

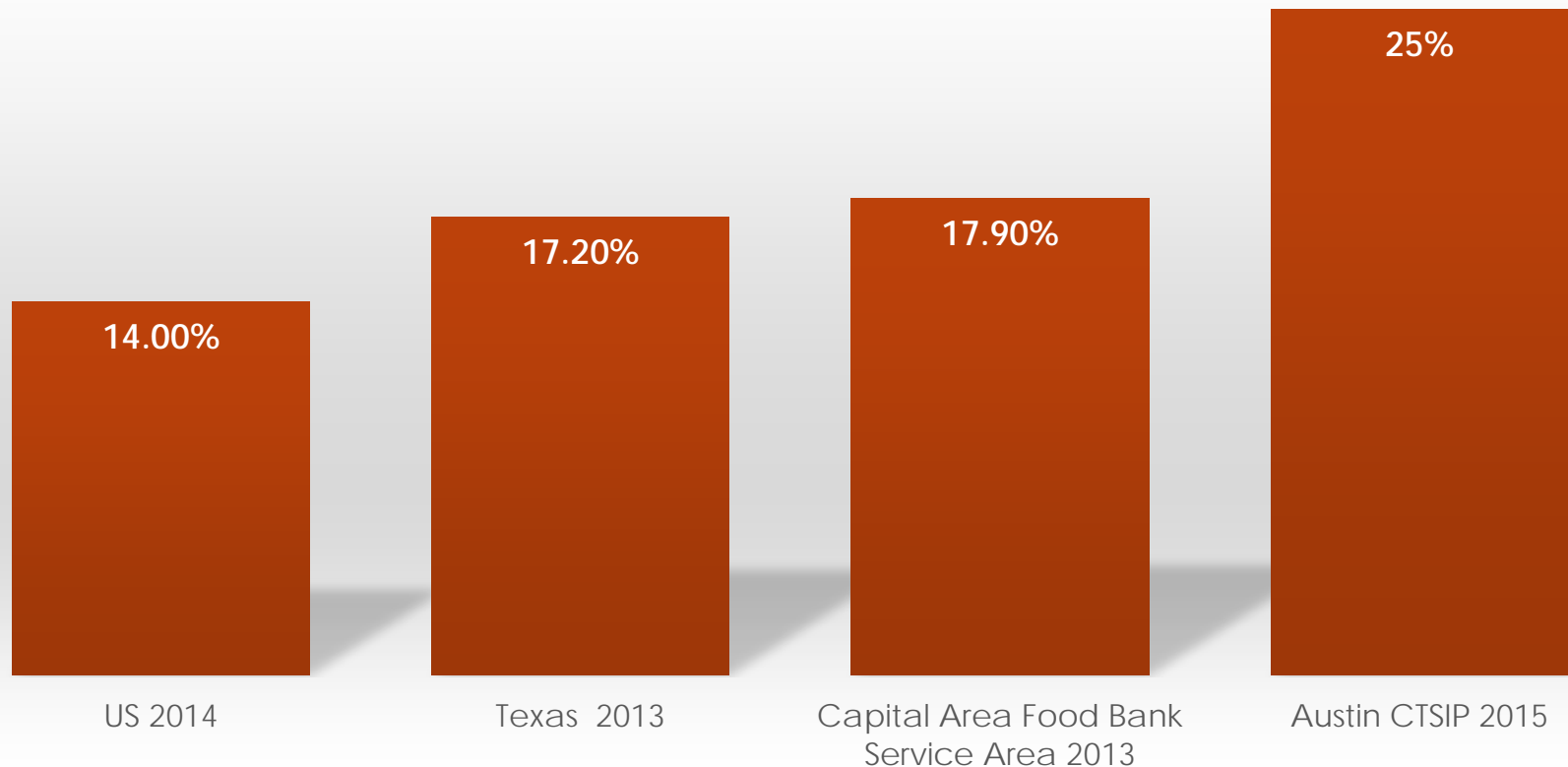


# FOOD FOR ALL

## Piloting Inclusive Neighborhood Food Planning in North Central Austin/ Rundberg

Report to the Austin Travis County Food Policy Board on  
a one-year Policy Research Paper  
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