By implementing the Sustainable DC Plan, we are working over the next 20 years to transform the District of Columbia into the healthiest, greenest, most livable city in the United States. We believe bringing the Good Food Purchasing Program (GFPP) to DC can help address these goals and continue to elevate the importance of a more just food system in the nation’s capital.

An international destination for people and investment, the District will be a model of innovative policies and practices that improve quality of life and economic opportunity. Through the Sustainable DC Plan with support from GFPP, we are demonstrating how enhancing our natural and built environments, investing in a diverse clean economy, and reducing disparities among residents can create an educated, equitable, and prosperous society. Goals include:

• Local Food: Bring locally-grown food within a quarter mile of 75% of the population
• Sustainability: Cut citywide greenhouse gas emissions by 50%
• Workforce: Increase by 5 times the number of jobs providing green goods, services, fair wages and working conditions
• Health: Cut citywide obesity rate by 50%

Since January 2016, over 20 stakeholder organizations have come together to discuss the Good Food Purchasing Program (GFPP) and how we might apply the standards to DC’s unique context.

DC Public Schools has led the way by adopting the Good Food Purchasing Program for their 114 schools. They are currently embarking on the baseline assessment to see how their current food purchases align with the GFPP standards and will develop a multi-year action plan with support from the coalition to continue to improve their procurement.

The DC Coalition worked to incorporate GFPP into the Healthy Students Amendment Act, a local law that addresses health and wellness across all DC Public Schools. The HSAA passed through city council on December 4, 2018 and awaits signing by Mayor Bowser to confirm official adoption. The GFPP is also a priority for the DC Food Policy Council who is exploring passage of a city-wide policy as well as elevating the program in other local policies.