



## Greater Cincinnati Regional **Food Policy Council**

A PROGRAM OF  Green Umbrella

### **Green Umbrella**

As our Regional Climate Collaborative, Green Umbrella brings together diverse organizations and individuals dedicated to tackling climate change and fostering resilient communities across the region.

### **The Greater Cincinnati Regional Food Policy Council**

Part of Green Umbrella's mission involves the work of the Greater Cincinnati Regional Food Policy Council (GCRFPC), which utilizes the collective impact model to advocate and take action towards a regional food system that is environmentally, socially, and economically resilient. According to the Collective Impact Forum, this model consists of “a network of community members, organizations, and institutions who advance equity by learning together, aligning, and integrating their actions to achieve population and systems level change.”

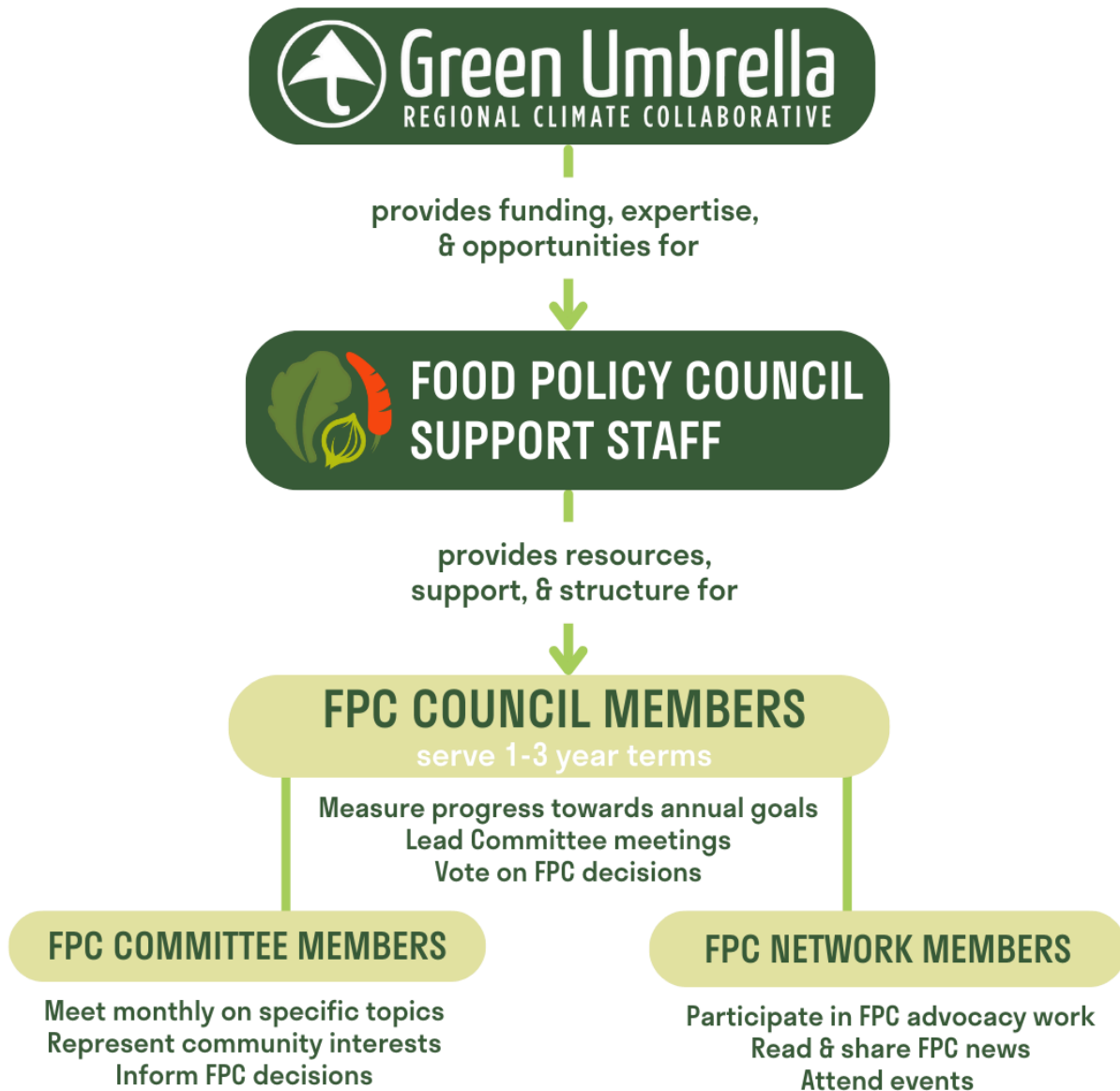
### **Green Umbrella's Provision of Funds, Skills, and Opportunities**

