

POLICY A:
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The Common Market is a not-for-profit; member owned cooperative serving the Frederick area with high quality natural foods, health products, and household supplies. The Common Market seeks to responsibly serve its community through its products and by offering a path to a sustainable, healthful future through its structure, policies, practices, and shared values (Mission Statement Of The Frederick County Consumers Cooperative*).

The FCCC exists in order to achieve the following ends in the local region:

1. A prosperous, just, and vibrant local food economy, connecting local consumers with local food sources.
2. An economically successful and growing business operated on the model of cooperative ownership, serving as a practical alternative to corporate, profit-driven, absentee ownership, and fostering the expansion of the cooperative model.
3. A community whose members are educated about food, health and wellness choices, about social and environmental issues in food production, and about the value of cooperatives as an alternative business model.
4. A model for the use of environmental resources that is increasingly sustainable in the products we sell, the business we operate, and the practices we promote and support in the larger community.

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*The Mission Statement was adopted at the Board of directors meeting on 23 April 1993.