

Bridging the Good Food Gap: Three jurisdictions, three responses

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Local government's food levers: Food policy making in the City of Toronto

Planting *the* Seeds

Food and Hunger Action Committee

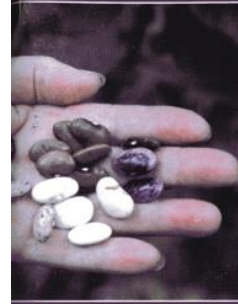
Phase 1 Report

May 2000



The Growing Season

Phase 2 Report
February 2001



DISPLAY



Food and Hunger Action Committee

Tending the Garden



July 2003

Final report on implementing
The Growing Season
and recommended next steps

– A report of the Food and Hunger Action Committee



Toronto's Food Charter

In 1976, Canada signed the United Nations Covenant on Social, Economic and Cultural Rights, which includes "the fundamental right of everyone to be free from hunger." The City of Toronto supports our national commitment to food security, and the following beliefs:

Every Toronto resident should have access to an adequate supply of nutritious, affordable and culturally-appropriate food.

Food security contributes to the health and well-being of residents while reducing their need for medical care.

Food is central to Toronto's economy, and the commitment to food security can strengthen the food sector's growth and development.

Food brings people together in celebrations of community and diversity and is an important part of the city's culture.

Therefore, to promote food security, Toronto City Council will:

- champion the right of all residents to adequate amounts of safe, nutritious, culturally-acceptable food without the need to resort to emergency food providers
- advocate for income, employment, housing, and transportation policies that support secure and dignified access to the food people need
- support events highlighting the city's diverse and multicultural food traditions
- promote food safety programs and services
- sponsor nutrition programs and services that promote healthy growth and help prevent diet-related diseases
- ensure convenient access to an affordable range of healthy foods in city facilities
- adopt food purchasing practices that serve as a model of health, social and environmental responsibility
- partner with community, cooperative, business and government organizations to increase the availability of healthy foods
- encourage community gardens that increase food self-reliance, improve fitness, contribute to a cleaner environment, and enhance community development
- protect local agricultural lands and support urban agriculture
- encourage the recycling of organic materials that nurture soil fertility
- foster a civic culture that inspires all Toronto residents and all city departments to support food programs that provide cultural, social, economic and health benefits
- work with community agencies, residents' groups, businesses and other levels of government to achieve these goals.



Cultivating Food Connections:

