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DUFFERIN 2025

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&  
Orangeville Food  
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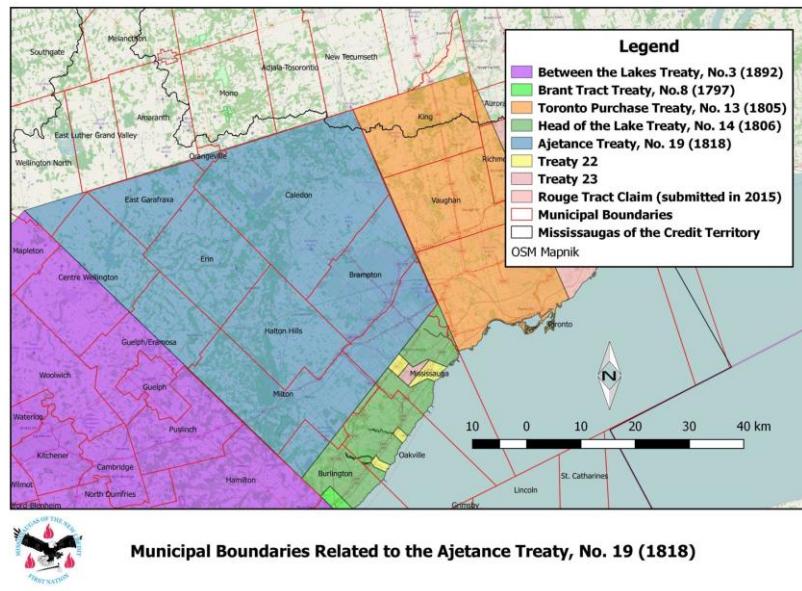
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# RECONCILIATION

Aaniin Boozhoo – “Thank you” for having us  
In the spirit of reconciliation, we learn a new Anishinaabe word to  
honour the Treaty 18 & Treaty 19 lands we reside on.





