MUNICIPAL GOALS & FOOD SYSTEMS PLANNING

CALGARY FARM STAND PROGRAM CASE STUDY

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OUTLINE

Food System Network

Calgary Context

Farm Stand Program

Calgary Eats!

Document Analysis

Next Steps

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

As a planner how does your work ensure access to healthy food options?

In a municipal government structure, which department or organizations(s) should be responsible for food systems planning?

FOOD SYSTEM NETWORK

Production

Processing

Distribution

Access

Consumption

Waste Recovery

FOOD SYSTEM NETWORK

- Distribution and storage
- Process from food producers and processors to consumers

Distribution

- Accessibility and affordability
- Choice Constraints
- Food Supply

Access

CALGARY CONTEXT

3rd largest city in Canada

Development in suburban neighbourhoods

History of agriculture practices

Short growing season
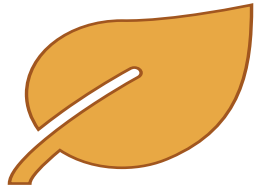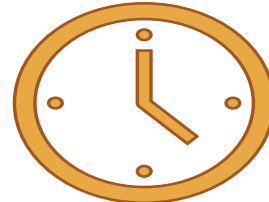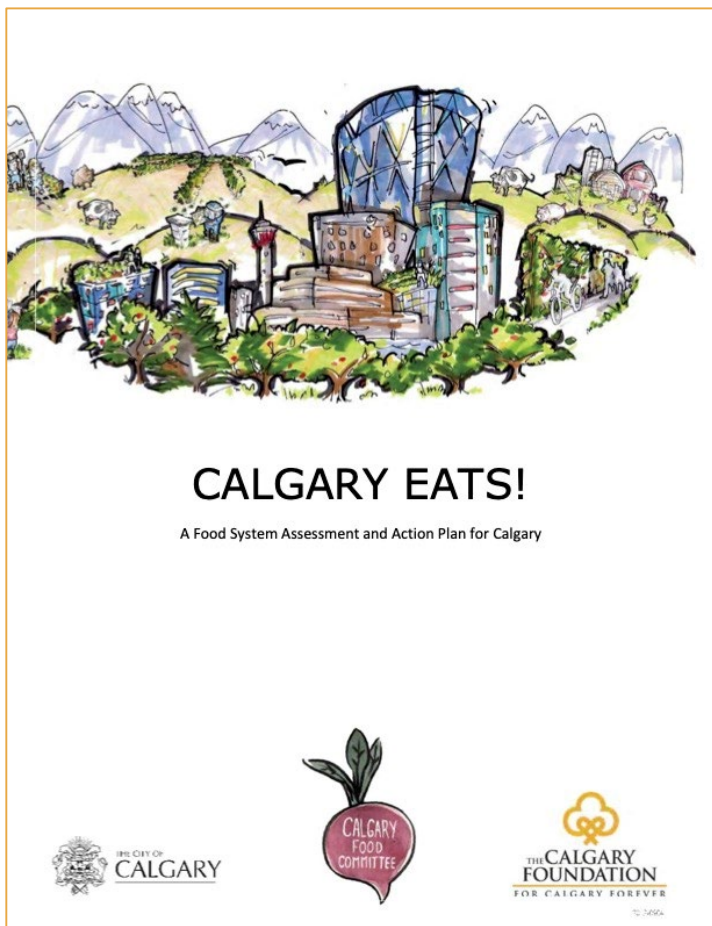
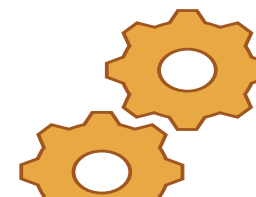# FARM STAND PROGRAM

8 Vendors	26 locations	Year-round or seasonal	Weekly schedules

CALGARY EATS!

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A Food System Assessment and Action Plan for Calgary

Sustainable

Resilient

System

Local

Places to grow

Places to sell

DOCUMENT ANALYSIS

Opportunities and Enabling Factors

- Mansfield & Mendes (2013)

Potential Issues and Barriers

- McLean & Borén (2015)

DOCUMENT ANALYSIS

Opportunities and Enabling Factors

- Systems approach to policies and implementation
- City-owned properties
- Stakeholder engagement
- Consumer interest and demand
- Existing mechanisms and programs

DOCUMENT ANALYSIS

Potential Issues and Barriers

- Land use planning policies and regulations
- Requires communication and coordination
- Vague targets
- Time and resources
- Small network inefficiencies
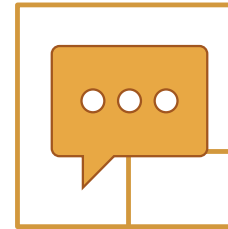- Food insecurity is related to income

NEXT STEPS

Document Analysis
- Calgary Municipal Development Plan
- Calgary Transportation Plan
- Imagine Calgary
- Poverty Reduction Strategy

Spatial Analysis
- Farm Stand Locations
- Neighbourhood Profiles
- Social Deprivation

Key Informant Interviews
- Municipal Staff
- Farm Stand Vendors
- Food Advocates

THANK YOU