



## About Food for All: Broward

Food for All Broward is an initiative to expand access to healthy foods for residents of all ages, abilities, cultural and economic backgrounds. By collaborating with local jurisdictions over the next year, the aim is to increase healthy eating options by co-developing policy and system changes that will facilitate healthier, thriving communities by strengthening and expanding the food system across Broward County.

## The Issue

There is a direct connection between the availability and access to healthy foods and diet-related disease such as diabetes, heart disease and obesity. The good news is that increasing access to healthy foods not only improves public health, but can spur economic development and neighborhood jobs in distressed communities.<sup>1</sup> Healthy food initiatives can increase employment in communities by providing jobs across the food system (from farm to table), attract foot traffic and other retail, provide workforce development and training opportunities, promote environmental sustainability and boost local economies.<sup>2</sup> By working together, we can improve the health and quality of life of all residents through proven and creative ways that local governments have used across the country to make healthy foods more affordable and accessible.

## Solution-Building through Food for All Broward

Through Food for All Broward, education and technical assistance will be provided to participating municipalities to develop and implement strategies to improve access to healthy foods in their communities. Municipalities will be assisted in identifying and implementing evidence-based food policy and system change options including farmer's markets, healthy food zones, updating comprehensive plans and other strategies that have successfully helped communities close healthy food access gaps.



<sup>1</sup>The Reinvestment Fund. 2011. Healthy Food Financing at Work: Pennsylvania Fresh Food Financing Initiative. Pennsylvania Fresh Food Financing Initiative

<sup>2</sup> Healthy Food Access Portal. <http://www.healthyfoodaccess.org>

During the first phase of Food for All Broward, support will be provided to the following 13 jurisdictions:

- Broward County Municipal Services District
- Coconut Creek
- Dania Beach
- Fort Lauderdale
- Hallandale Beach
- Hollywood
- Lauderdale by the Sea
- Lauderdale Lakes
- Lauderhill
- Pompano Beach
- Miramar
- Pembroke Park
- Pembroke Pines

This initial cohort will provide a diverse cross-section of municipalities that will accelerate peer learning, policy and system changes, and collaborations that can produce impacts that reach a significant portion of county residents.

## Get Involved & Join Us!

Please join us as we kick off Food for All Broward with a convening of elected officials, city and county government staff, community-based organizations, advocates and residents of the 13 jurisdictions on

**Thursday, January 18, 2018:**

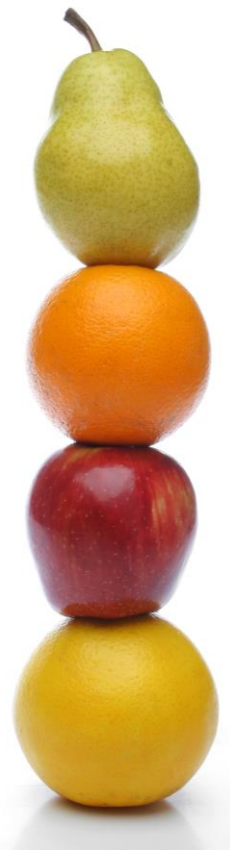
- 8:30 am – 9:30 am - **Elected Officials Breakfast**
- 10:00 am – 11:30 am - **Food for All Kick-Off Workshop**

**The Food for All Kick-Off Workshop will include:**

- A presentation on healthy food gaps and health disparities within the 13 jurisdictions
- Discussion of successful evidence-based food system change strategies that can be applied in Broward County; and an
- Opportunity to network and learn from diverse participants including government officials, community-based organizations and advocates committed to expanding access to healthy foods across the county.

To register for one of these events and to join our mailing list, please visit:

[www.urbanhp.org/food-for-all-broward](http://www.urbanhp.org/food-for-all-broward)



## Contact Us

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