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# MIDDLESEX-LONDON FOOD POLICY COUNCIL

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# Middlesex-London Food Policy Council Journey

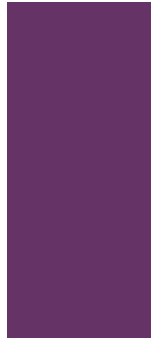


# Our Journey...

Events related to building a stronger local food system

- 2007 - London's **Food Charter Development Group** was formed
- 2011 - City Council endorsed Food Charter (**implementation group**)
- 2013 – **Local Food Act** enacted
- 2014 - Community Forums to discuss the development of a **Food Policy Council** and the **Community Food Assessment**
- 2015 – Middlesex-London **Community Food Assessment** was created





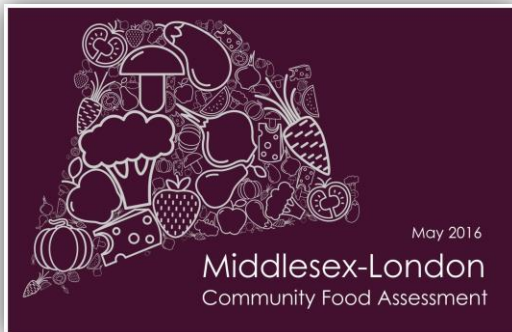
# Middlesex-London Community Food Assessment

## Asset Mapping:

- Recommended Middlesex-London to establish a **Food Policy Council** to advocate for important changes within the local food system.

Middlesex-London is *“ripe with assets and opportunities for developing a healthier, sustainable, resilient and equitable food system. A Food Policy Council will provide an on-going place for dialogue, decision-making and the coordination of a variety of initiatives that may be citizen-led, community-led, industry-led, municipally-led or truly cross-sector.”*

London Food Bank, 2016

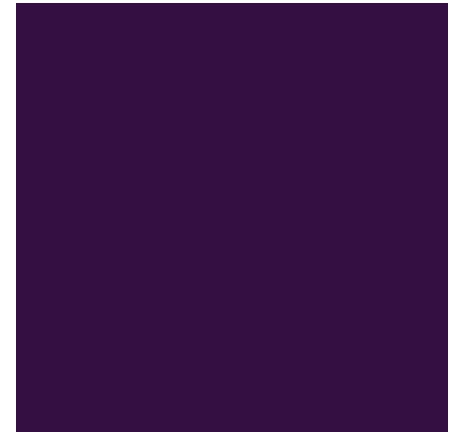
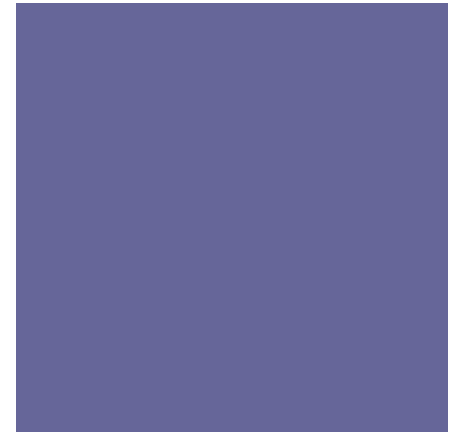




# + Our Journey (continues)...

- May 2016
  - Community forums to discuss Food Policy Council **membership**
- June 2016
  - Middlesex-London Food Policy Council **application opened**
- September 2016
  - Food Policy Council member **applications closed**
- November 2016
  - Initial Food Policy Council **membership announced!**





# Food Policy Council Membership



# Terms of Reference:



## ■ Vision

- The Middlesex London community sustains a **healthy, safe, equitable** and **ecologically responsible** food system, that nourishes all local residents and is economically viable

## ■ Mission

- To serve as a **forum** for discussing food **issues**
- To **Empower citizens** to be involved in **decisions**
- To foster **coordination** between **sectors** in the food system
- To evaluate and influence **policy**
- To support **programs** and **services** that address local **needs**







# Food Policy Council Membership



Agriculture (Urban)

Agriculture (Rural)

City of London Council

City of London Municipal Staff

Economic Development/Community

Futures

Education

Food Distribution and Logistics

Food Processing

Food Retail

Food Security

Food Service/Institutional Food/Food

Procurement

General Community Member (Urban)

General Community Member (Rural)

Indigenous Nations

Middlesex County Council

Middlesex County Municipal Staff

Middlesex-London Board of Health

OMAFRA (Provincial Agricultural Group)