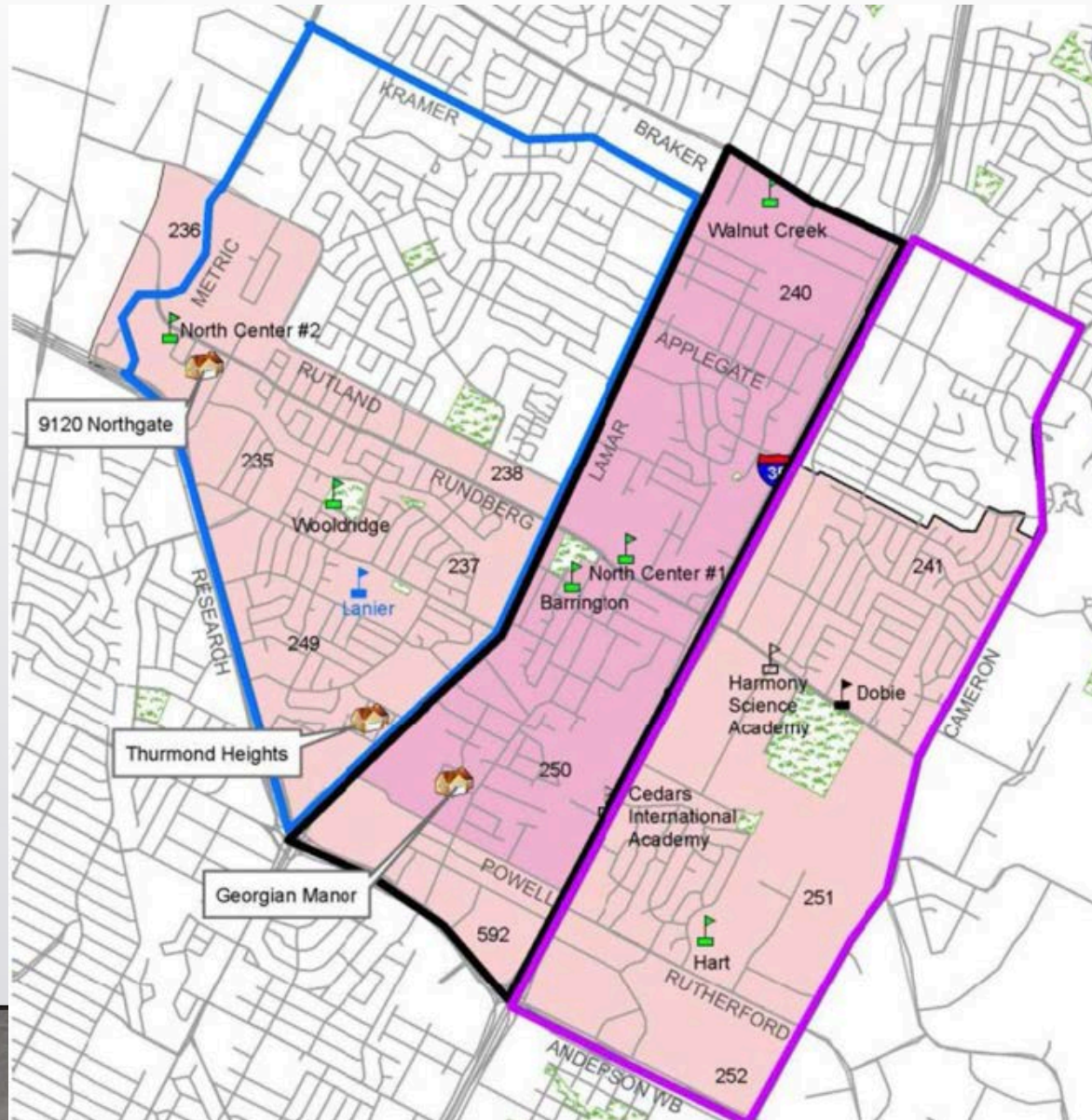




# How do we respond?

- Many other cities have engaged in food planning
  - City-wide
  - Mixed outreach / consultative strategies
- Our approach:
  - Focus on one neighborhood
  - Focus on inclusivity of people and in scope

