

# Food Sanctuary Program:

A study of Food Scarcity in Louisville, KY and what can be done to create change

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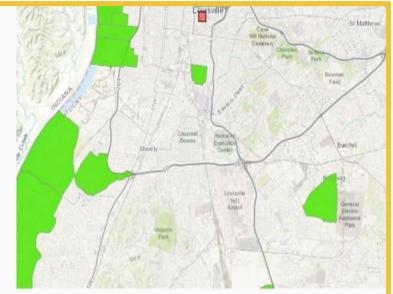
**Reasoned Minds** 



## What is a food desert?

• Low income communities

- Difficult to find healthy food
- Fast food restaurants
- Diabetes, heart disease, obesity
- Lack of transportation



A map of food deserts located within Metro Louisville. Green areas indicate low-income neighborhoods where a large portion of residents live more than a mile from a full-service grocery store. (*Photo: Screenshot of USDA Food Access Research Atlas*)

# Why are we doing this?

#### Where it started:

- Student came to school without his project materials
- Teacher asks why he didn't buy materials at a grocer or a Walmart
- Student responds, because they don't have those where he lives.

We truly believe that if we can find a willing private corporation and combine that with incentives from Metro council, this dream for West Louisville can become a reality.





- Blockbusting in the 1950's
- Super stores replaced the corner store
- Liquor stores moved into the old corner stores





### - Public Private Partnership

# What is needed to turn a four cent loss into a profit

- Beautiful place
- Smart loss prevention
- Full service both public and private
- A sales plan that meets the need of the people (ethnic food selections)









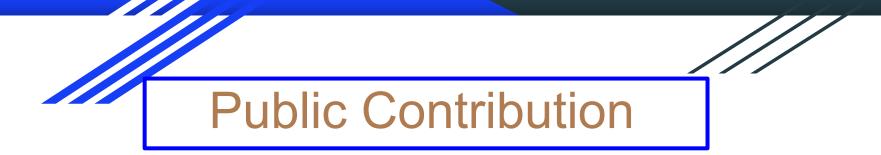


#### Start -up Costs

Capital needed to start a food sanctuary:

- Depending on the company, the conditions of the lease, etc.
- Range from \$750K 1.5 M.
- Example here is from the Save-a-lot website.

STARTUP COSTS	LOW	HIGH
LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENTS	\$100K	\$350K
REFRIGERATION	\$225K	\$550K
STORE EQUIPMENT	\$75K	\$150K
FRONT END SYSTEM (POS)	\$40K	\$60K
INITIAL INVENTORY	\$170K	\$200K
PRE-OPENING EXPENSES	\$10K	\$50K
GRAND OPENING ADVERTISING	\$25K	\$40K
WORKING CAPITAL	\$20K	\$50K
SECURITY DEPOSIT	\$55K	\$65K
TOTAL	\$740K	\$1.515M



In exchange for incentives, the store would provide office space for

- Nutritionist
- Social Worker
- Employment Services
- Daycare
- Public Library





## **Public Requirement**

#### Store

- Healthy and some not so healthy foods
- Prepared foods Bakery, Coffee Shop

#### Bank

- Ordinary services
- Check cashing at a reasonable rate

#### Pharmacy and Clinic



## Transportation

## What good is it to have a place if no one can get there?

- TARC stops in the parking lot
- BIRD station
- LOUVELO station
- Gas station

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