



Memorandum

TO: SATPAL SIDHU, COUNTY EXECUTIVE

FROM: Riley Sweeney, Chair, Whatcom County Food System Committee

DATE: March 23, 2022

RE: Food System Committee Annual Report and Food System Plan Kickoff

The Food System Committee will be developing a Food System Plan this year.

In December of 2021, we published an update to the Community Food Assessment, based on over 60 interviews from food system representatives in our community. The purpose of the assessment is to inform a food system plan, which will outline policies and strategies for a more sustainable and equitable food system.

The Council graciously approved a funding request to bring in a consultant, New Venture Advisors (NVA), to support the development of the Food System Plan. NVA has been working with the Committee and Committee staff on a strategy for developing the plan. The plan will be developed over the next nine months and will be presented to Council for approval.

We are excited to share the food system plan's timeline, as well as the Food System Committee's activities and updates with the Council.

Please call Ali Jensen at (360) 778-6121 if there are any questions. Thank you.