Contributions from the Regional Climate Collaborative member organizations allow Green Umbrella to offer resources and funding opportunities to support the work of programs like the Food Policy Council. This financial backing and mission buy-in is crucial for the development and implementation of innovative solutions aimed at reducing carbon footprints and enhancing community resilience. Beyond funding, Green Umbrella equips its members with vital skills through workshops, training sessions, and collaborative network opportunities designed to empower them to make a tangible difference.

### **Green Umbrella's Advocacy Efforts**

Green Umbrella is committed to developing and implementing solutions that meet the unique needs of communities. Through careful planning and advocacy efforts, the organization seeks to influence policy changes at local and regional levels. This advocacy is essential for creating a supportive environment that facilitates sustainable practices and policies.

## FPC Structure



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## FPC Structure: Leadership and Community Engagement

The Food Policy Council’s staff backbone support team consists of the Director and the Community Manager, who play pivotal roles in guiding the committees in their missions. They collaborate with the FPC Council Members, who represent a diverse array of interests and expertise. The Council Members work with the committees and discuss needs, solutions, and even step-by-step plans to achieve shared goals. This leadership is instrumental in identifying community needs, advocating for policy changes, and developing plans of action to address the pressing issues within the food system.

## FPC Structure: Network and Committee Members

The Food Policy Council consists of four Committees that each address one main area of the food system: Access and Education, Farms and Land Use, Infrastructure, and Institutions. Committee Members and other Network Members are at the core of the FPC's efforts. The leadership team provides them comprehensive support and access to a wealth of resources, including research data, policy guidance, and technical assistance. This support enables the committee and network members to effectively address the needs identified by the community, share valuable resources, and implement policies to benefit them.

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## Community-Centric Approach

Community members such as residents, institutional employees, students, farmers, food system stakeholders, and other constituents all make up the foundation of the Food Policy Council's work. They are vital to the success of the coalition's effort as they continuously highlight issues, represent the community's interests, and advocate for changes that benefit their neighborhoods or the community as a whole. Their engagement ensures that the initiative remains grounded in the real-world needs and aspirations of the people it serves.

