

Food Access Assessment

Community Transformation Grant
Project – Region 3

Healthy Corner Store Network



Process

- Reaching Out to Store Owners
- Developing Relationships
- Surveys to Identify Need
- Identify Budget Priorities
- Identify Partnerships



Next Steps

- Infrastructure Development
- Advertising
- Finding a Farmer

Local Food Data – Why?

- Justification for Local Level Programs
- Assessment tool to inform Food Systems Data
- Funding
- Staff Development

Other Assessment Tools

- NEMS
- FROST
- Quantitative Qualitative Study Design

What is a Food Desert?

Definition

- *Food deserts are defined as urban neighborhoods and rural towns without ready access to fresh, healthy, and affordable food. Instead of supermarkets and grocery stores, these communities may have no food access or are served only by fast food restaurants and convenience stores that offer few healthy, affordable food options. The lack of access contributes to a poor diet and can lead to higher levels of obesity and other diet-related diseases, such as diabetes and heart disease.**

What is a Food Desert? Measures

- Distance to Supermarket

What is a Food Desert? Measures

- Distance to Supermarket
- Income Level

What is a Food Desert? Measures

- Distance to Supermarket
- Income Level
- Vehicular Ownership Rates

What is a Food Desert?

Measures

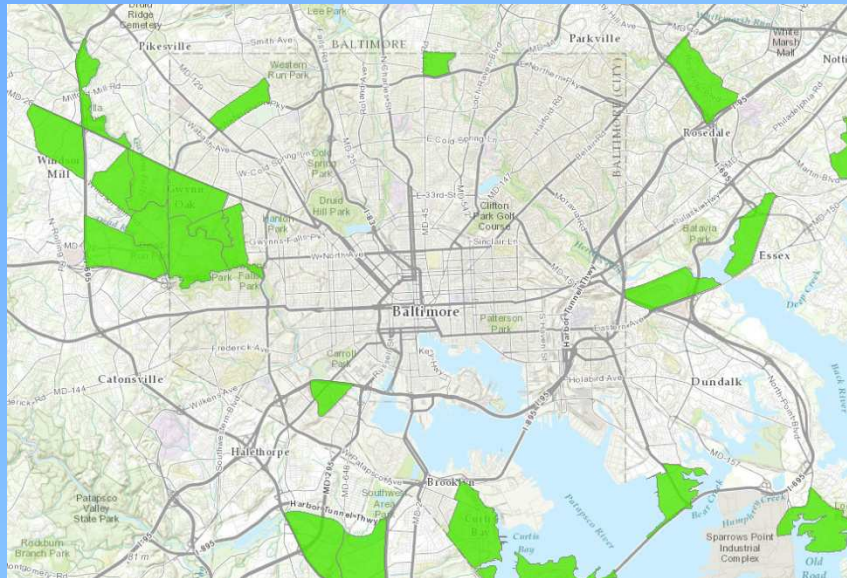
- Distance to Supermarket
- Income Level
- Vehicular Ownership Rates
- Healthy Food Availability Index

Process

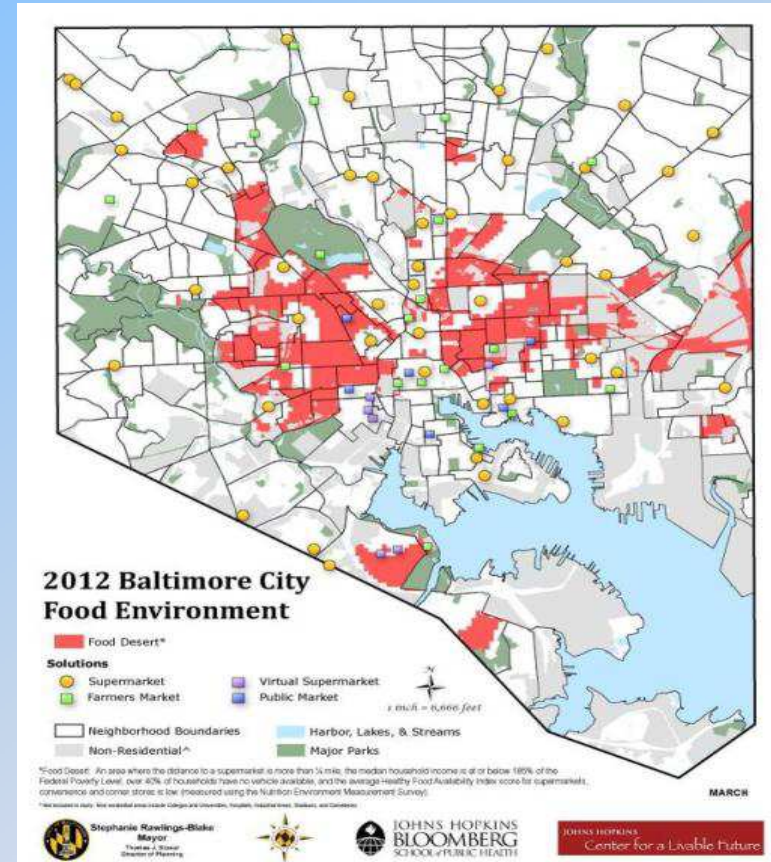
- How do we find the stores?
- How do we prioritize our list?
- What assets do we have to complete the assessment?
- Data cleaning?
- What is important to report?
- What's Next?

Baltimore Food Insecurity

USDA



USDA + HFAI



Conclusions - Next Steps

- Create Database

Conclusions - Next Steps

- Create Database
- Map Creation

Questions?