

# NRV FOOD ACCESS NETWORK

Network Models & Next Steps



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RADFORD CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

# TODAY'S AGENDA

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- **Welcome & Introductions**
- **Heather Bruskin, Montgomery County MD Food Council**
- **Dr. Robin Lemaire, VT Center for Public Administration & Policy**
- **Discussion & Next Steps**
  - What is it we want from this network as individuals and organizations?
  - What are the immediate next steps to help us get there?
- **Wrap Up**

# HEATHER BRUSKIN

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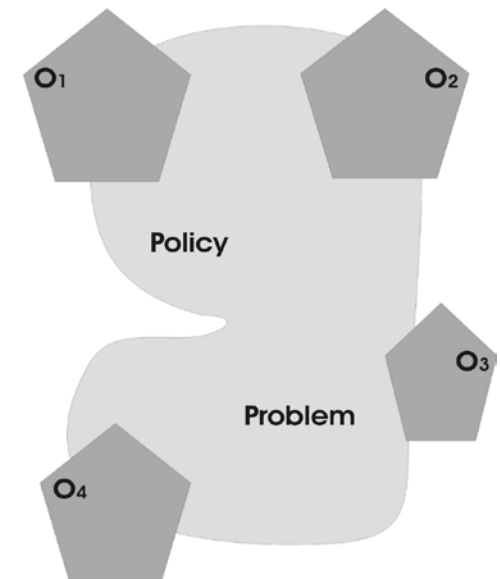
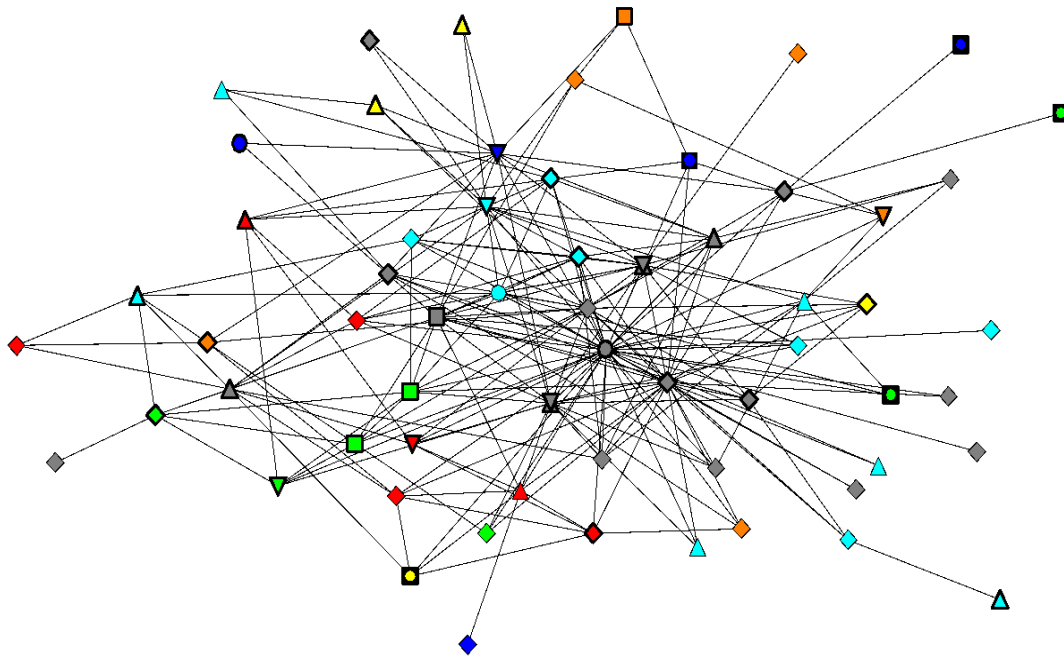
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# ROBIN LEMAIRE

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## *The Network Approach & Network Models*



# DISCUSSION

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- **What were some of the key takeaways from Heather and Robin?**
- **What did they point to as keys to success that we should consider ourselves?**
- **How might we incorporate some of their ideas into what we're doing?**

# PRIORITIES WE'VE IDENTIFIED

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- **In the Works:**

- Creating a common list of resources in the NRV. *Resource Guide*
- Developing a 'Hunger Relief' Network. *Facebook Page/Temporary Website*

- **Still at the Starting Line:**

- Developing and expanding educational programs on nutrition and cooking fresh foods.
- Partnering to get donated food and/or discounted bulk pricing.
- Creating a food hub/distribution center in the NRV.

# What is it we want from this network as individuals and organizations?

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## A Continuum of Approaches

### GETTING TO KNOW ONE ANOTHER

What could this look like?

- Quarterly meetings with featured speakers and/or trainings on best practices
- Tour one another's facilities
- Periodic updates on facebook and website

### PURSUING REGIONAL, COLLABORATIVE PROJECTS

What could this look like?

- Development of a regional food access action plan
- Working groups focused on action items (e.g. bulk purchasing, nutrition education, improved distribution)
- Periodic meetings of the full network with project updates
- Joint funding requests

# DISCUSSION

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- **What do you see as the 3 most critical next steps to move us in our preferred direction as a network?**
- **What kind of organizational structure, if any, may be needed to pursue those steps?**
- **What other information or resources do we specifically need to pursue these next steps?**



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NETWORK  
Asset Inventory



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THANK YOU!