



**FOOD FOR ALL
BROWARD**

A Commitment to Increasing Access to Healthy Foods

SUPPORTING POLICIES FOR HEALTHY FOOD ACCESS

This document compiles example policies that support healthy food access from Broward County and Florida. We hope these examples will inspire your jurisdiction to create its policies to advance healthy food access. The policies are listed from broad to more specific. The broader policies are from vision documents such as Comprehensive Plans, while the more specific ones are from land use regulations. The policies support healthy food access from a variety of frames, color-coded as **Health/Social**, **Economic**, **Environmental Sustainability**, and **food security**. In addition, the policies are noted by their legal strategy inspired by the Healthy Food Policy Project:

- **Vision:** Expresses a broad, comprehensive vision rationally connected healthy food access.
- **Collaboration:** Directs a jurisdiction to collaborate with other entities
- **Awareness:** Creates an educational/awareness campaign; provides information or teaches skills
- **Defines:** Defines an activity, or sets a standard with requirements
- **Directs:** Directs action for local government
- **Promotes:** Expressly allows something in a way that supports or promotes access to healthy food

Legal Strategy	Policy	How it supports food Access
DIRECTS	<p>OVERCOME HANDICAPES</p> <p>“It is the intent of this act that local governments have the ability to preserve and enhance present advantages; encourage the most appropriate use of land, water, and resources, consistent with the public interest; overcome present handicaps; and deal effectively with future problems that may result from the use and development of land within their jurisdictions.”</p> <p><i>Florida Community Planning Act. Sec163.3161</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enables localities to pass land use policies that, “<i>improve the public health</i>,” among other things. • May support food access policies to overcome “handicaps” such as diabetes and food insecurity.
DIRECTS & DEFINES	<p>COMBAT DISEASE</p> <p>“That the prevention and elimination of slums and blight is a matter of state policy and state concern in order that the state and its counties and municipalities shall not continue to be endangered by areas which are focal centers of <i>disease</i>.. an excessive proportion of its revenues because of the extra services required for police, fire, accident, <i>hospitalization</i>, and other forms of public protection, services, and facilities.”</p> <p>Slum area means an area having physical or economic conditions <i>conducive to disease</i>...”</p> <p><i>Florida Community Redevelopment Act. Sec. 163.335</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only section of the Florida State Statute that empowers localities to identify areas with the “<i>physical or economic conditions conducive to disease</i>.” • Possibly be used to link economic development, health and food access.
VISION & AWARENESS	<p>COMMUNITY GARDENS</p> <p>“The purpose of these [community] gardens is to build community: by increasing and enhancing community interaction through gardening and greening while providing healthy foods, cleaner air and stress relief from tough</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Links food to healthy community place making. • Celebrates the essential cultural nature of food. • Inspires residents to have

	<p>economic times, these gardens provide the community with more than a hobby. They provide a sense of ownership in the community and generate positive, productive space.”</p> <p><i>Lauderdale Lakes 2014 CRA plan</i></p>	<p>ownership of policy though food access.</p>
<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">DEFINES</p>	<p>URBAN AGRICULTURE</p> <p>“Urban agriculture or urban farming is the practice of cultivating, processing, and distributing food in or around a village, town, or city. Urban agriculture can also involve animal husbandry, aquaculture, agroforestry, urban beekeeping, and horticulture.”</p> <p><i>Broward County Land Use Plan Definitions</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allows for a broad spectrum of activities required for a sustainable, local food system economy.
<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">COLLABORATION</p>	<p>RESILIENCY AND FOOD SECURITY</p> <p>“Broward County, in conjunction with its municipalities, should create programs and policies which encourage and support composting, community garden networks and local food production, in order to meet the multiple goals of reduced emissions and energy consumption, while increasing the resiliency and long term food security of the community.”</p> <p><i>Broward County Climate Change Element, Policy 19.8.9.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promotes cross-sectoral work of ensuring food security. • Links food security and resiliency. • Promotes <i>networks</i> of community gardens.
<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">PROMOTES</p>	<p>FARM-TO-TABLE</p> <p>“Broward County shall support and encourage municipalities to provide farm-to-table opportunities throughout Broward County.”</p> <p><i>Broward County Land Use Plan, Urban Agriculture, POLICY 2.6.1.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promotes the consumption of locally produced food • Links production and consumption.
<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">DIRECTS</p>	<p>FOOD DESERTS</p> <p>“Local governments should consider the identification and elimination of “food deserts” when making land use policy and decisions.”</p> <p><i>Broward County Land Use Plan POLICY 3.2.5.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote healthy food retail in otherwise divested communities. • Links food access and land use planning.
<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">DEFINES, AWARENESS & PROMOTES</p>	<p>SUSTAINABLE LOCAL FOOD PRODUCTION</p> <p><i>“5.14.1. The purpose of this section is to promote sustainable local food production for local consumption with the intent to:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>• Improve health; and</i> <i>• Improve access to fresh, healthy, affordable locally produced food; and</i> <i>• Increase access to culturally appropriate food and help residents rediscover their community's food culture; and</i> <i>• Improve the economic health of the community; and</i> <i>• Transform vacant urban property into appealing places and foster a sense of community; and</i> <i>• Provide an educational platform for students interested in local food production and to allow for collaboration or partnerships with other organizations; and</i> <i>• Divert organic waste from landfills into compost.”</i> <p><i>“5.14.2. Where allowed. A community garden is allowed in the Community Facility (CF) and Residential Multi-family at 18 dwelling units per gross acre (RM-18) zoning districts as a permitted use subject to the special regulations herein.”</i></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Links healthy food access as a matter of the local food economy, promoting health, economic justice, cultural celebration as well as environmental sustainability. • Promotes community gardens with higher density land uses.

PROMOTES & AWARENESS

FRONT YARD VEGETABLE GARDENS

“Front Yard. At least 40% of the pervious area of the front and street sideyards shall be landscaped with shrubs and groundcovers, or a combination thereof. The remainder may be planted with turfgrass, annuals and vegetable gardens, up to a maximum of 60%...It is highly recommended that vegetable gardeners take a course from the University of Florida Institute of Food and Agricultural Services (UF/IFAS) to plant a successful garden for Orlando's unique climate.”

Orlando, Sec. 60.223. – One-Family and Tow-Family Residential Landscaping Requirements.

- Promotes food production in the front yard, which interfaces the public realm.
- Guides residents to be successful food producers.

DEFINES & PROMOTES

FOOD SYSTEMS STANDARDS

Miramar’s code defines the following food system activities and allows them in a gradient of residential and commercial land uses with specified standards, conditions and spatial setbacks:

Aquaculture, Aquaponics, Commercial kitchen, Community garden, Farmers' markets, Greenhouse, Hydroponics, Mobile produce vending, Rooftop farms, Urban farm, Urban garden, Vertical farm

City of Miramar Land Development Code, 202.3.

- Defines and sets standards for nearly every local food system activity
- Sets standards for several food system activities within residential zones.