

FARM AD HOC COMMITTEE

Agenda Items 1, 2, 5, and 7

August 12, 2022

Welcome! The meeting will begin shortly.

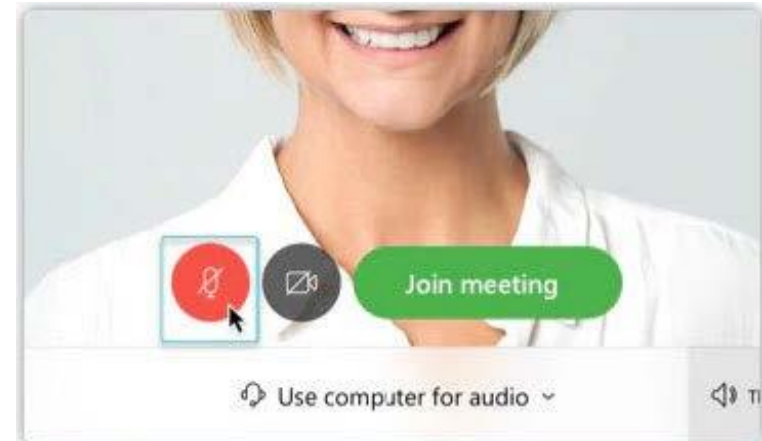
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Reminders for Today's Meeting

- Please enter your name and affiliation in the chat box for attendance.
- Please mute your line when you aren't speaking and reduce background noise and distractions.
- Questions and discussion from FARM Members and Alternates is prioritized.
- FARM Members and Alternates:
 - Please use the hand raise function or raise your hand on camera.
 - Identify yourself before speaking for those joining by phone.
 - Use the chat box feature to pose questions to the group or host.



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Agenda Item 1



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Agenda Item 2

Work Group Updates



Work Group Updates

- Outreach
- Catalytic Opportunities
- Regional Agricultural Work Group
- Food Policy Directors





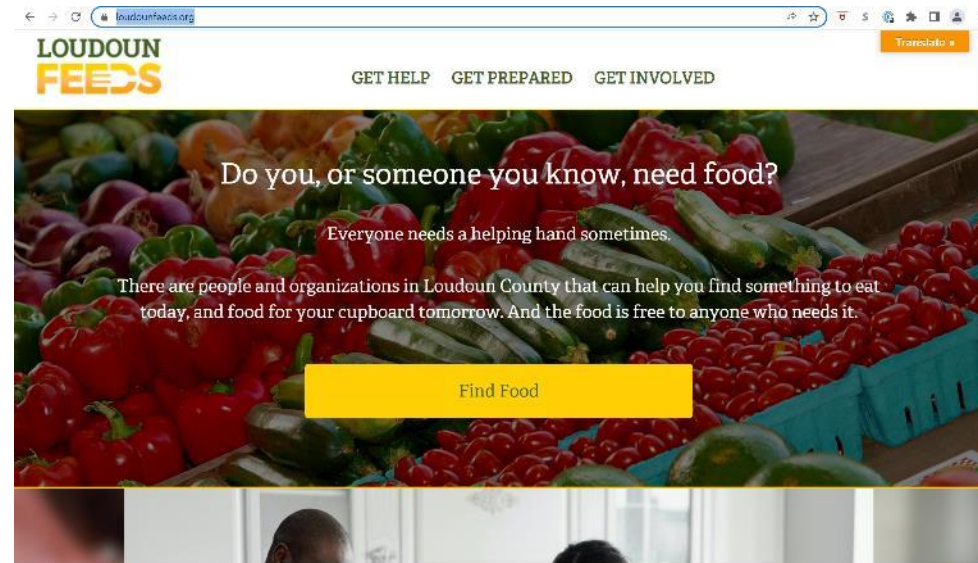
Regional Agricultural Work Group visit to The Urban Farm Incubator in Prince George's County in June. The Urban Farm Incubator is managed by ECO City Farms and is a collaborative partnership of several nonprofits and County agencies. (Lindsay Smith/COG)



Regional Agricultural Work Group also toured Forested, a food forest in Bowie, with founder Lincoln Smith. (Lindsay Smith/COG)

Food Policy Directors August Call

- Demand for Food Assistance remains high
 - Montgomery County Food Security survey, informal group poll
 - Loudounfeeds.org
- Lift the Bar Act
- SNAP enrollment and recertification
- Processing and cold storage



Agenda Item 5

FARM Policy Committee Business



FY23 Work Program

FARM MEETING SCHEDULE

Per the schedule below, **2-hour bimonthly FARM Committee Meetings** are generally scheduled for the **2nd Friday of the month** that the committee convenes, from **11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.** Several additional meetings may be added.

FARM Members are also invited to attend COG's Annual Meeting in December.

Date	Draft Description
8/12/2022	Webinar only
9/9/22	FARM Member visit to Montgomery County's Agricultural Reserve
10/14/2022	FARM Committee Meeting
12/9/2022	FARM Committee Meeting
2/10/2023	FARM Committee Meeting
4/14/2023	FARM Committee Meeting
6/9/2023	FARM Committee Meeting

FY23 Work Program

REGIONAL FOOD SECURITY COORDINATION CALLS

Periodic one-to-1.5-hour virtual meetings, generally be scheduled for the third or fourth Thursday of the month from 3:30 or 4:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Approximately five coordination calls are proposed for FY23. Increasing partner collaboration to host and promote calls, and recruit speakers and participants, is a goal.

An in-person gathering will be considered for FY23 to facilitate networking and recognize milestones.

Fiscal Year 2023 Topics

- 2023 Food Security and Resilience Legislative Preview(s)
- Emergency Preparedness for Food Assistance Organizations

Proposed Topics for FARM and Work Group Feedback

- Exploring the Enhanced Mobility Program and Grants for Older Adults and People with Disabilities
- School Meals and Nutrition
- Centering Lived Experience in Food Security Policy and Programs
- Roundtable with Food Assistance Providers
- Strategy to Address Childhood Hunger in Montgomery County
- Food as Medicine: From Programs to Policy in Metropolitan Washington
- Regional Farmers Market Workshop or Metro DC Regional Farmers Market Nutrition Incentives Coalition Update
- Others TBD

FY23 Budget, FY24 LOE

BUDGET EXPENSES	
Fiscal Year 2023	
FARM Coordinator, COG Staff, and Intern Support	\$293,000
Meeting expenses/speaker fees/travel/misc	\$10,000
Contractual assistance	\$22,602
Total	\$325,602

FY 2023 Budget - \$325,602

FY 2024 Preliminary/Estimated Budget - \$341,882 (Upper Level)

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FARM Member and Staff Updates





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