# North Central Austin/Rundberg





# How to *do* Inclusive Research?



1. Educating student-researchers
2. Funding for inclusive research
3. Time in the community
4. Partnerships with other branches of the City, non-profits, and community members

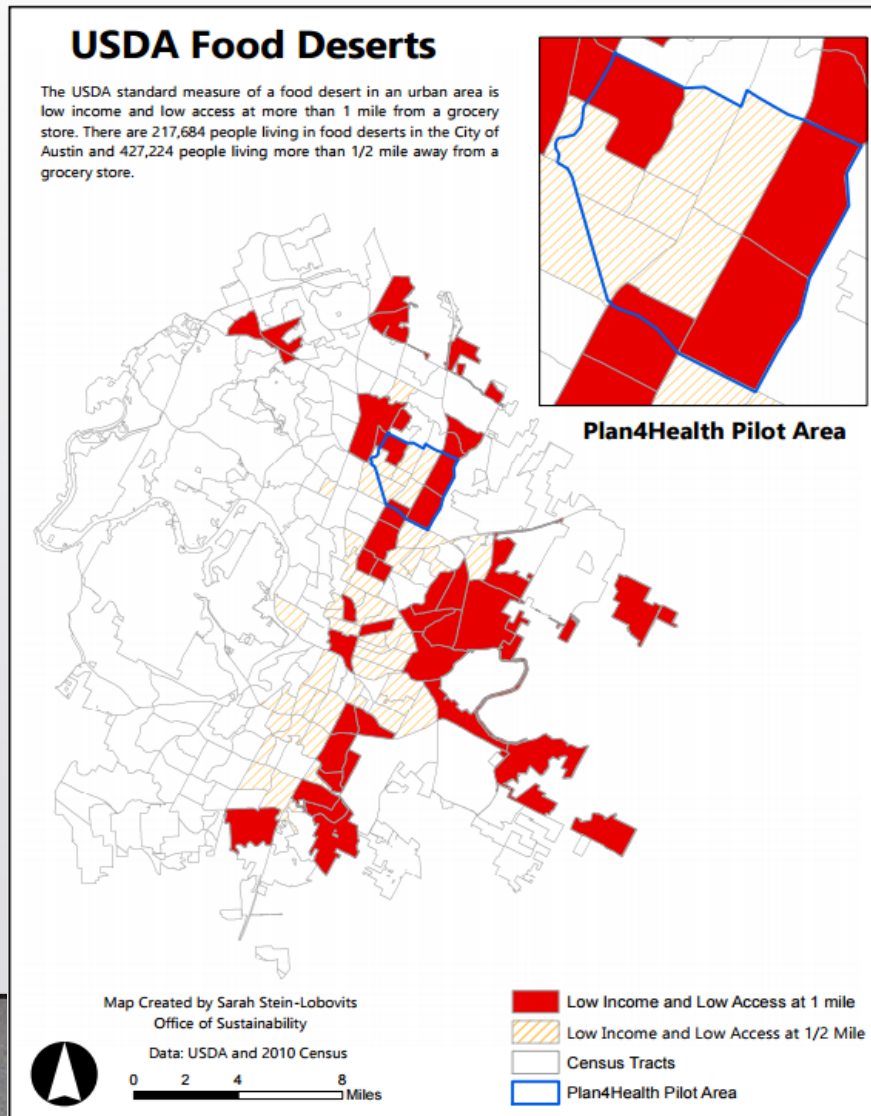


# Inclusive data gathering

- CTSIP Survey
- Retailer surveys
- Focus Groups
- Stakeholder one-on-ones
- Community validation exercise