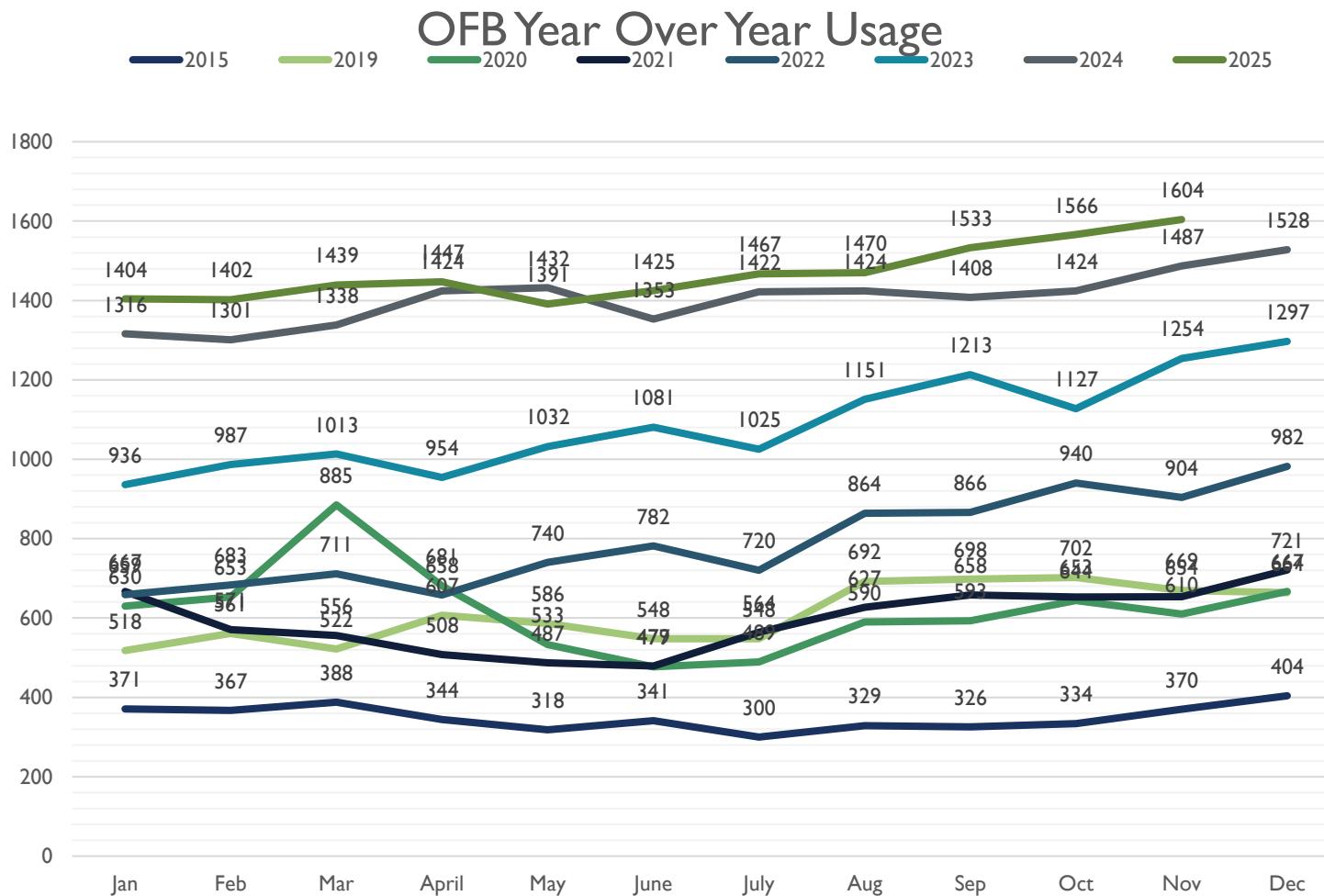
## DUFFERIN FOOD SHARE GRAND VALLEY

**We are pleased to announce our new location as of August 26th, 2025  
27 Main St N – “the old schoolhouse”**

**This new location will have offices available to other not for profits to increase access to services for residents where they live**

**30,000 lbs. of food has been distributed through the shopping model, and we are striving to meet our goal of 50% perishables in the coming year.**

