



# **NORTH TEXAS FOOD POLICY ALLIANCE**



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## **Vision Statement**

We envision a North Texas with a sustainable and equitable food system that will end hunger and ensure health and well-being for all.



## **Mission Statement**

To foster regional collaboration to develop sustainable and equitable food systems in North Texas.



## **Collective Impact**

One in seven Texans experienced food insecurity before the pandemic. Five million Texans live in food deserts, one of the highest rates in the U.S. A third of Texans are overweight because of an imbalanced diet and therefore at risk of obesity, diabetes, cancer, and cardiovascular disease. One in three college students faces food insecurity. Limited access to fresh, healthy food is a complex challenge that calls for comprehensive, coordinated solutions.

With projections indicating that its population will more than double by 2050, North Texas is in urgent need of a resilient, sustainable food system that supports public health and well-being through education, sharing of resources, knowledge and expertise, and collaboration of the private, public, and nonprofit sectors. The North Texas Food Policy Alliance was launched and established in 2021 at The University of Texas at Arlington and includes community leaders in city government, public health, community nonprofits, commercial businesses, and educational institutions.

## **Objectives of the North Texas Food Policy Alliance:**

- Work toward UN SDG #2: zero hunger
- Share resources: knowledge and expertise
- Research and strategy for solutions
- Education and outreach
- Partnerships and collaboration
- Capacity building



 **SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS**

A sustainable food system is a food system that delivers food security and nutrition for all in such a way that the economic, social, and environmental bases to generate food security and nutrition for future generations are not compromised. NTFPA convened to collaboratively develop a strategic plan with five-year goals that are aligned with the sustainable development goals (SDGs).

# 1 GOAL

## **Organization Success**

**(SDG 17):** Develop and convene a high-functioning collective of diverse stakeholders to create a cross-sectoral impact in North Texas food systems.

# 2 GOAL

## **Education & Awareness**

**(SDGs 4, 11):** Broaden, educate, and engage diverse participation of the North Texas community to advocate for more equitable and sustainable food policies.

# 3 GOAL

## **Access to Resources (SDGs 2, 3, 4, 11):**

Increase and diversify participation in the North Texas food system.

# 4 GOAL

**Research (SDG 4):** Curate research and develop a new multi-institutional research agenda.



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