



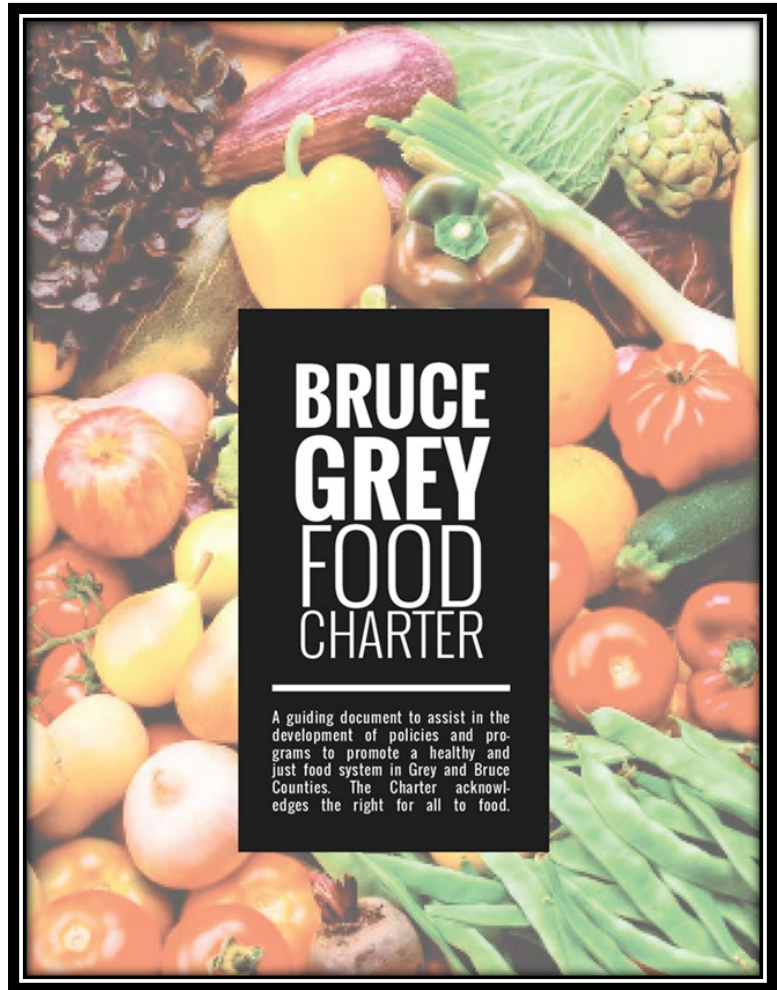
THE BRUCE GREY FOOD CHARTER

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A tool for driving “visions, actions, and strategies for civically engaged food systems”

- Food Charters provide a foundation for food system values in a community and is a starting point to strengthen a local food system.
- Food Charters have been used for:
 - Cross-sector engagement on Food Policy Councils
 - Promoting investment in local agriculture
 - Building understanding of food insecurity and issues in food access
 - Gaining support for preserving rural grocery stores
 - Increasing understanding and discussions of the food system
 - Providing local perspective on the [Food Policy for Canada](#)
 - Supporting grant opportunities (ie. [Local Food Infrastructure Fund](#))



Bruce Grey Food Charter

Recognizes the role of food and food systems in:

- Health
- Social Justice
- Culture
- Education
- Sustainable Economic Development
- Environment

