

BRUCE GREY FOOD CHARTER

A guiding document to assist in the development of policies and programs to promote a healthy and just food system in Grey and Bruce Counties. The Charter acknowledges the right for all to food.

An aerial photograph of a vast, lush green agricultural field, likely a vineyard or orchard, stretching towards a white building in the distance under a clear sky. The field is divided into neat rows, and the overall scene is bright and vibrant.

THE CHARTER

In acknowledgement of the basic right to food, the Charter is a commitment to work together to build a vibrant, sustainable, food secure community. Based on community participation, a sustainable local food system will prioritize health, social justice, education, economic development, the environment, and culture.



BECAUSE WE VALUE
HEALTH
WE SUPPORT

- Public policy that recognizes food's contribution to physical, mental, spiritual, and emotional well-being
- Making food readily accessible for our rural and urban residents, including adequate transportation links, neighbourhoods that encourage walkable and bikeable access to healthy food
- Strategies to prevent and manage chronic diseases through access to affordable, healthy, safe, adequate, and culturally appropriate food
- Baby friendly policies that protect, promote, and support breastfeeding through informed decision making

BECAUSE WE VALUE
SOCIAL JUSTICE
WE SUPPORT

- Making sure everyone has access to healthy food
- A fair wage for the production of food, and a safe and respectful environment for all farmers and food workers
- Allowing land access for people interested in growing and/or processing food
- Income, education, employment, housing, and transportation policies and practices that support access to healthy, sustainable food



BECAUSE WE VALUE
CULTURE
WE SUPPORT

- Celebrating and promoting respect for and inclusion of traditional, cultural, and spiritual food diversity
- Enhancing the dignity and joy of growing, preparing, and eating food
- Strengthening links between rural and urban communities
- Opportunities for all community members to be included and to make connections through the experience and sharing food.

BECAUSE WE VALUE
EDUCATION
WE SUPPORT

- Food literacy and skill building initiatives that engage youth and students integrated in school curricula
- Programs that train current and future farmers, home gardeners, food producers, and others involved in the food value chain
- Integrating food literacy, community gardening and seed saving into communities
- Developing community gardens at schools and other public settings
- Public education about the connections between our health, the environment, and our food choices
- Public awareness of the role of agriculture in our lives

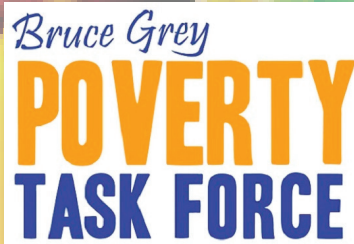


BECAUSE WE VALUE
**SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT**
WE SUPPORT

- Increasing the production, processing, distribution, and consumption of foods from Grey and Bruce
- Promoting our region as a food, agricultural, and culinary destination
- Food and agricultural research that is innovative, sustainable, and includes alternative food systems
- Services and infrastructure that support local farms and the development of local food related programs and businesses
- Practices that recognize the detrimental impact of food transportation and strive to minimize environmental burden

BECAUSE WE VALUE
ENVIRONMENT
WE SUPPORT

- Farming practices, protect, and enhance watersheds, wildlife habitat, soil and bio-diversity
- Food production methods that sustain the natural environment in rural and urban settings
- Sustainable development of agriculture, water, land use policies and practices that support the production of healthy food



OUR VISION

REDUCE AND ELIMINATE POVERTY IN OUR COMMUNITY

OUR PURPOSE

FACILITATE COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS TO ADVOCATE FOR POVERTY REDUCTON AND ELIMINATION

JOIN THE BRUCE GREY POVERTY TASK FORCE

The Bruce Grey Poverty Task Force focuses on building partnerships with key community stakeholders and networks: working together to eliminate poverty, enhancing our common understanding of poverty issues through solution-based research, knowledge development, and information sharing.

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