

Ag Task Force Update

- Brief Report on Regional Food Systems Program
- Ag Task Force proposed Next Step: Regional Food and Agriculture Ad-Hoc Committee
 - Requested Action: Review the Resolution and approve CBPC Chair to finalize with CEEPC and Region Forward Chairs for COG Board Consideration



Fort Stevens Community Gardens in Northwest D.C. in mid-June 2020. Lindsay Smith/COG

Regional Food Systems Program Report

- Biweekly regional calls with local leaders to share food security and food assistance issues, needs
 - Elevated need for food assistance continues
 - Next call Thurs, July 30th with Prince George's County
 - August calls will include Montgomery County Farm to Food Bank program
- Supply chain assessment
- Food assistance mapping with DHSPS and NCR GDX



Above: Yesterday's regional food security call featured presentations from D.C. and Northern Virginia participants in the Mid-Atlantic Food Resilience & Access Coalition (MAFRAC). MAFRAC "has formed around the collective goals of keeping people fed, farmers growing, and food businesses operating and maintaining our regional food system for many years to come."

Ag Task Force: Proposed Next Steps

- Create a Food and Agriculture Ad- Hoc Committee to advance *What Our Region Grows* recommendations, food security and food access policies, and Ag Task Force priorities.
- Local government representation, along with key food and ag experts.
 - Bylaws under development.
 - Tentatively: Bimonthly meetings with no new subgroups in FY21
 - Focus on a few key issues for action and impactful start
- Interim step to Regional Food and Ag Commission

Proposed Next Steps Continued

- Ag Task Force Member and CBPC Discussion
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Led by the Kingdom Fellowship Church, numerous partners ran a socially-distanced food distribution at the Vista at White Oak Apartments in Montgomery County last week. Jewru Bandeh/East County Regional Service Center

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