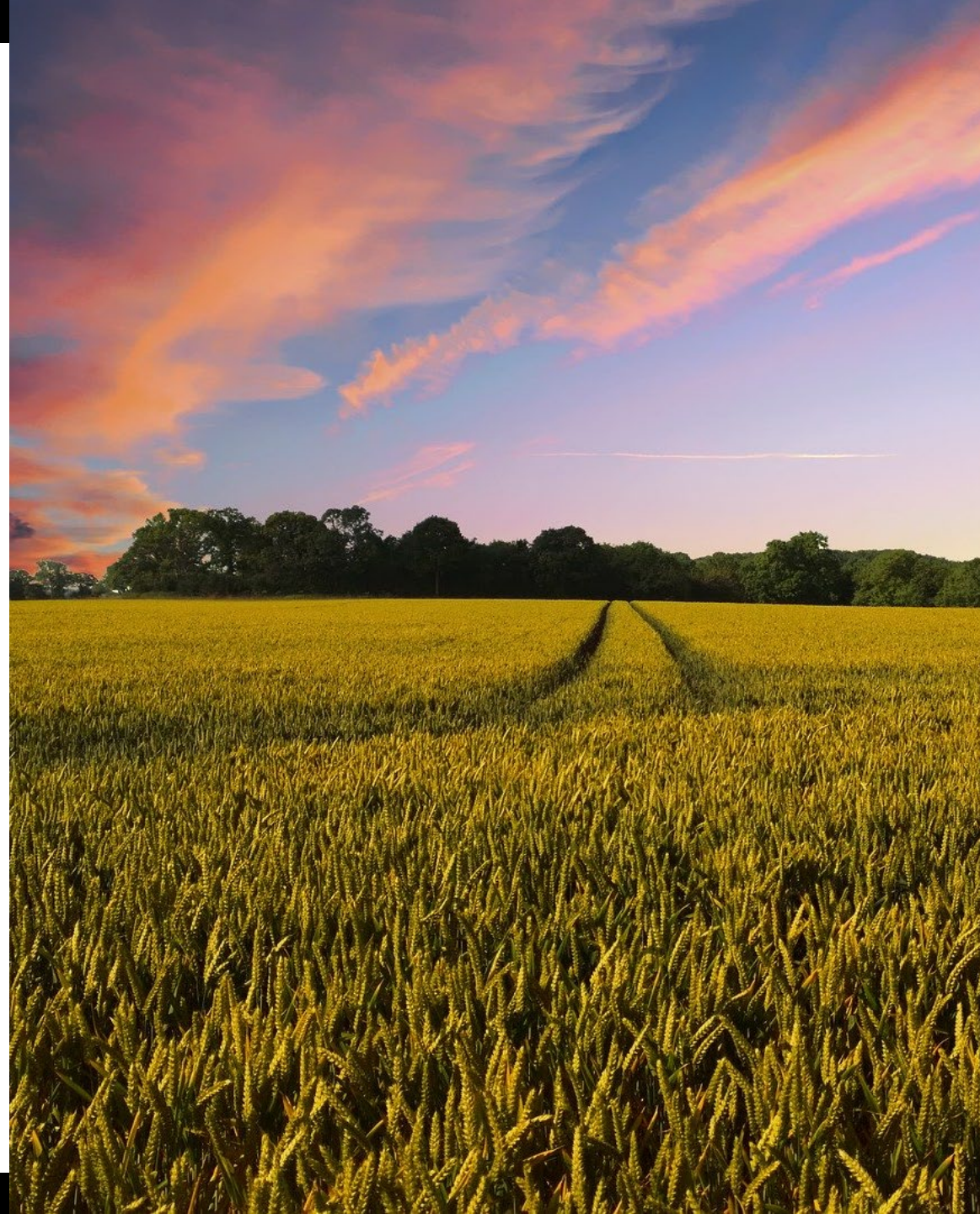
Using the Charter

How we've used the Charter:

- Engaging others (Food Bank Summit, Fall Food Gatherings, Community Food Hub Project)
- Expanding Partnerships (Food Rescue, Good Food Box)
- Food Asset Map

How you can use the Charter:

- Set priorities or goals (housing, economic development, land use, climate strategies)
- Respond to COVID-19
- Acknowledge the value of current practices
- Connect with new partners



The Realities of Food Insecurity During COVID-19

- Food insecurity reflects a household's broader material circumstances, taking into account income, homeownership, and other assets
- Pre COVID-19:
 - 20% of Bruce Grey households are food insecure
 - **24.5%** Households in Grey County with unaffordable shelter costs (rises to **46.5%** in tenant households)
 - **60%** of people on low-income are working
 - In Ontario, the average food bank client spends **70%** of income on rent.
- Canadian Perspectives Survey Series (Coping with COVID-19 surveys)
 - Underrepresents vulnerable populations
 - Still noted a significant increase in food insecurity nationally from 10.5% to 14.6%

Responding to COVID-19

- Past engagement supported by the Food Charter and the Bruce Grey Food Charter facilitated a swift response to COVID-19 Pandemic.
- Allowed for collaborative efforts to meet community and organizational needs
- Rapid Assessment of Community Food Programs assessed readiness to respond.



Join Us by Endorsing the Charter



FOOD SECURITY ACTION GROUP

Where can you find us?



UNDER COVID₁₉

- VIRTUAL WEEKLY AND BI-WEEKLY EMERGENCY HOUSING, FOOD SECURITY & HEALTH EQUITY MEETINGS
- WEEKLY COMMUNITY UPDATES
- COVID₁₉ FOOD SECURITY RESOURCES: povertytaskforce.com
- TWITTER: @BGTASKFORCE
- FACEBOOK: BRUCEGREYPOVERTYTASKFORCE
- EMAIL: povertytaskforce@unitedwaybg.com

Helpful Resources on Food Insecurity

- PROOF Food Insecurity Policy Research Fact Sheets
 - <https://proof.utoronto.ca/resources/fact-sheets/>
- CanCOVID Speaker Series: Food Insecurity, Val Tarasuk
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8b2kanuOaKo&feature=youtu.be>
- Ontario Dietitians in Public Health: No Money for Food is...Cent\$less
 - <https://www.odph.ca/centsless>