# OFB & DUFFERIN FOOD SHARE YEAR OVER YEAR USAGE



## Year over Year Increases

2020/2021 = - 4%

2021/2022 = +28%

2022/2023 = +37%

2023/2024 = +38%

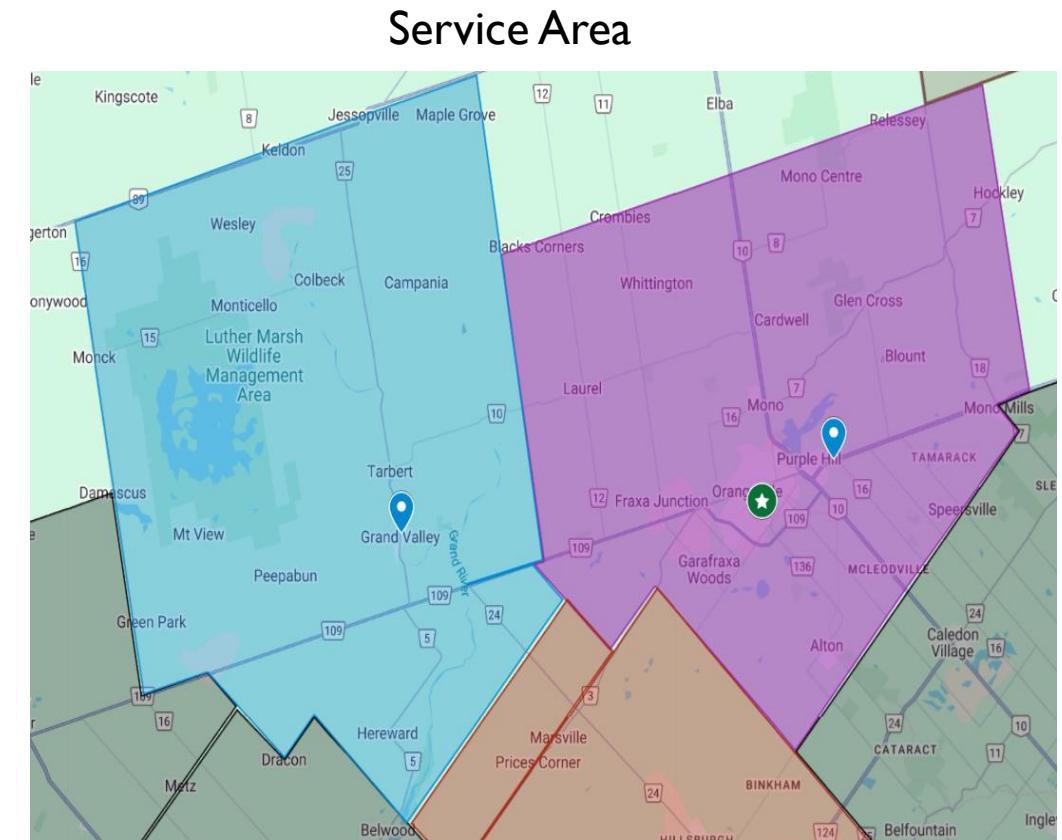
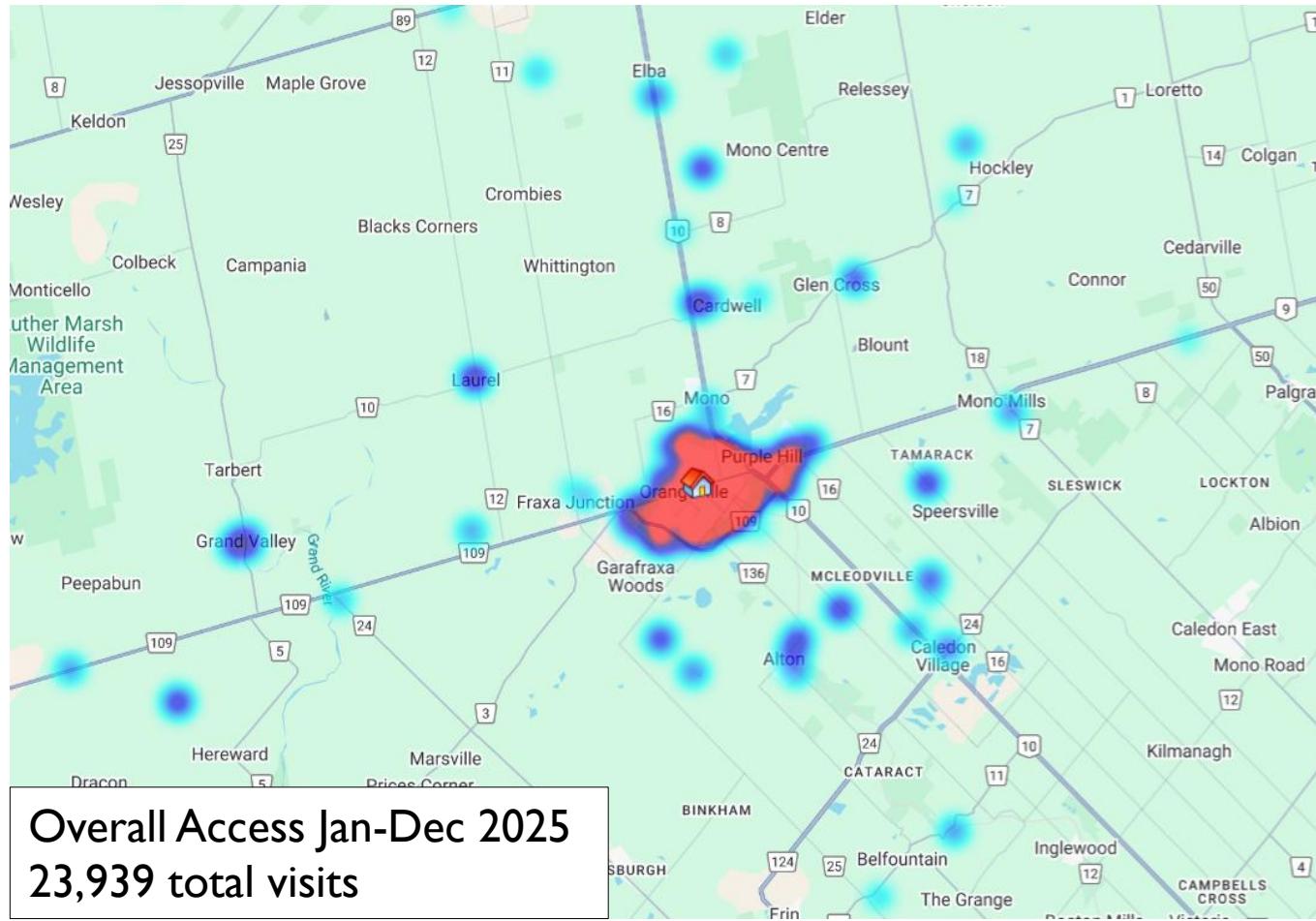
2024/2025 = +13%

