North Texas Food Policy Alliance
FOUNDING DOCUMENTS
Spring 2021

HIGH LEVEL DOCUMENTS

North Texas Food Policy Alliance
Mission, Vision, Goals, and Strategies
LAST UPDATED: *May 20, 2021*

Mission

> **"Our Mission is to foster regional collaboration to develop sustainable and equitable food systems in North Texas."**

Vision

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

Operation Definitions:

- A **sustainable food system (SFS)** 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. This means that:
  - It is profitable throughout (economic sustainability);
  - It has broad-based benefits for society (social sustainability); and
  - It has a positive or neutral impact on the natural environment (environmental sustainability).
  A sustainable food system lies at the heart of the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) http://www.fao.org/3/ca2079en/CA2079EN.pdf

- An **equitable food system** is one that creates a new paradigm in which all — including those most vulnerable and those living in low-income neighborhoods and communities of color — can fully participate, prosper, and benefit https://www.policylink.org/food-systems/equitable-food-systems-resource-guide

- **North Texas** is the 16 county region as defined by the North Central Texas Council of Governments

Draft Goals w/ the Draft Strategies

Update May 20, 2021

Draft Goal & Strategies
GOAL 1 (organization success) SDG 17 The North Texas Food Policy Alliance will develop and convene a high-functioning collective of diverse stakeholders to create a cross-sectoral impact in North Texas food systems.

Goal 1 Strategies	
1.1	Implement a shared governance model.
1.2	Create an internal structure for capacity building, sharing of knowledge and expertise to amplify the Alliance's impact in North Texas.
1.3	Develop a communication platform to ensure clear, efficient, and effective communication amongst Alliance members.
1.4	Identify, align, and create funding opportunities to support the Alliance's work.
1.5	

Draft Goal & Strategies
GOAL 2 (education & awareness) - SDG 4 & 11 The North Texas Food Policy Alliance will broaden, educate, and engage diverse participation of North Texas residence to advocate for more equitable and sustainable food policies.

Goal 2 Strategies	
2.1	Create awareness of the challenges in the current food system and promote dialogue around how a sustainable and Equitable Food System would benefit North Texas
2.2	Serve as a platform to support capacity building and collaboration.

2.3	Engaging Students/youth to advance the mission and vision of the alliance- through volunteer opportunities and service-learning projects
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Draft Goal & Strategies

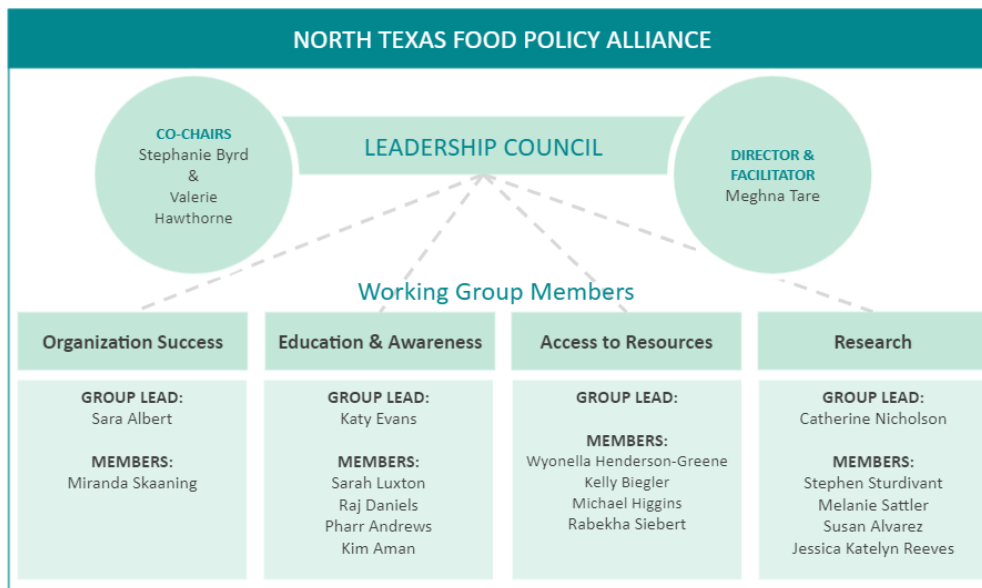| **GOAL 3** (access to resources) SDG 2, 3, 4, 11 The North Texas Food Policy Alliance will increase and diversify participation in the North Texas food system.	
Goal 3 Strategies	
3.1	Identify onramps and develop associated resources and training to engage those interested in equitable and sustainable food lifecycle at varying scales. (personal → large)
3.2	Develop relationships with key influencers and funders in the North Texas food system to reduce barriers to implementing food system programs.
3.3	Purse and obtain funding opportunities to support more sustainable, healthy, and equitable food systems in the region.
3.4	Develop and categorize a baseline of existing resources.
3.5	

Draft Goal & Strategies

GOAL 4 (research) SDG 4 The North Texas Food Policy Alliance will curate research and develop a new multi-institutional research agenda to support more informed and equitable decision-making around food systems and food policy in North Texas.	
Goal 4 Strategies	
4.1	Develop and categorize a baseline of past research- review existing research and conduct a gap analysis.