# What do we learn from inclusive research?





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## Food Resources



0.25 miles

0.5 miles

● Fresh Produce/No Food Assistance

● Fresh Produce and Food Assistance

● Food Pantry

● No Fresh Produce/No Food Assistance

● No Fresh Produce/Food Assistance





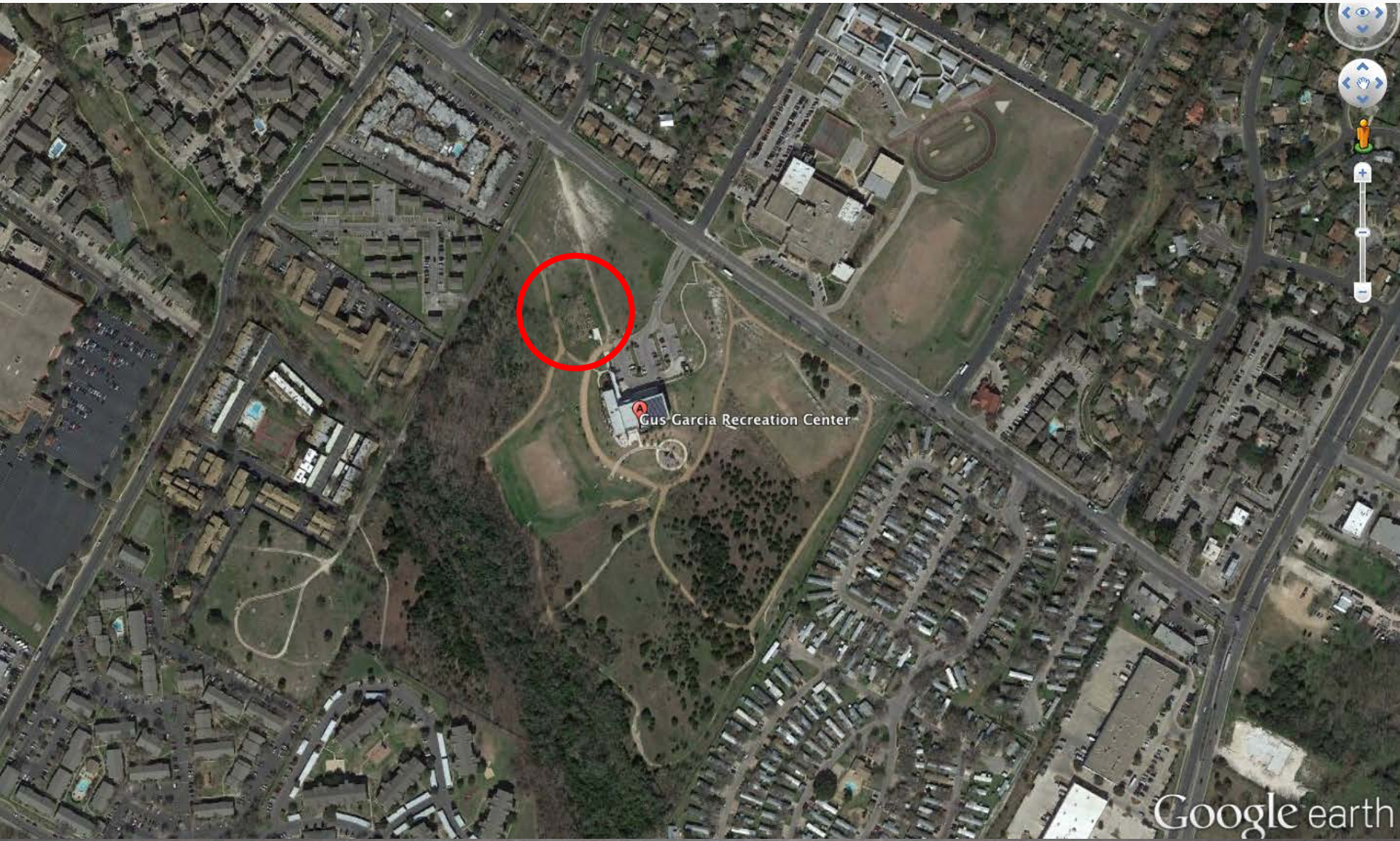
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# Policy Recommendations

- Appropriate information (language, knowledge)
- Availability (Healthy food close by)
- Accessibility (Sidewalks, buses, safety)
- Affordability (Wages, Housing, SNAP/WIC benefits)





# Community Report Back

- Original Findings were validated
  - Prioritize community voices
  - Breach silos
- New Findings
  - Affordable Housing
  - Community Wants More Control Over Its Future





## Next steps

- Watch the Office of Sustainability's website for our report – coming out this summer!
- Hope that findings will be incorporated into continued conversations and actions to make a more equitable food system in Austin

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# Thank you for your time!