Nov 24 vs Nov 25 = +8%

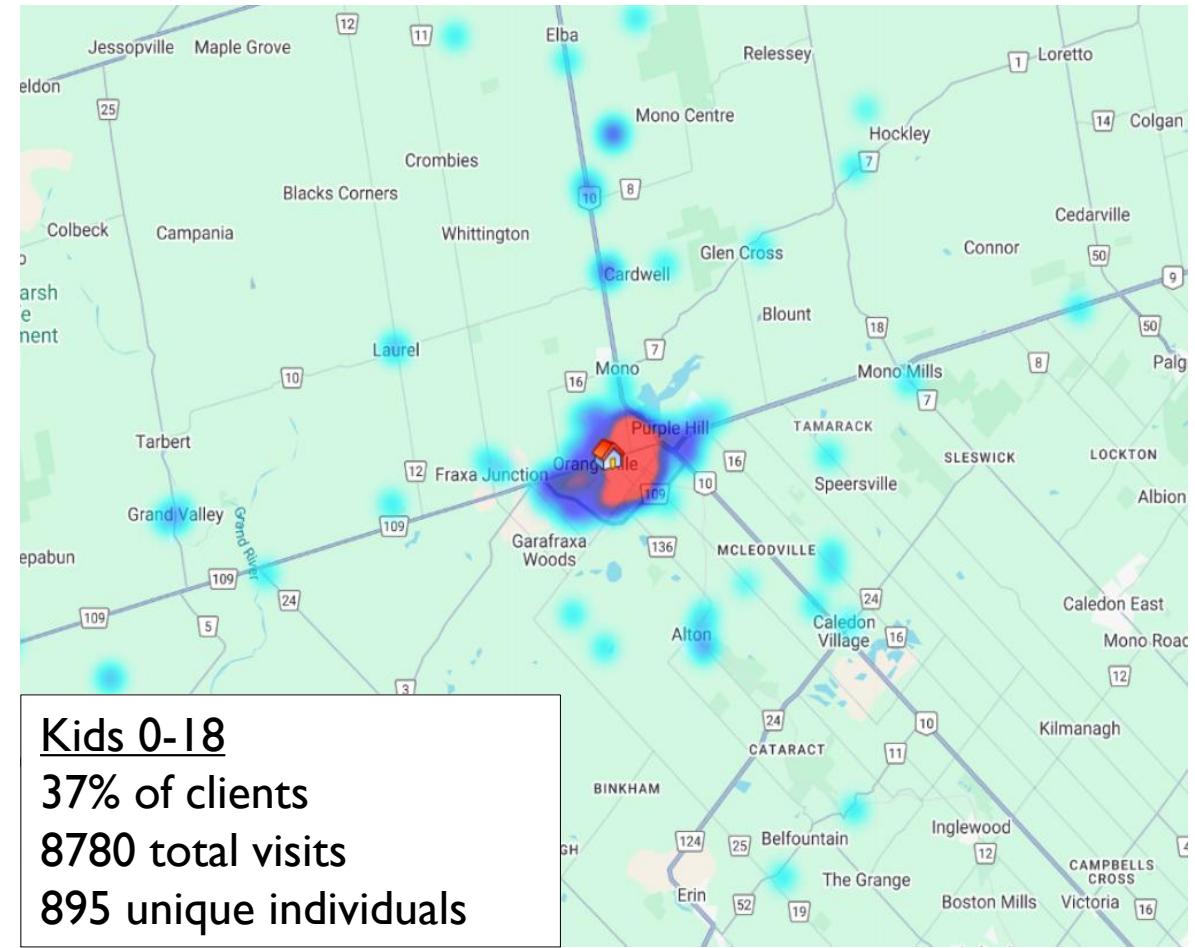
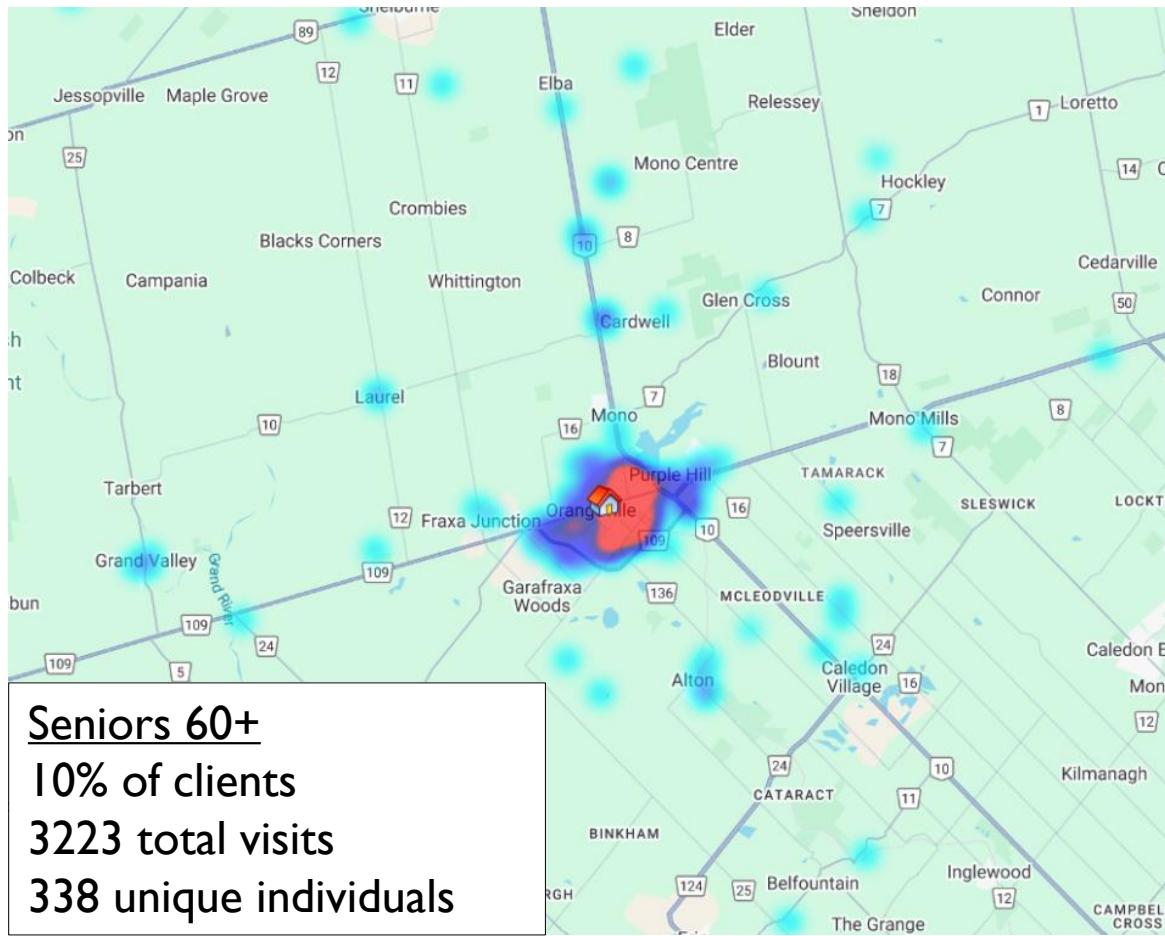
Nov 2015 vs Nov 2025 = +333%