Toward a Healthy and Sustainable Food System for Toronto

May 2010



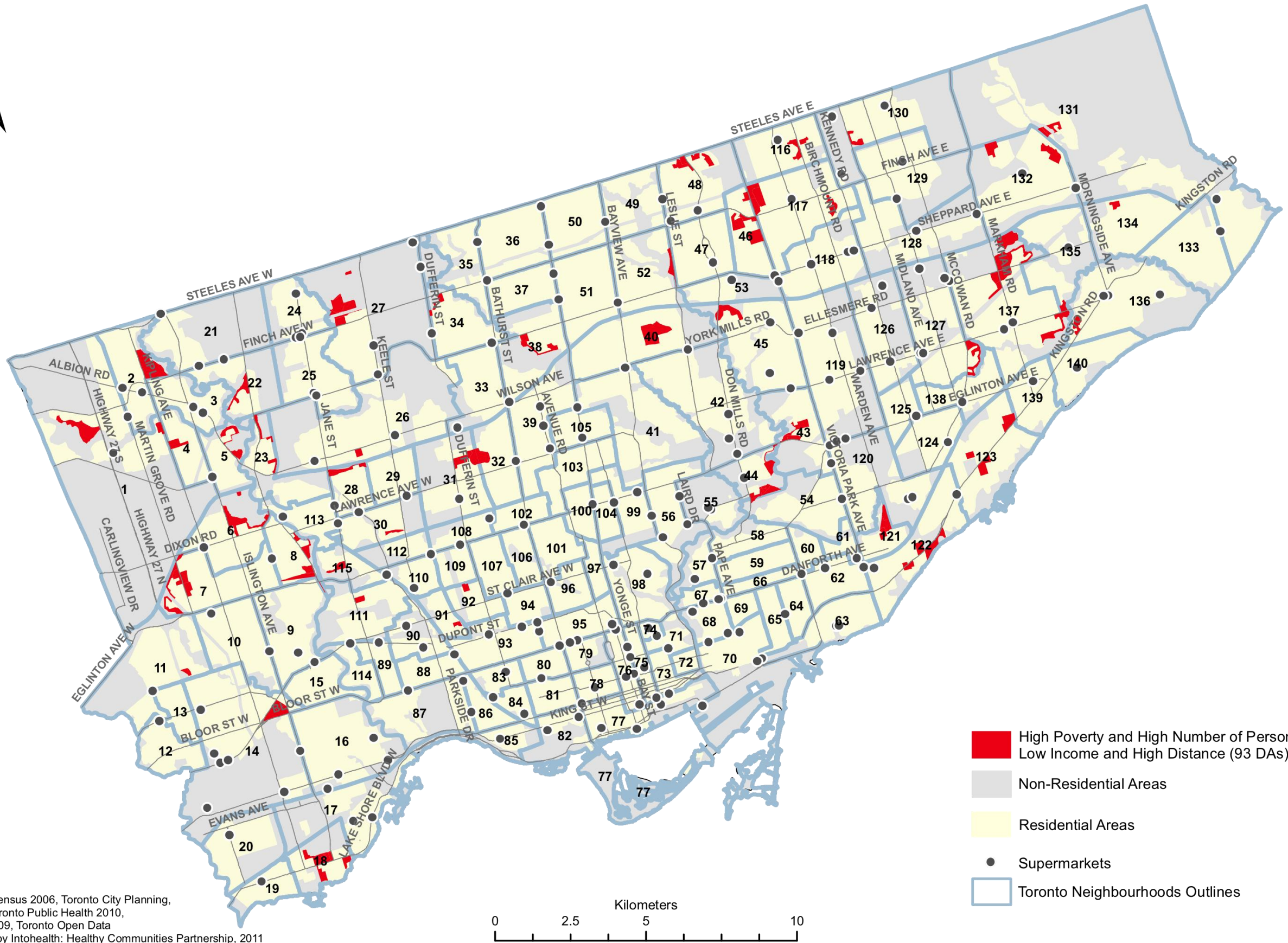
Priority Areas for Action

1. Support Food Friendly Neighbourhoods
2. Make Food a Centerpiece of Toronto's New Green Economy
3. Eliminate Hunger in Toronto
4. Connect City and Countryside through Food
5. Empower Residents with Food Skills and Information
6. Urge Federal and Provincial Governments to Establish Health-Focused Food Policies

25 Food Connections to the City of Toronto



Distance to Nearest Supermarket - Priority Areas



- High Poverty and High Number of Persons in Low Income and High Distance (93 DAs)
- Non-Residential Areas
- Residential Areas
- Supermarkets
- Toronto Neighbourhoods Outlines

Canada Census 2006, Toronto City Planning,
 THEIS -Toronto Public Health 2010,
 CRICH 2009, Toronto Open Data
 Prepared by Intohealth: Healthy Communities Partnership, 2011

Notes: High poverty was identified by DAs of 25% or more low income prevalence before tax.

High distance: Distance to nearest supermarket >1500m

High number of persons in low income was identified by DAs having 150 or more persons in low income

Toward multifunctional food systems: Sustain Ontario's ten good food ideas



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A food sovereignty policy for Canada: The People's Food Policy Project



Why does Canada need a food policy?

- The average farm income in Canada is negative \$20,000 per year.
- Food exports have increased by 400% in the last 20 years.
- Canada is the only G8 country with no school lunch program.

[Read more not so appetizing facts about Canada's food system >](#)



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