WHO? Low income, black, and Hispanic people are at highest risk.

WHAT? "The TJ Maxx of grocery stores"
Healthy prepared meals for under $6
Food Stamp eligible food

HOW? Gleaning excess crops from farms
Donations from restaurants and grocery stores
Chef repurposes collected food

WHY? Time: Working multiple jobs leaves little time for cooking
Affordability: Fast food is cheap, healthy food is expensive
Cultural Familiarity: Immigrants can be unfamiliar with preparing western food

In Worcester, 31% of 1st graders are overweight

The T.J. Maxx for Food

Goal: Increase access to healthy, affordable food in Worcester

Problem: Obesity in Worcester

Solution: Second Hand Grocery Store

Our Part

The Survey
Developed a survey to assess viable food supply networks
Assesses amount of surplus food from farms, grocery stores, and restaurants
Reviewed by the Food Policy Council and the Worcester County Food Bank

What's Next
Food Policy Council will distribute our survey when appropriate
Evaluate potential distribution network
Begin looking into possible locations in Worcester

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