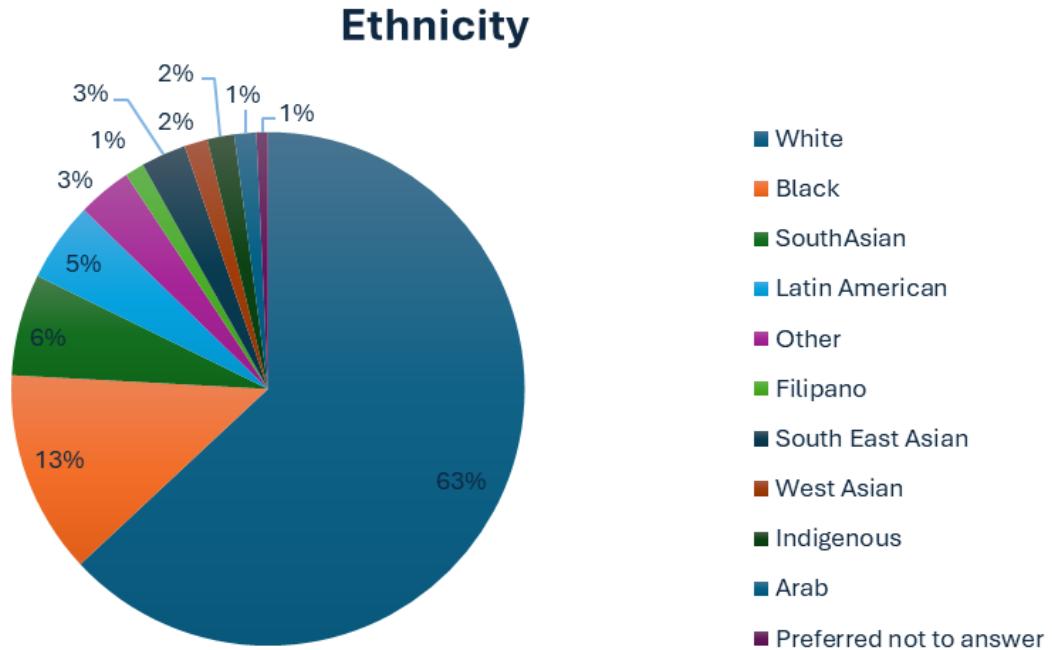
Food donations are down 22%  
 Non-perishable food spending up 77%  
 Perishable spending up 23%

