

Snapshot of Dougherty County, Georgia

January–June 2021 Progress Report



Goals

- Identify the top two food deserts in Dougherty County
- Establish weekly mobile markets
- Expand partnerships through the development of a food policy council
- Provide access to Dougherty Fresh Freezers
- Create a replicable model of increasing food availability and decreasing negative health outcomes



By the Numbers

- 14 community meetings held including community garden installations and planting days, healthy living workshops, gardening workshops, fruit and vegetable mobile markets, community festivals, and health fairs
- 3 students volunteered with Flint River Fresh to gain skills needed to plant, maintain, and harvest fruits and vegetables grown in community gardens
- 3 new food access points developed through the Albany Housing Authority

Success Stories

1. Prioritized fruit and vegetable giveaways to households with older adults and disabled persons in response to observations and emerging indicators gathered through community engagement

2. Introduced the Dougherty Fresh Community Volunteer Incentive Program to help compensate volunteers, which increased the number of in-person food deliveries

“Flint River Fresh community engagement and outreach activities are conducted in a friendly, casual atmosphere where participants feel empowered to take steps towards producing food complementary to their personal health goals.”

--Dougherty County HCCC team member



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