



Figure 1: Kershaw County Census Tract Map

# NONPROFITS, COUNTY AND CITY GROUPS & FOOD INSECURITY 2018 REDESIGN WORKBOOK

The primary role of our nonprofits, county and city groups is to:

Food deserts

Team Members:

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**Recommended time: 15 minutes**

# CURRENT REALITY

**Review the data provided in your packet. What stands out to you related to food deserts and food insecurity in Kershaw County? What information did the presenters share about this?**

- Food deserts are in low income areas
- Need access to healthy and affordable foods to improve our health

**What are we, as nonprofits, doing related to food? What activities are we doing? Who are we targeting in our efforts?**

- Food pantries, soup kitchens, meal deliveries
- Mobile food pantry
- Economic development departments talking to grocers.

**Over the past three years, what impact have we seen made by our efforts related to food? Specific families impacted? Food insecurity? Family needs?**

- Number of people fed is increasing
- Senior taking advantage of mobile nutrition center

**How have our efforts, as nonprofits, positively or negatively impacted food deserts and food insecurity?**

- Educated youth through hiking club (snack choices and physical activities)
- Hunger relief

**What barriers have you encountered related to your work around food? Be specific.**

- Food donated to pantries and kitchens is mostly junk food

**Recommended Time: 20 minutes**

# ONE YEAR ACTIONS

## **Where would you like to see improvements in our nonprofits?**

- Form partnerships between nonprofits
- Work to build relationships and trust between non-profits and community members

## **What did Rev. Joyner share today that we could potentially do in our nonprofits?**

### **What shifts could we make – big or small?**

- Involve community members--- be more inclusive
- Take a holistic approach—human development

## **What messages/behaviors/actions/policies will need to change to make this shift? What additional expertise and/or resources are needed?**

- People that need resources should be part of the discussion and decision making
- Involve community members and be more inclusive, get them at the table
- Take a more holistic approach to human development

## **What question(s) would we like to ask Rev. Joyner? Your group will get to ask this question to him after this group activity.**

Did you have an expert to help you out?

- We did have several experts in farming to help and know about pest control, non-transfer of pests
- Basic farming community and getting folks to tal about their farming experiences

What does your programming look like during the school year?

- Training around the concept and canning and freezing for their afterschool programs
- Figuring out how to grow additional items during the winter months