

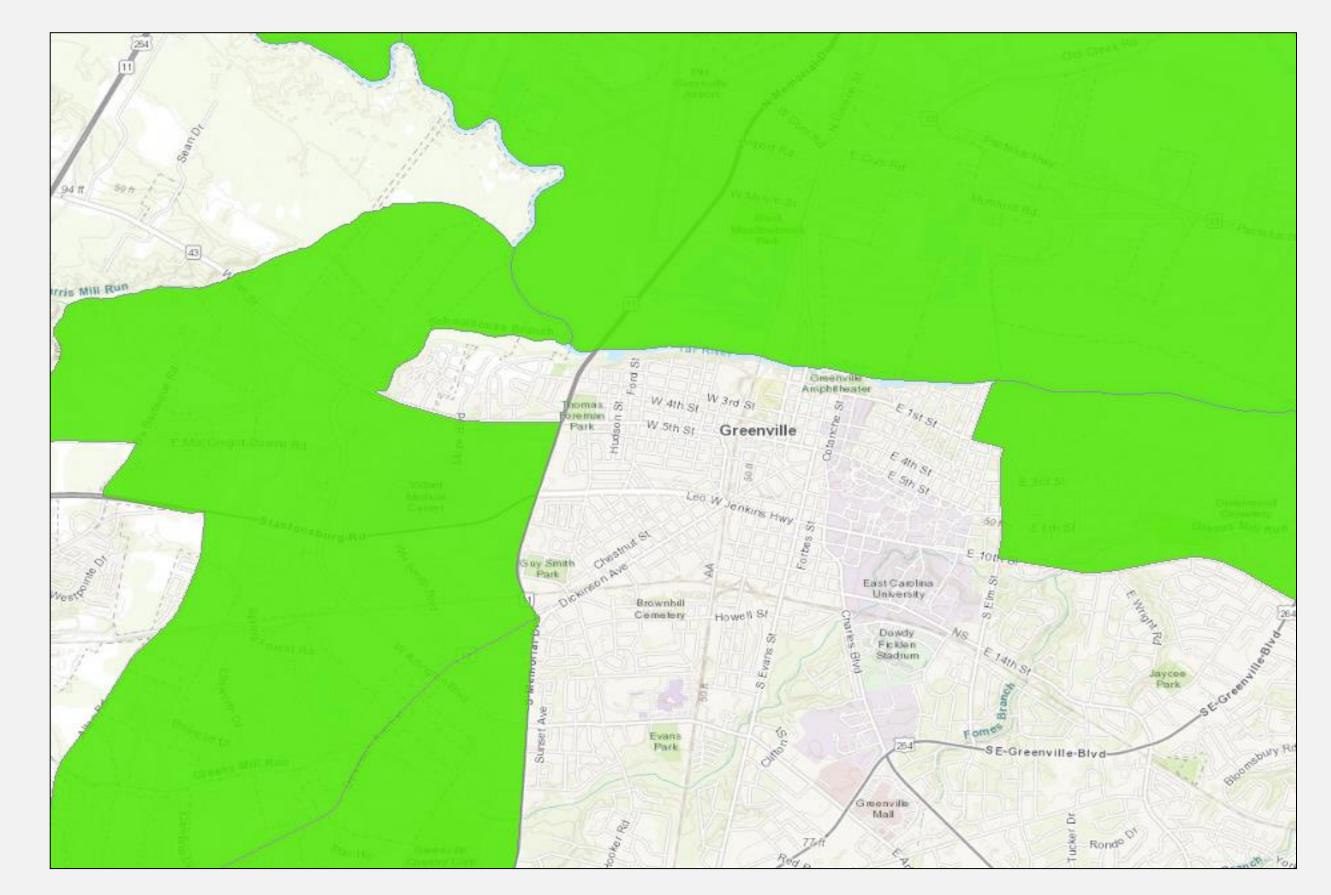
# Community Gardens Increase Access to Fresh Produce and Improve Overall Health

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# What?

- Greenville Community Shelter Clinic (GCSC)
- Student-run free clinic which primarily serves residents of CCC
- Community Crossroads Center (CCC)
- Shelter providing homeless individuals and families temporary shelter and access to several on-site programs and services

### Food deserts around CCC (in green) [5]





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## So What?

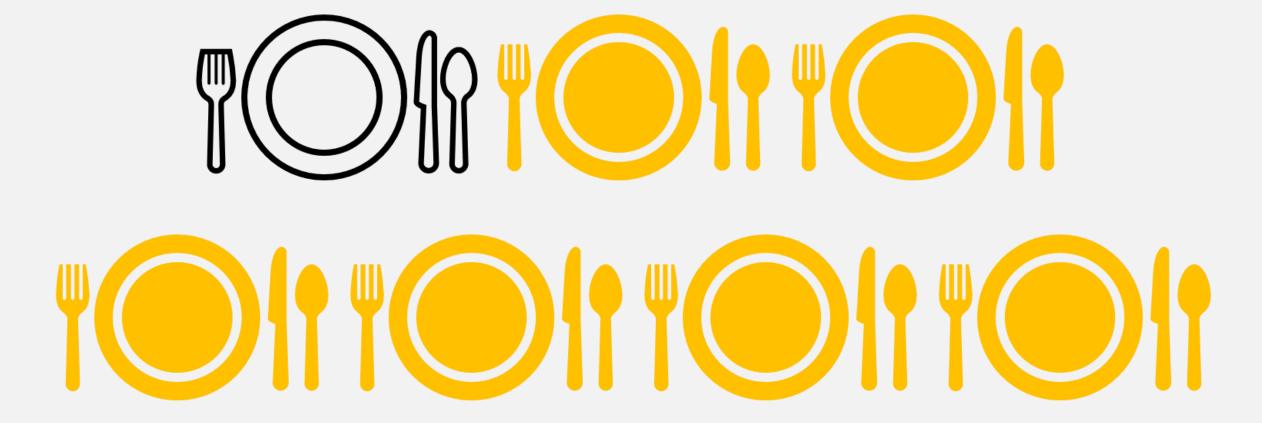
- ~10% of Pitt County residents live in food deserts [1]
- ~20% of Pitt County residents are food insecure, higher than the state average [2]
- Many food resources operate during normal business hours and are unavailable to the working poor [1]
- Homelessness makes a healthy diet difficult to maintain and exacerbates chronic health conditions [3]
- Community gardens are flexible and provide myriad benefits, including improving physical and mental health [4]

# 1 in 5 Pitt County residents face hunger



VS.

1 in 7 North Carolinians face hunger



# Now What?

- Establish a community garden at CCC
- Improve CCC residents' access to healthy produce
- Work with residents in developing recipes using garden produce
- Offer cooking demos in order to educate residents on how to eat healthier and incorporate garden produce into their meals

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