# OVERALL USE HEAT MAP



# HEAT MAP JAN-DEC 2025





As the demographics of those accessing services changes so do the food needs of the food bank.

- Dried legumes
- Ginger root
- Hot peppers
- Halal Proteins
- Okra
- Tomatoes

Finding products to meet the dietary requirements increases costs and local options are harder to source

## ETHNICITY

## 2024/2025 STAT'S

- 605,000 lbs. of food distributed to clients --- increase of 15% over last year
- 225,000 lbs. of that was purchased – an increase of 50,000 lbs.
- Purchasing from local farms including Peace Valley Ranch, Lone Lane Acres, Fiddlefoot Farms, Lennox Farms, Grand River, Besleys, Wild Meadows and Chicken Thika
- 51% of what we distribute is perishable including milk, eggs, produce and proteins
- 60% increase in number of employed people accessing the food bank over 2024-MHC (March Hunger Count) \*1900% + increase since 2015
- 124%+ in the number of seniors accessing the food bank over 2024 MHC
- 37% of those accessing our services are children

- Food Banks are in crisis across Canada with 1 in 4 individuals being food insecure
- Food Banks are not funded by provincial or federal governments
- Food banks are primarily donor funded
- Provincial Ag Organizations already donate to food banks
- Provincial & National Partnerships already exist reclaiming food from every major grocery chain and most food banks partner with local producers to reclaim products as well
- As the crisis grows, we will not be able to donate our way out of the crisis

**Policy change is the only solution**



## Land Use Planning & Food Insecurity

**Food insecurity is defined as, “inadequate or insecure access to food due to financial constraints.”**

**Funds are at the heart of the issue, but Food Security is a spectrum of need and ensuring that we have an integrated approach to food access across the county benefits all the residents.**

### **Supportive Policy Options:**

**Importance of Local Food Systems:** Ensuring that community gardens and urban farms are included in zoning and planning for grocery stores/farmers' markets in all neighborhoods improves access to nutritious food, especially in underserved areas.

**Urban Sprawl vs Dense Development:** Protecting farmland often pushes development into denser, compact forms, which can support sustainability and local food, whereas sprawl consumes prime agricultural land.

**Economic vs. Public Health Goals:** Land-use planning often prioritizes economic development, sometimes at the expense of food security, environmental health, and access to nutritious food, creating gaps in policy.

**Land Acquisition/Expropriation:** Large-scale land acquisition for development can displace rural communities, restrict their access to productive land and water, and negatively impact local food security and livelihoods



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