Research

Energy, Environment and Waste

# + Food Policy Council Membership

- The Food Policy Council will have their first meeting on **November 29, 2016**
- Minutes from the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting will be posted on Middlesex-London Health Unit webpage (MLHU):  
<https://www.healthunit.com/middlesex-london-food-policy-council>

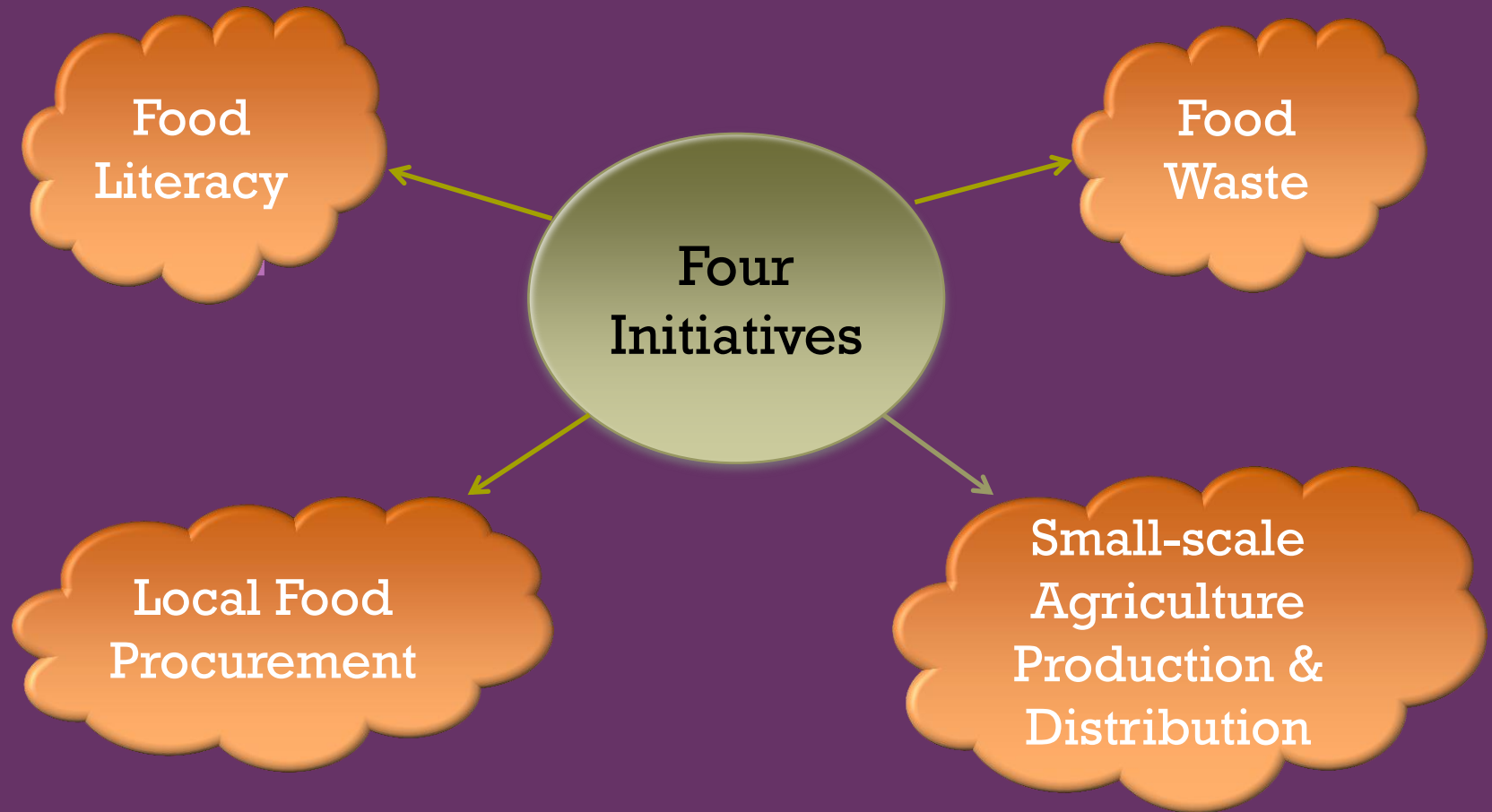




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# Moving Forward

To build a stronger, more sustainable local food system





Other  
priorities?

## Activity

1. Form smaller groups
2. Identify other initiatives for a stronger, more sustainable local food system (15 min)
3. What are some considerations and resources that may be required?
4. Presentations! (3 min)