Inter-agency collaboration
- Baltimore Office of Sustainability
- Department of Planning, Health Department & Baltimore Development Corporation

Food Policy Action Coalition (Food PAC)
- 60 diverse stakeholders
- Food PAC provides opportunities for collaboration and idea sharing around food-related organizations in Baltimore

Resident Food Equity Advisors
- 16 residents, 14 city council districts, 6 meetings
USE FOOD AS A CATALYST TO ADDRESS HEALTH, ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL DISPARITIES IN HEALTHY FOOD PRIORITY AREAS
HEALTHY FOOD ENVIRONMENT STRATEGY

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3. Retain and attract supermarkets
4. Increase the ability of the public markets to anchor the healthy food environment
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7. Support urban agriculture, emphasizing historically disenfranchised populations and geographies
8. Address transportation gaps that impact food access
Food Environment Mapping
### MEAL & FOOD ASSISTANCE SITES

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**2018 Baltimore City Nutrition Assistance Programs**

- After School Meal Sites
- Kids' Summer Meal Sites
- Senior Meal Sites
- Food Pantries and Meal Sites

*Healthy Food Priority Area is an area where 1) The average Healthy Food Availability Index score for all food stores is low, 2) The median household income is at or below 185% of the Federal Poverty Level, 3) Over 20% of households have no vehicle available, and 4) The distance to a supermarket is more than 1/4 mile.*

**Sponsors:**

- Johns Hopkins Center for a Livable Future
- Baltimore City Health Department
- Baltimore Development Corporation
Farmers Markets
- 18 farmers markets across the city
- 16 markets accept SNAP
- 9 markets accept Maryland Market Money

Urban Farms
- 23 within the city
- Policies: Land Leasing, Urban Ag Tax Credit, Urban Ag Plan

Community Gardens
- 83 community gardens
- 17 gardens are located in Priority Areas
“Last year my car was stolen so I had to walk to the grocery store. The closest store is a mile and a half away. It was challenging to carry the bags, especially during inclement weather. Public transportation was equally as frustrating because the only available bus took a route that was twenty minutes out of the way.”

Anthony Francis
Resident Food Equity Advisor
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January 2018

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FOOD AND NUTRITION ASSISTANCE

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<td>26% of children in the district live in Priority Areas. The 8th District served nearly 84,000 summer meals across 37 sites in 2016.</td>
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<th>AFTER SCHOOL MEALS</th>
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<td>There are 32 sites that are served by the Maryland Food Bank, out of 425 sites citywide.</td>
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<td>The Virtual Supermarket primarily serves senior and disabled housing sites. There is 1 site in the 8th district.</td>
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HEALTHY FOOD ENVIRONMENT STRATEGY

Food environment mapping and analysis inform and guide BFPI’s work. The 2018 food environment analysis led BFPI to update its guiding Healthy Food Environment Strategy. The following citywide goals have applications at the state, city, and neighborhood levels. These maps and analysis are used to inform, create, and evaluate food policies. Together, BFPI agencies implement the following strategies:

- Support resident-driven processes to guide equitable food policy, programs and resources
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FOOD ENVIRONMENT REPORT

FOOTNOTES:
1. Chart display 15% of Federal Poverty Level by count of residents adjusted for household size. Poverty area calculations are based on household median incomes.
2. *Poverty Census categories, “Other” is a combination of American Indians, Alaska Natives, Hawaiian/Pacific Islander, and “Two or More.”
*Hispanic is an ethnic classification that includes all races. There may be overlap between Hispanic and other racial categories.
3. Percent increases are based on citywide averages as data by district is limited.

Updated 01/29/2019
Personal Property Tax Credit

- To attract new stores and retain existing stores
- Passed in 2016, amended in 2018
People living in Priority Areas:

- 23.5% of residents
- 28.3% school aged children
- 24.3% seniors
- 31% Black residents vs 8.9% White residents
PERCENTAGE OF EACH GROUP IN HEALTHY FOOD PRIORITY AREAS

City: 23.5%
Children: 28.3%
Adults: 21.8%
Seniors: 24.3%
Black: 31.5%
White: 8.9%
Asian: 6.9%
Other*: 15.8%
Hispanic**: 11.4%

Race

Age

Baltimore City Council Districts
RESIDENTS DRIVING POLICY
Application Process
• 80 applicants
• 16 selected

Commitment
• 7 meetings, 2.5 hours each
• Over 3 months
• $250 compensation

Goal
• Create Resident Informed Policies to Improve Corner & Convenience Stores

Overview: Corner and convenience stores have very low Healthy Food Availability Index (HFAI) scores. In response to these findings and feedback from 2017 advisors, the 2018 RFEA cohort committed to a series of meetings to identify priorities within the corner and convenience store system, ultimately creating a corner and convenience store policy strategy and agenda.
SMALL FOOD RETAIL STORES

FOOD RETAIL

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HFAI SCORE RANGE

- **HIGH** 19.1 - 28.5
- **MEDIUM** 9.6 - 19
- **LOW** 0 - 9.5
SMALL FOOD RETAIL RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Improve the physical environment of stores to provide a clean, safe and accessible shopping experience
2. Increase the quality, accessibility and availability of food to improve health
3. Support stores with the resources they need to be economically viable businesses
4. Build mutually beneficial relationships between stores and communities
CONCLUSION
FOOD POLICY ACTION COALITION (FOOD PAC)

Food PAC
• 60 diverse stakeholders
• Invested in issues ranging from food policy, food justice, childhood hunger, food access, food retail, obesity, and food systems

Goals
• Food policy barriers and opportunities
• Convener
• Share knowledge

Meetings
• First Wed of every other month (Feb, Apr, Jun, Aug, Oct, Dec)

https://planning.baltimorecity.gov/baltimore-food-policy-initiative/food-policy-action-committee