



## FOOD AND AGRICULTURE REGIONAL MEMBER (FARM) POLICY COMMITTEE

Friday, February 13, 2026  
10:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.  
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### AGENDA

#### 10:00 A.M. 1. WELCOME, MEMBER INTRODUCTIONS, AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS

*Councilmember Andrew Friedson, FARM Chair*  
*Supervisor Laura TeKrony, FARM Vice Chair*  
*Councilmember Zachary Parker, FARM Vice Chair*  
*Lindsay Smith, Senior Food & Agriculture Planner, COG*

Chair Friedson will welcome members, review FARM's membership roster, and invite the Vice Chairs and new FARM members to introduce themselves. He will briefly recap the December meeting and call for approval of the summary.

Staff will provide a high-level overview of FARM, including *FARM's 2025 to 2026 Strategic Framework*.

**Recommended Action:** Approve December meeting summary.

#### 10:30 A.M. 2. WINTER STORM FERN: IMPACTS TO FOOD & AGRICULTURE

*Andrew Friedson, FARM Chair*  
*Eli Russ, Senior Public Safety Planner, Department of Homeland Security and Public Safety (DHSPS), COG*  
*Caroline Howe, Food Policy Director, District of Columbia*

The persistent cold temperatures and ice brought by Winter Storm Fern combined to create an extreme event and long recovery in the region. Eli Russ will discuss how the region coordinates and organizes to respond to winter

storms, and recovery as it relates to transportation from an emergency management perspective. He will be followed by Caroline Howe who will share information on impacts on healthy food access in the District and a recent discussion with several large retailers.

Chair Friedson will invite FARM members and stakeholders to share their experiences as they relate to:

- Food access, distribution, and recovery
- Farming, aggregating and distributing local food
- Supporting vulnerable residents
- Issues for further examination or lessons learned

**Recommended Action:** Receive briefing and discuss.

**11:10 A.M. 3. LOCAL FOOD PROCUREMENT CHALLENGE NEXT STEPS**

*Andrew Friedson, FARM Chair*

*Sara Pollock Hoverter, Director, Center for Community Health Innovation, O’Neill Institute for National and Global Health Law, Georgetown University Law Center*  
*Sydney Daigle, Regional Food Systems Consultant, FARM Policy Committee*

Chair Friedson and Sydney Daigle will provide new information on the Local Food Procurement Challenge (LFPC). Sara Hoverter will share an update on the LFPC Community of Practice launch.

**Recommended Action:** Receive briefing and discuss.

**11:35 A.M. 4. 2026 STATE LEGISLATIVE AND POLICY UPDATES**

*Supervisor Laura TeKrony, FARM Vice Chair*

Vice Chair Laura TeKrony will provide a report on her recent visit to Richmond and invite FARM and Work Group members to provide additional legislative updates from VA, DC, and MD.

**Recommended Action:** Receive briefing and discuss.

**11:50 A.M. 5. 2026 MEETING SCHEDULE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Laura TeKrony, FARM Vice Chair*

Vice Chair TeKrony will review FARM’s 2026 meeting schedule and call for any announcements.

**Recommended Action:** Share announcements

**12:00 P.M. 6. ADJOURN**

*Laura TeKrony, FARM Vice Chair*

The next FARM Committee meeting will be Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup> at 10 am.

