

It was a pleasure to hear from you all today. We have such a fabulous group already with some very active, enthusiastic and experienced community role models! We are going to do some amazing things in 2019!

House Keeping:

1. If you are not yet a registered member, please go to <https://flfpc.wildapricot.org/join-us> and join. It only takes a couple of minutes and the dues are an annual recurring charge of \$25. Also, please encourage any fellow like minded people you know to join as well! There is power in numbers!
2. Next, we will be hosting these calls monthly and for now, always on a Friday at noon. The next call will be hosted on January 25<sup>th</sup> 12pm – 1pm EST and will cover “What Exactly Is Food Policy Anyways?” Hope you can join us! Here is the zoom link:  
<https://zoom.us/j/990694131?pwd=YkZmZzU3V0ZvcWg2OCs3MGINS0VoQT09>

Below is a list of topics for each month of this year. This is your chance as a member of the Policy Committee, to dive into a topic and share it with the group. We are looking for volunteers to present on the topic assigned each month. You can chose a topic of interest or perhaps something in line with your expertise. Presentations are only to be 15 mins in length and can be a slideshow presentation or host a guest speaker, or even show case a local project/initiative related to your topic.

If you have a particular interest in this, or any of the topics below, please send me an email with your top 3 choices and we will schedule accordingly.

**January:** Food Politics

**February:** Models for food production and their impacts and benefits  
Industrial ag, Sustainable Ag, and Natural Resource Conservation

**March:** Nutrition

**April:** Agriculture Resilience and Food Security

**May:** Food sovereignty

**June:** Food Processing for small producers

**July:** Cottage Industry

**August:** Animal Welfare

**September:** Urban Agriculture

**October:** Farm to School/Community

**November:** Food Waste

**December:** Food Policy for Wellness

3. Also, please go to our facebook page if you have not already and like and follow. This is where we will post fun activities, local events, interesting projects and news and so forth.  
<https://www.facebook.com/flfpc/>

### Mapping Project:

The project is to map across Florida, the policies related to food system activities such as food growing, processing, distribution, eating and waste. In Addition, we would like to map food system activities (programs and projects). We have not yet defined the gap. Ideally, it would be a cluster of census tracts within a county or municipality that does not have policies that address food access or a healthy food system.. Or it could be a jurisdiction that has clusters of need, some policies, but they do not address every aspect of the food system. For example, Fort Lauderdale has an ordinance for urban farms (growing), but no policies to support farmers markets (selling) for urban farms. Or, the gap could be a jurisdiction that has programs and projects without supporting policies. Of course, there could be a gap gradient of these and more.

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1iani99cg3ikRmGVVqRarhFVWZtKpX2XvXIMLex8aOQA/edit?usp=sharing>

### Service Fair:

The service fair was inspired by the Council's desire to showcase the talents and expertise of our many accomplished members while at the same time providing services to our communities and revenue for the Council. We will be hosting a day long event consisting of multiple workshops on many of the topics listed above. Food system stakeholders will be provided with a menu of services provided by the Council which may include but not be limited to speakers, policy creation, GIS mapping, workshops, and papers.

It is your projects, accomplishments, passions, and skills that we want to make more widely available to those looking for you. The design of the event is to showcase your talents in order to promote the great work that you do, to help you network in efforts to do good amongst our community, and to facilitate collaboration in our food system. Maybe you have a thesis you would like to share with a large audience or a breadth of knowledge that may help the City better zone for community gardens? There are so many ways we can connect with organizations and businesses that can work together for mutually benefitting reasons.

If there is something you would like to share, or have our help to showcase, please contact us.

Additionally, if you are an organization, business or other entity that could use consulting, or would like to host a speaker or cooking lessons, also let us know and we can include you in our event.

We will discuss this event more in the January call.

Lastly, feel free to reach out to Dell or myself at any time! We can be reached at:

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Looking forward to making 2019 an impactful one with you!

Jennifer, Dell and the entire Florida Food Policy Council.