# **Examples of Food Policy Council Successes**

## **Promotion of Local Food Economy**

- Local Food Purchasing Policy: Carrabus Farm & Food Council, Carrabus County NC
  - Advocated for county level policy to require 10% of all food served at county catered events and small department-sponsored meetings be sourced locally.
- Kitchen Incubator Policies & Program: Douglas County Food Policy Council, Lawrence KS
  - Increased access to food processing resources and kitchen facilities for local food entrepreneurs.

## **Land Use Policy**

- Community Garden Initiative: Savannah Chatham Food Policy Council, Savannah GA
  - Advocated for the development of a program to be administered by the City of Savannah to build community gardens on city-owned property through collaborative partnerships.
- Common Ground Program: Douglas County Food Policy Council, Lawrence KS
  - Advocated for a free lease program that would enable community gardeners to use vacant, under-utilized city owned properties.
- Agricultural Amendment: Asheville-Buncombe Food Policy Council, Asheville NC
  - Worked with the City of Asheville to develop and pass a policy allowing agriculture structures (including farm stands) on residentially zoned properties with no home structure and advocated for a livestock and fowl urban farming policy and permitting process.
- <u>Urban Agriculture Ordinance</u>: Forsyth Community Food Consortium, Winston-Salem NC
  - Worked with the City of Winston-Salem's Planning Department and Forsyth County Cooperative Extension to create an urban farming ordinance and permitting process.

## **School Wellness Policy**

School Wellness Regulation: Savannah Chatham Food Policy Council, Savannah GA

• Advocated with the County Board of Education for passage of a policy limiting sugary products available in vending machines at local public schools.

#### **Food Access**

Budget Line for Jackson County Food Bank: Kansas City Food Policy Council, Kansas City MO

• Advocated for passage of a budget that included a \$40,000 allocation to Harvesters – The Community Food Network to purchase food for distribution in Jackson County.

#### Other

Organics Conversion Policy: Woodbury Health Department, Woodbury County IA

• Advocated for passage of a policy to allow up to a \$50,000 property tax rebate for farms that convert from "conventional" farming techniques to "organic" methods.

### H20 to Grow Pilot Grant Fund: Kansas City Food Policy Coalition, Kansas City, MO

 Advocated for passage of a policy to fund installation of water taps at community gardens and urban farms.