

Mapping Fresh Food for Equity

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Abstract

Texas has the highest rate of food insecurity in the US, and this issue is compounded in cities. While this issue is multifaceted and complex, one way to potentially resolve the issue could be increasing access to healthy local food through the placement of community gardens in strategic locations. This research takes available zoning and public transit datasets and analyzes them against available food insecurity data in three major cities of Texas to determine that ultimately, Dallas offers the greatest opportunity for community gardens due to its more robust public transit network the other two cities lack.

