


# Equity at the Intersection of Food and Climate

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Food Justice is Climate Justice. For the past several months, Food Justice Network has been teaming up with Community Climate Collaborative (C3) to bring more awareness to the impact of climate change on the Charlottesville community as it relates to food. As the City finalizes the Climate Action Plan, we recognized this would be a great opportunity to vocalize our support of C3 and highlight the intersection of food justice and climate justice. The goal of this letter is to amplify existing recommendations within the Climate Action Plan along with providing additional suggestions in areas that have yet to be addressed.

Key strategies we are advocating to see included in the Plan are:

- A robust Urban Agriculture Management Plan
- A clear system in place that addresses food waste from institutions
- Transportation routes with a concrete focus on low-wealth neighborhoods
- Green space paired with affordable housing planning that prioritizes anti-displacement of residents

 We thank both Caetano de Campos Lopes (C3) and Misty Graves (City of Charlottesville) for being instrumental to Food Justice Network in providing feedback and taking meetings with our team as we work to support this initiative. It is with hope that the City will prioritize these recommendations as they finalize the Climate Action Plan in the coming weeks.

If you would like to support this effort, check out the **TAKE ACTION** page on our website to review FJN's recommendations to the City for the Climate Action Plan, or sign on to C3's letter in support. Cultivate and Food Justice Network believe that an integral part of building a healthy and equitable community is recognizing that food justice and of climate action go hand in hand.

# What does CLIMATE ACTION have to do with FOOD JUSTICE?



Cultivate Charlottesville has partnered with Community Climate Collaborative (C3) to highlight the City's continuous efforts to make policy changes to the current Climate Action Plan. The most recent version incorporated some of our recommendations at the intersection of Climate Justice and Food Justice—specifically emphasizing the importance of urban agriculture, increasing tree canopy, and centering equity when evaluating climate actions.

**Cultivate Charlottesville and Community Climate Collaborative (C3) are advocating for further implementation in areas of the plan where we feel climate as it relates to Food Justice falls short:**

- **Urban Agriculture:** Formalize a comprehensive urban agricultural plan
- **Organic Waste:** Increase city-wide residential, institutional, and business composting facilities & offerings, with a specific focus on gleaning/diverting institutional food waste
- **Transportation:** Target food pathways for neighborhoods experiencing food apartheid
- **Buildings and Energy:** Prioritize living pathway additions to new construction, with a focus on passive water collection measures