**Supplementary Materials**

**Appendix 1:** Interview Questions

1. Can you please describe the main policy/program goals of the FPC?
2. Logistical Questions
   1. How often does your FPC meet?
   2. How many people usually attend?
   3. Are FPC meetings open to anyone who would like to attend or are there restrictions on who is allowed?
   4. Does everyone actively participate in the meetings?
   5. How well do you feel members collaborate with one another?
3. In this study, we are interested in how FPCs are addressing food waste in their communities. Can you please describe some of the major activities the FPC has completed or is currently working on specifically related to food waste goals?
   1. What major policies or programs has the FPC created to meet these goals?
   2. Are there any major future activities that the FPC is planning related to food waste goals?
   3. Chair: Is there a specific waste partner on the FPC?
4. How did the FPC establish a relationship with (waste organization)?
   1. How does the waste partner collaborate with the rest of the FPC members?
   2. What projects has the waste organization been specifically involved with?
   3. Waste Partner: Do you feel that you are able to influence the FPC’s activities and priorities?
   4. Waste Partner: Does your organization provide resources to help the FPC meet its goals?
5. Are there any other members of the FPC that are involved in or support food waste related activities?
   1. What kinds of things have you worked on together?
   2. Is there anyone missing from these efforts that you feel should be involved?
6. Do you coordinate with other FPCs or organizations in the community that aren’t members of your FPC in order to achieve food waste goals?

**Appendix 2**: Codebook of the codes and sub-codes relevant to the study, with illustrative interview quotations for each code.

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| **Code** | **Sub-codes** | **Illustrative Quotation (interview ID, subcode)** |
| **Approach:** text relevant to how the council coordinates efforts and makes progress toward goals. | Administrative, activity, goals, meet | “The first year, we had a retreat where we brought all our [members] together from the three [subgroups], and it was a full day retreat with breakouts, and it was so well-attended...That’s when the [subgroups] developed their action plans” (C1; administrative).  “...all of [the FPC] meets two or three times a year, and that's a chance to share updates about the food [system] plan and also to help newcomers understand how [the council] as a whole works” (W2; meet) |
| **Collaboration:** text relevant to collaboration and partnership. | Strengths, barriers | “The year after that we held the second [waste reduction summit], and this one was...held in conjunction with [a non-profit]... really good discussion, got some new businesses that signed up to participate in food recovery, just kind of getting people to think about the issue” (W5; strengths).  “[A meal-providing non-profit] program also lent itself to that food waste [effort of the FPC], where they were repurposing food that was donated from many different sources in the community, and they were repackaging the food and… they used part of it for meals…” (C3; strengths). |
| **Result:** text relevant to outputs and outcomes from food waste reduction activities. | Challenges, outcomes | “The most important thing is that ongoing relationship [with farmers]...because the more I connect with them, the less waste there is… because that relationship is ongoing and provides us with the opportunity to eliminate food waste as much as possible” (W3; outcomes).  “The challenges for the council…are the same as the challenges in general for the state. The state doesn’t seem to be interested…in putting any money into [reducing food waste], and that’s what’s needed” (C4; challenges) |