

2018 FOOD COUNCIL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

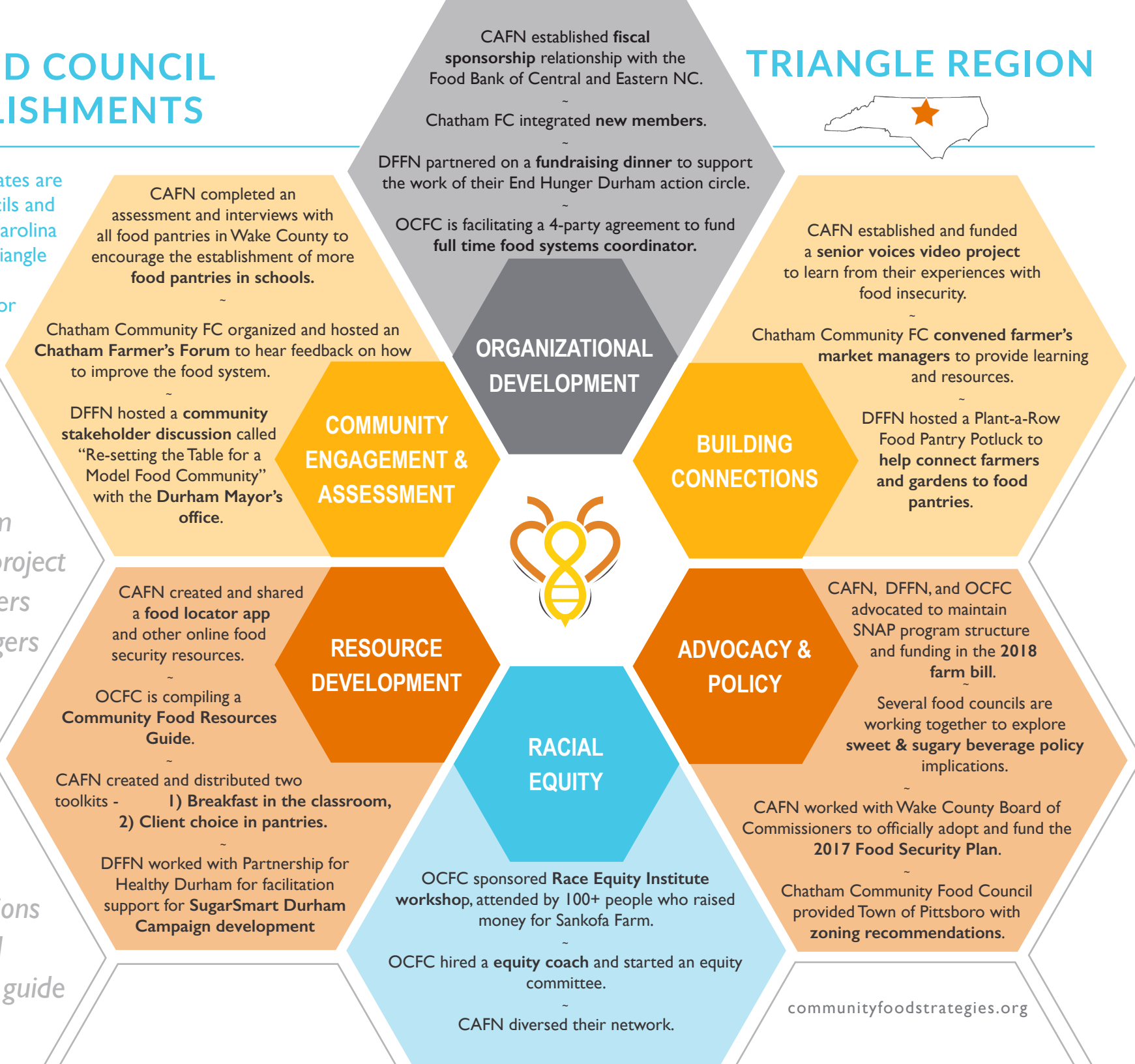
TRIANGLE REGION



This selection of updates are from four food councils and networks in North Carolina attending the 2018 Triangle Region Food Council Gathering. See back for more details.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Food pantries in schools
- Farmers' Forum
- Senior voices project
- Convene farmers market managers
- Equity coach
- Fiscal sponsor
- Fundraising dinner
- Zoning recommendations
- 2018 farm bill
- Food resource guide



FOOD COUNCIL UPDATES



CAPITAL AREA FOOD NETWORK

- Advocated to maintain SNAP program structure and funding in the 2018 farm bill
- Began exploration of sweet & sugary beverage policy implications with other food councils
- Completed an assessment of and interviews with all food pantries in Wake County, encouraging the establishment of more food pantries in schools
- Conducted surveys of all the community gardens in Wake County
- Worked with Wake County Board of Commissioners to officially adopt and fund the 2017 Food Security Plan
- Created a food locator app + other food security resources online
- Shared food recovery resources online
- Created and distributed two toolkits - 1) Breakfast in the classroom, 2) Client choice in pantries
- Built relationships and support in Wake Forest
- Established and funded a senior voices video project to learn from their experiences with food insecurity
- Relaunched a newly updated website
- Worked with county leadership to hire a food security manager and sponsor an Americorps Vista Member
- Recruited new members, continued community engagement, and hosted quarterly meetings with the community
- Established fiscal sponsorship relationship with the Food Bank of Central and Eastern NC
- Enhanced CAFN's network and diversity

CHATHAM COMMUNITY FOOD COUNCIL

- Provided Town of Pittsboro with zoning recommendations
- Organized and hosted an interactive Chatham Farmer's Forum to hear feedback on how to improve the food system
- Convened farmer's market managers to provide learning and resources
- Held events and conversations to raise awareness of food councils
- Integrated new members onto the council and moving forward with focused goals

DURHAM FARM & FOOD NETWORK

- Advocated to maintain SNAP program structure and funding in the 2018 farm bill
- Began exploration of sweet & sugary beverage policy implications with other food councils
- Hosted a community stakeholder discussion called "Re-setting the Table for a Model Food Community" with the Durham Mayor's office
- Hosted a Plant a Row Food Pantry Potluck to help connect farmers and gardens to food pantries
- Partnered with others to host a fundraising dinner to support the work of their End Hunger Durham action circle
- Worked with Partnership for Healthy Durham for facilitation support for SugarSmart Durham Campaign development
- Held a retreat for strategic planning

ORANGE COUNTY FOOD COUNCIL

- Helped pass resolutions in Chapel Hill, Hillsborough and Carrboro to support SNAP funding and program structure in the 2018 Farm Bill.
- Drafted a food access policy brief and list of recommendations for the Board of Health
- Began drafting a Present-Use Value Tax policy brief and proposal for a new Agriculture Trust Fund using PUV program deferred taxes.
- Co-hosted an Advocacy workshop with Community Food Strategies
- Created a Community Food Resource Guide (spanish and english versions)
- Received two grants to support equity work
- Drafted a racial equity scorecard
- Sponsored Race Equity Institute (REI) groundwater workshop and raised money for Sankofa Farm
- Hired an equity coach and started an equity committee
- Joined the Farm to Early Child Care collaboration in Orange County
- Seated four new council members
- Started a new workgroup for food recovery
- Poised to have four-party Memorandum of Understanding between the County and Towns signed to fund full-time council coordinator
- Sent council members to Statewide FC gathering
- Grew all three working groups