4.2	Identify and prioritize research areas that will address challenges and identify new opportunities in the North Texas food systems.
4.3	Create pathways to communicate research findings with a broader audience in a way that is consumable and relatable.
4.4	
4.5	

Leadership Council and WG Members

Update Sept 17, 2021

FY 22 - Leadership Council & Working Group Members

NORTH TEXAS FOOD POLICY ALLIANCE

CO-CHAIRS
Stephanie Byrd
&
Valerie
Hawthorne

LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

**DIRECTOR &
FACILITATOR**
Meghna Tare

Working Group Members

Organization Success	Education & Awareness	Access to Resources	Research
GROUP LEAD: Sara Albert **MEMBERS:** Miranda Skaaning	**GROUP LEAD:** Katy Evans **MEMBERS:** Sarah Luxton Raj Daniels Pharr Andrews Kim Aman	**GROUP LEAD:** **MEMBERS:** Wyonella Henderson-Greene Kelly Biegler Michael Higgins Rabekha Siebert	**GROUP LEAD:** Catherine Nicholson **MEMBERS:** Stephen Sturdivant Melanie Sattler Susan Alvarez Jessica Katelyn Reeves

Active Member Affiliation

- **Meghna Tare**, UT Arlington
- **Stephanie Byrd**, Schneider Electric
- **Valerie Hawthorne**, North Texas Food Bank
- **Sara Albert**, Consultant
- **Miranda Skaaning**, Parkland Health & Hospital System
- **Katy Evans**, City of Dallas
- **Sarah Luxton**, City of Plano
- **Raj Daniels**, Nexus PMG
- **Pharr Andrews**, City of Dallas
- **Kim Aman.** Grow Garden Grow
- **Wyonella Henderson-Greene**, Dallas Coalition for Hunger/Texas Hunger Initiative
- **Catherine Nicholson**, Baylor Collaborative on Hunger and Poverty
- **Stephen Sturdivant**, US EPA Region 6
- **Melanie Sattler**, UT Arlington
- **Kelly Biegler**, Atmos Energy
- **Michael Higgins,** USDA - Natural Resources Conservation Service
- **Susan Alvarez**, City of Dallas - Office of Env Qual & Sust
- **Jessica Katelyn Reeves**, HSC Community Garden
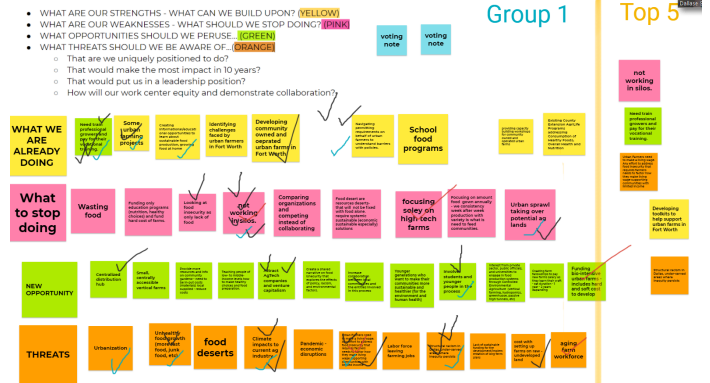- **Jabekha Siebert**, City of Denton

RESOURCES & LINKS

FINAL DOCUMENTS (Folder)

- Mission, Vision, Goals, and Strategies
- Strategy to Action Worksheets
- Stakeholder List + Emails

- [Government Model](#)
- [NTFPA Logos](#)
- [Resource Mapping](#)

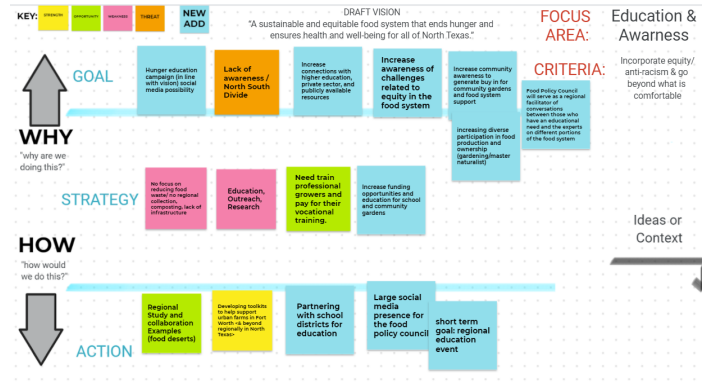|	
## SESSION 1 - May 3 **Meeting Documents & Resources (FOLDER)** - [Engagement Platform](#) - [SWOT Jamboard](#) - [Draft Mission and Vision](#) - [Suggested Rewrites](#)	
## SESSION 2 - May 12 **Meeting Documents & Resources (FOLDER)** - [Engagement Platform](#) - [GOALS Jamboard](#)	
## SESSION 3 - May 20 **Meeting Documents & Resources (FOLDER)** - [Engagement Platform](#) - [Refinement Jamboard](#) - [Updated Goals and Strategies](#) - [Impact/Effort Jamboard - Folder](#)	