Statewide Retail Access

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Framing Food Access in WA – Equity

- Shown:
  - Low-Income and Low-Access Census Tracts using Vehicle Access

- Urban:
  - Areas where 100+ housing units do not have a vehicle
  - **AND** are more than ½ mile from the nearest supermarket

- Rural:
  - a significant number or share of residents are more than 20 miles from the nearest supermarket

Sources:
- USDA Food Access Research Atlas
Where I’m Headed

• “Auditing” local and nationwide retail access programs and best practices
  • Today: San Juan & Whatcom County

• Examining requirements for SNAP retailers, particularly “alternative” retail

• Finding opportunities to expand online delivery areas, vendor partners, and ordering systems

• Exploring options for collaborating to map out community access

• Joining Coalitions & Working Groups
Let’s Get Connected!

• I would love to hear ideas you may have from your experience.

• My disclaimer:
  • I’m learning along the way, navigating the most useful balance of local support vs. statewide efforts.

• Let’s Tour the Room
  • How many have worked with retail partners?
  • How many would like to be more connected?

• Find me after this session!
Questions? Let’s Chat!

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