

Manitou Springs Food Assessment: Stakeholder Involvement

Planning staff hosted a kickoff/information meeting on Dec. 2, 2019. About ten people attended and participants developed this list of stakeholders that we should reach out to for the Food Assessment project. Ideally, we should reach out to them in Phase 1: data collection, and Phase 2: Action Plan development. In the table below, we listed the stakeholders and the engagement techniques that we've used to connect with them to get feedback on food access and security issues.

STAKEHOLDER	Engagement techniques
<i>Residents</i>	Survey, Community Meetings, email updates, social media, website, stakeholder groups
<i>Churches/Clubs</i>	Email outreach, surveys (two churches participated), hosted stakeholder conversation with St. Andrews Church, email communications with other churches
<i>Schools/Youth</i>	Stakeholder conversations, survey, family interviews
<i>Seniors/Disabled</i>	Conversations with seniors at St. Andrew's Church Senior Lunch, conversation with Silver Key staff
<i>Restaurants/Food Retail</i>	Upcoming stakeholder group conversation
<i>Low Income individuals & families</i>	Manitou Springs Food Pantry outreach for survey, WIC outreach, school district family interviews
<i>Food producers – local, regional</i>	Convened Farm/garden stakeholder group
<i>Food distributors</i>	Phone conversations with staff from Care & Share and Westside Cares
<i>Food Rescue/Sustainability</i>	<u>Need to engage</u> with regional advocates such as Colorado Springs Food Rescue and Green Cities Coalition
<i>Regional partners</i>	<u>Need to engage</u> with Colorado Springs Food Policy Council and other regional partners
<i>MS Garden Club, Pikes Peak Urban Gardens</i>	Convened Farm/Garden stakeholder group
<i>City Staff</i>	Distributed survey for staff who are MS residents; will keep staff engaged through email updates
<i>El Paso County Public Health</i>	EPC staff is participating in Stakeholder Work Group