

Regional Food Access Mapping Project



CHALLENGES

- Low-income areas, traditionally under-resourced, face the daily challenges of access to fresh, affordable, quality food.
- There is no sustainable tool to see and support the development of the region's local healthy food system.

GOALS

Garner the collective power of key stakeholders and communities to:

- Improve understanding of local system and how challenges accessing healthy foods impact under-resourced areas
- Support equitable food system that increases healthy eating in low-income and rural communities;
- Create new wealth and health with by expanding and improving access to the local healthy food system;
- Identify and increase economic opportunities in the region's local healthy food system;
- Sustain information for targeted policy, investment, and resource decisions.



DELIVERABLES

- Foster Partnerships that empower communities, leaders, policy makers, farmers, entrepreneurs, and support organizations to meet the challenges, needs and opportunities the local healthy food system presents;
- Build an interactive, public facing, user friendly, web site showing the local healthy food system that includes Story Boards and Maps showing assets, needs and opportunities;
- Develop an Assessment Report of the region's local healthy food system with an analysis of the assets, resources, needs, gaps and strategic steps and opportunities.