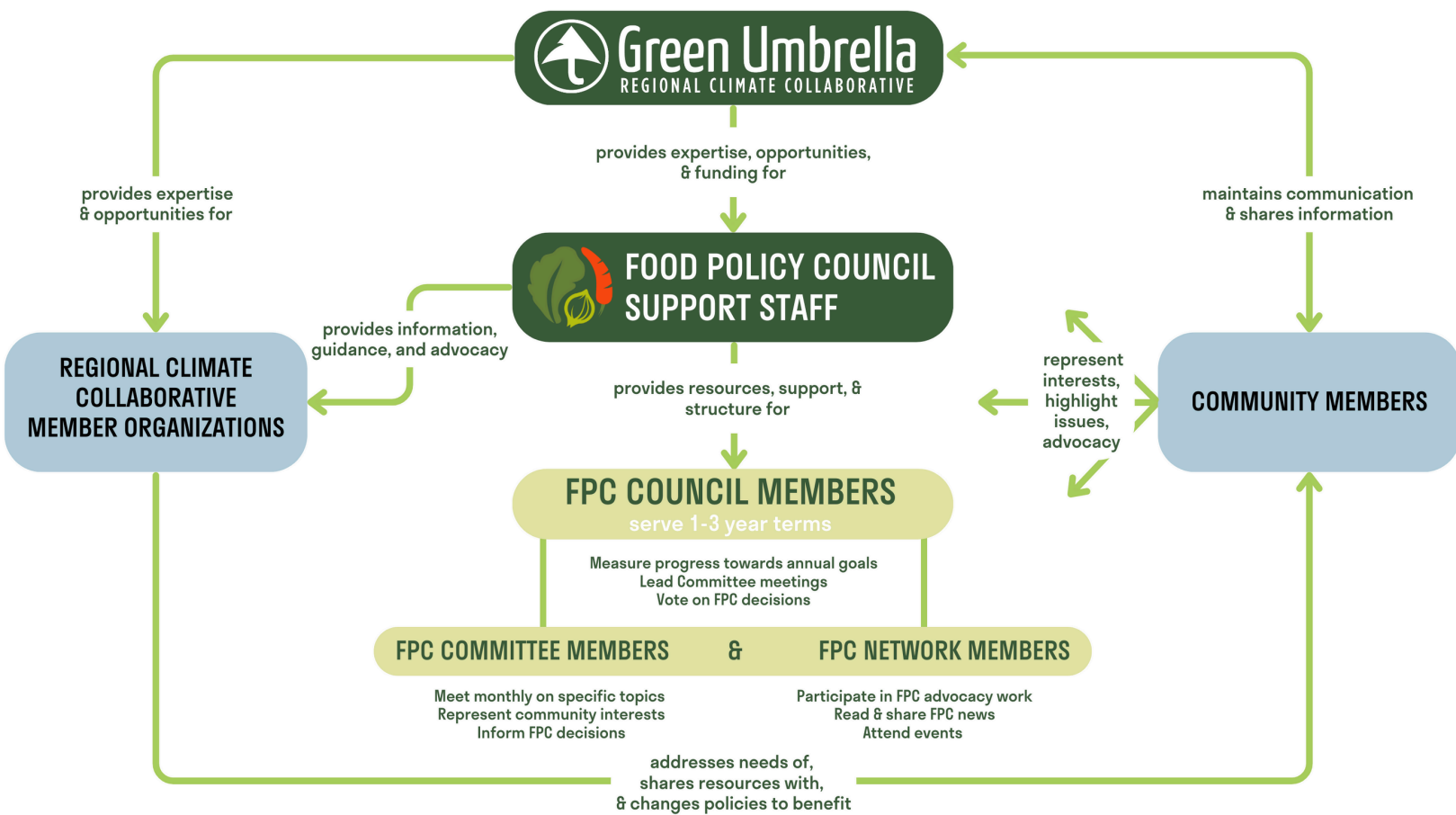
## Demonstrating the Community-Centric Approach

In a 2021 study titled "Community-Led Interventions to Address Food Inequity," the System to Achieve Food Equity (SAFE) Learning Network, of which the Food Policy Council is a member, funded 9 interventions to promote food equity in Cincinnati, Ohio. To demonstrate the effectiveness and benefits of a community-centric approach, these interventions were designed, chosen, and led by members of various neighborhoods. The network found the distribution of leadership to be essential for interventions' success, and the neighborhood leaders reported high levels of support, timely feedback, and word of mouth within their communities. Some interventions far surpassed their initial goals, and overall, the initiatives were able to serve 89,039 equivalent meals to at least 3106 families in over the course of just 4 to 6 months.

# Importance of Communication and Information Sharing

Effective communication is the root of the Food Policy Council's success. Open and robust information sharing among members of the community and between partners in the coalition ensures a constant flow of both thoughts and actions. By encouraging expressive discussions, members of the community can highlight issues, represent interests, and exchange any ideas, information, or findings. This system helps accelerate progress and avoid redundant efforts. Regularly scheduled events and meetings promote conversations among Green Umbrella, Food Policy Council members, and other leaders in the community, allowing them to discuss other relevant topics, hear the stories of others, and celebrate achievements.

## Collaborative Flow of Communication and Resources



## More Information about the FPC and Community-Driven Coalition Work

- [Community-Led Interventions to Address Food Inequity](#) article
- [Collective Impact Forum](#) website
- [Greater Cincinnati Regional Food Policy Council](#) website
- [Johns Hopkins Center for a Livable Future's Food Policy Networks project](#) website
- [FPN's Wheel of Achievements: How FPCs are contributing to a resilient food system](#)
- [The North American Food Systems Network \(NAFSN\)](#) website



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