



NEW RAPID COMMUNITY FOOD ASSESSMENT FOR 2024 >>>

When it comes to food and agriculture in Missoula County, what matters most to you? From growing food, to selling it, to buying and consuming it, to discarding it, and all the steps in between, we encourage you to share your experience and feedback on Missoula's food system in a [new Rapid Community Food Assessment Survey!](#)

Survey responses will support the Board in serving the Missoula community and inform the Board's recommendations to City and County leadership about the policies that help shape our food system.

Located in the heart of Missoula at the GW Marks Exploration Center at the Missoula County Fairgrounds, the Rocky Mountain Gardens will be a place to find connection with community, nature and our rural heritage in the Rocky Mountain West.



ROCKY MOUNTAIN GARDENS

With over 20 distinct growing areas, the garden will provide areas for teaching, learning, and growing through an outdoor classroom, flowering pollinator lawn and drought tolerant lawn areas. Explore opportunities to [volunteer and get involved this Spring!](#)



Meet our Spring Interns!

Erin Tansimore (she/her) is the Local Food Policy Research and Community Outreach Intern this spring, working with both the Board and the Community Food and Agriculture Coalition (CFAC). She is currently finishing up her master's degree in Environmental Studies at UM, where her research focuses on gendered experiences in agriculture. For her internship, Erin has been working on interpreting the 2022 Census of Agriculture data and researching food policy councils and nonprofits around the country to inform policy recommendations here in Missoula. In her free time, Erin loves practicing yoga, running, and cooking with local, seasonal produce.



Kyla Fugate (she/her) is a first year graduate student in the Environmental Studies program at UM interested in local food policy, environmental justice, and community development. This spring, she is the Food, Agriculture, and Communities Intern with Missoula County Lands and Communities and FPAB. For her internship, Kyla has been focusing on analyzing land use change over the last decade using USDA Census of Agriculture data. She is also working on writing a recommendation brief in support of an updated Community Food Assessment that will ultimately inform new policy surrounding food systems in Missoula City and County. Outside of school, Kyla enjoys running, playing guitar, and exploring new mountain ranges.



UPCOMING EVENTS



Garden City Harvest Weekly Workshop Series
Wednesdays April 10–May 8, 6–8pm
[More info here](#)



Volunteer Garden Work Day at Rocky Mountain Gardens at Missoula Fairgrounds
Saturday May 4th, 10am to noon



Great Day of Gardening
Saturday May 18, 1–4pm
[Sign up here!](#)

Have a policy idea of your own?
We'd love to hear about it!

Email us at foodpolicy@missoulacounty.us

Interested in serving with us? The Board is currently accepting applications to fill a voting and alternate seat.

Apply through City of Missoula [here!](#)