

# FARM COMMITTEE

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## NCR Food and Water Project Update

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# Questions we are addressing

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- How do people in the District and surrounding NCR jurisdictions get food and water on “blue sky” days?
- How has the pandemic changed that?
- What could happen to disrupt food and water flows?
- What are the likely food and water needs during and after a catastrophic event?
- How well prepared are we today to meet those needs?
- What should be doing now to better prepare for a disruption of the food and water supply?

# Project basics

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- Funded by FEMA Regional Catastrophic Preparedness Grant
- Managed by DC HSEMA, in collaboration with MWCOG
- Goal: improve regional capability to meet food and water needs during and after a disaster
- Guided by a Technical Advisory Committee comprised of regional food and water partners
- Current project will continue through 9/30/2022; additional funding has been obtained to begin implementation of findings and recommendations

# Project status

Task	Status	Target Completion Date
1. Characterize the regional food and water supply chains	Data collection and analysis complete; data validation with private sector ongoing	March 2022
2. Identify short- and long-term food and water supply needs following a disaster	Data collection and analysis complete; report being developed	March 2022
3. Develop online situational awareness and information sharing tools	Interviews conducted and existing systems evaluated; recommendations being developed	April 2022
4. Recommend food and water supply delivery and restoration plan	Plan outline developed; existing plans and policies being reviewed; stakeholder engagement underway	June 2022
5. Identify and recommend POETE actions	Proposed actions being identified; stakeholder engagement planned	June 2022
6. Convene a regional Stakeholder Summit	Planning to begin March 2022; Summit will include TTX	September 2022

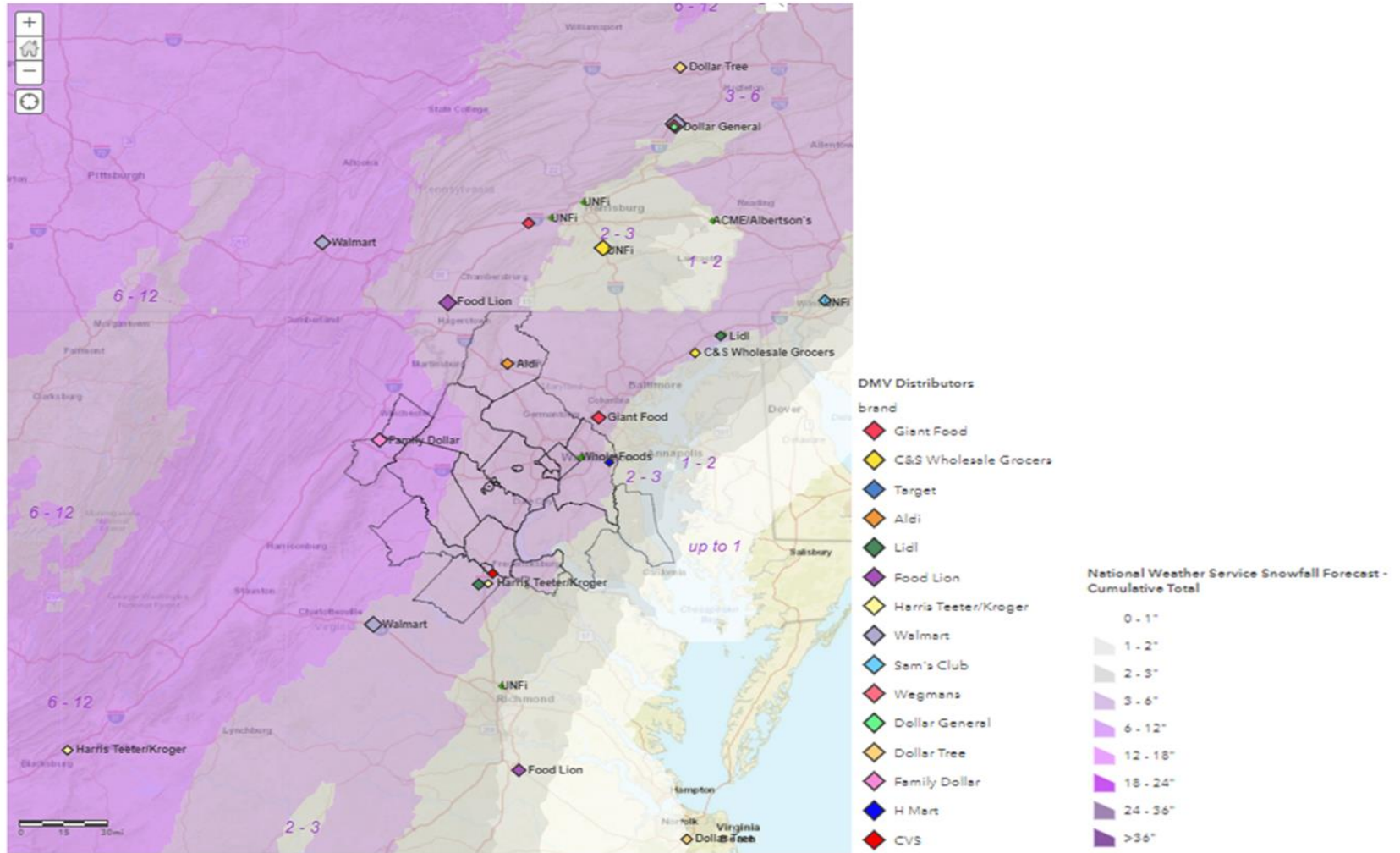


# What we are learning

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- Understanding how food flows into the region will help us better anticipate potential choke points in the system
- Understanding how demand changes during a catastrophic event can help improve operational and resource allocation decisions
- Relationships are essential to enable successful response and recovery
- Regional information sharing is important and needs to be strengthened
- Strategic investments that help shorten the distance between supply and demand can improve resilience of the system

# Example of data application



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