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Sunshine Coast Food Charter

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VISION

We nurture a thriving, just and resilient local food system, where everyone has dignified access to nutritious and culturally preferred food. The food system contributes to cultural and social well-being and the economy of the Sunshine Coast.

PRINCIPLES

In the development of a resilient and thriving local food system, the following five principles are supported and upheld by two of our local governments, 15 of our local organisations, and a host of concerned and committed citizens. These principles should guide all food systems planning and any decision making that impacts the food system at the present time and when planning for the years ahead.



Collaboration and Participation

Community food security improves when local government collaborates with community groups, individuals, businesses, and other levels of government to sound food system planning, policies and practices. Sustainable food systems encourage civic engagement, promote responsibility, and strengthen communities.



Health and Wellbeing

If people are afforded through education access to sufficient food knowledge, diversity, for being safer, and fully respected work environments.



Environmental Stewardship

In the recognition of our collective responsibility to protect the quality and abundance of our land, air, water and biodiversity, we're managing the natural world in a way that ensures all of its values.



Cultural Vitality

Local efforts including sharing, celebrating and supporting arts, food history and culture is a part of identity life in our communities. We foster when we learn, respect and celebrate the unique traditions, history, culture and foods of our neighbours.



Economic Vitality

Local farms and food businesses are a fundamental element of and throughout the local economy, and enhance all components of the food system.

This is the principle that underpins the other four principles of the Food Charter. Sustainable Food Systems (SFS) 2018-2024 (SFS)