Food Council Structures

How are food councils organizing in NC?
Community Member Network

Government Appointed Advisory Board

Non-profit 501c-3 organization

Structure + Membership + Charter + Bylaws

Independent

Loose

Government entity

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Some councils are created by government as official advisory boards. *Cabarrus Farm and Food Council*

Others are totally independent of government. *Charlotte-Mecklenburg Food Policy Council*

Some councils are organizing as intentional networks rather than as smaller councils. *Forsyth Community Food Consortium*

Some groups have organized at a regional level out of necessity. *WesternNC Food Policy Council*

Some councils are an informal collaboration between community and government. *Upper PeeDee Farm and Food Council*

An emerging trend is a formal collaboration between community and government. *Chatham Community Food Council / Capitol Area Food Network*
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**Cabarrus Farm and Food Council**

- Established 2010
- Originally an official advisory board, like the planning board
- Members were appointed by elected officials and Supported by county staff and resources
- Change in County Commissioners led to major changes
Others are totally independent of government.

Charlotte-Mecklenburg Food Policy Council

- Established 2010
- 501(c)3 Non-Profit
- Independent of city / county government
- Must raise money for staffing and resources
- 40/hr per month
  Executive Director
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Forsyth Community Food System Consortium
- Established 2013
- Started off as a monthly brown bag lunch meeting
- Advisory group is developing a network to implement actions identified in assessment
- Supported by community foundation
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**Western NC Food Policy Council**
- Established 2011
- Low population density needs regional council
- Patterned on existing regional collaborations
- Incubated at WCU, now volunteer-supported
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**Upper PeeDee Farm and Food Council**
- Established 2012
- Desired outcomes identified internally
- Community members engage elected officials
- Initiated by community and local government
- Present annual report to each county commission
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**Chatham Food Council**
- Established 2014
- Formed by community-government task force
- MOUs to outline city/county support
- Both local government and community groups serve as fiscal sponsors and provide support
- Charter & resolution outlining partnership

**Raleigh Wake Food Policy Council**