

Western Maryland Food Council

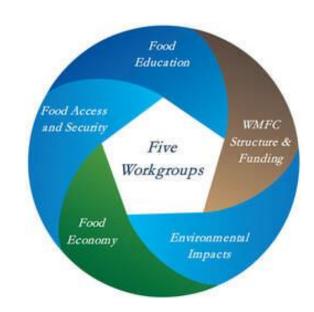
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- * Food Council
- Sustaining and enhancing the environmental, economic, social and nutritional health of Western Maryland
- Created in 2015 Garrett, Allegany and Washington Counties

Buying Local

- 21 member council 7 from each county
- Meet Quarterly
- Each county has a workgroup local issues
- Bi-Annual Conference engage participants in food system work



Projects



- Allegany County Buy Local Campaign
- Groundhog Day Washington County Buy Local Event
- Nourishing Neighbors Garrett County
- Together We Eat Garrett County Community Schools
- Fill the Gap SNAP food resource funds
- Regional Food Assessment
- Applying for USDA Farm to School Grant



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- Non-Profit Organization to support agriculture and the food system throughout the region.
- 12 member board of directors
- Serve as a financial parter for organizations
 - Western Maryland Food Council
 - Mountain Maryland Hemp Alliance
 - Together We Eat Garrett County Community School Specialist Fund

Garrett Growers Cooperative, Inc.



- Small farmer cooperative selling local, fresh produce to restaurants, grocers and food access programs.
- Organized in 2009
- Focused on marketing high quality fruits and vegetables.
 - Farmer Education
 - Infrastructure Improvement
 - MDA Healthy Soils Grant
 - MARBIDCO Aggregation Grant
 - Marketing
 - Rural MD Council Grant Software





De-centralized Aggregation System

• Farm Products moved directly from the farm to the consume

