

FOOD SECURITY AND SUPPLY CHAIN RESILIENCE PLANNING

COG Board of Directors Update

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Food Insecurity and Federal Nutrition Programs Update

Federal Nutrition Assistance

- SNAP enrollment and Emergency Allotments (EA)
 - Federal PHE extension likely to October which enables qualifying states to continue requesting and distributing EAs.
- School meal changes are coming
 - When ready, critical to amplify local messaging on summer meals for children, P-EBT, wrap around support.

Anecdotal information indicates that demand for emergency food assistance remains high, inflation creating additional strains.

Next FARM Policy Committee Meeting

- Friday, June 10 at 11 am
 - RSVP requested by June 6 at noon for in-person attendance.
- Agenda
 - Release of *Healthy Food Access Policy Compendium for Metropolitan Washington*
 - MD and VA Legislative and Budget Updates
 - Briefing on the White House Summit on Hunger, Nutrition and Health
 - FY23 Work Program Review

HEALTHY FOOD ACCESS POLICY COMPENDIUM FOR METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON

A compilation of laws, policies and select publicly funded programs to improve healthy food access and food security.

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Food and Water Resilience Planning: Key Questions

- How do people 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 and Status

- 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 goes through September with continuing stakeholder engagement planned.
 - On-going work with region's emergency management community
 - Additional funding secured to begin implementation

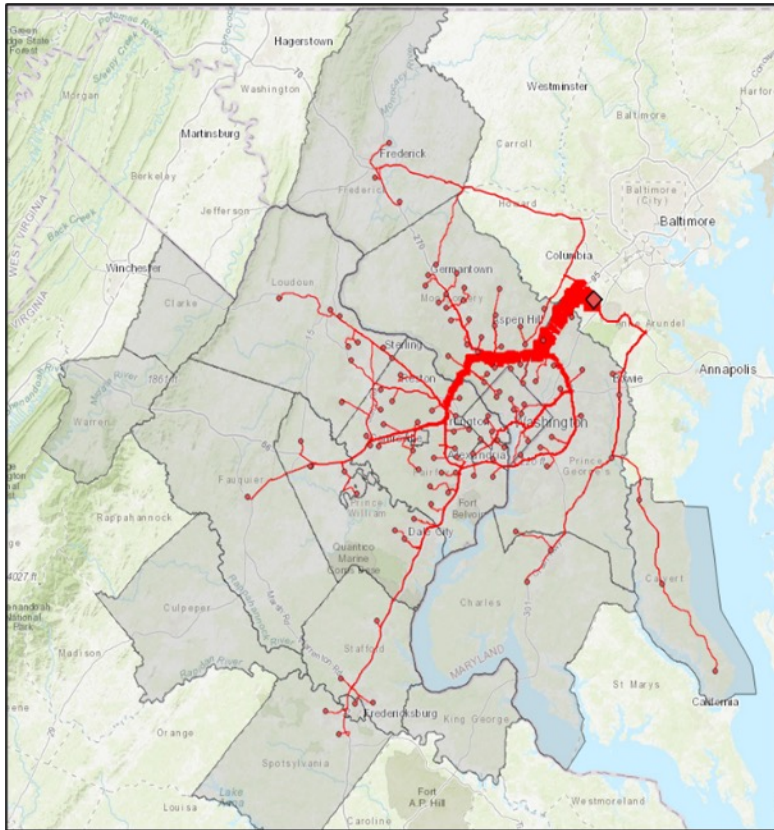
What we are learning

- The commercial food supply chain was mostly resilient in the face of the pandemic
 - The Omicron variant posed renewed challenges, especially to labor, across supply chains
- Post-pandemic, distribution centers and flow sources will likely remain heavily dependent on grocery flows originating in Eastern Pennsylvania
- Understanding how food flows into the region will help us better anticipate potential choke points in the system

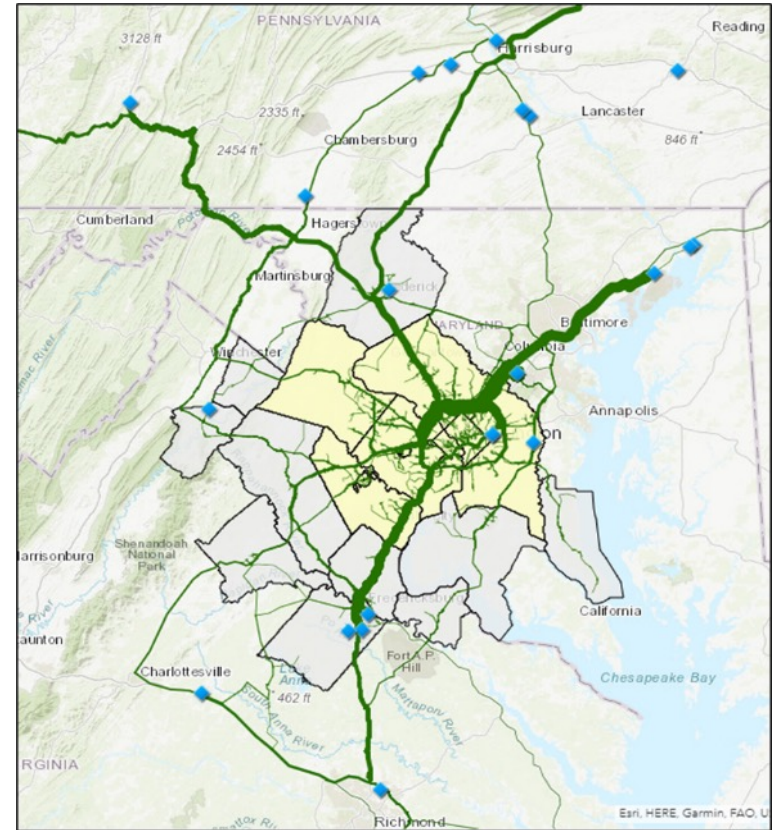
Learning (continued)

- Understanding how demand changes during a catastrophic event can help improve operational and resource allocation decisions, including as this relates to vulnerable populations
- 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

Learning (continued)

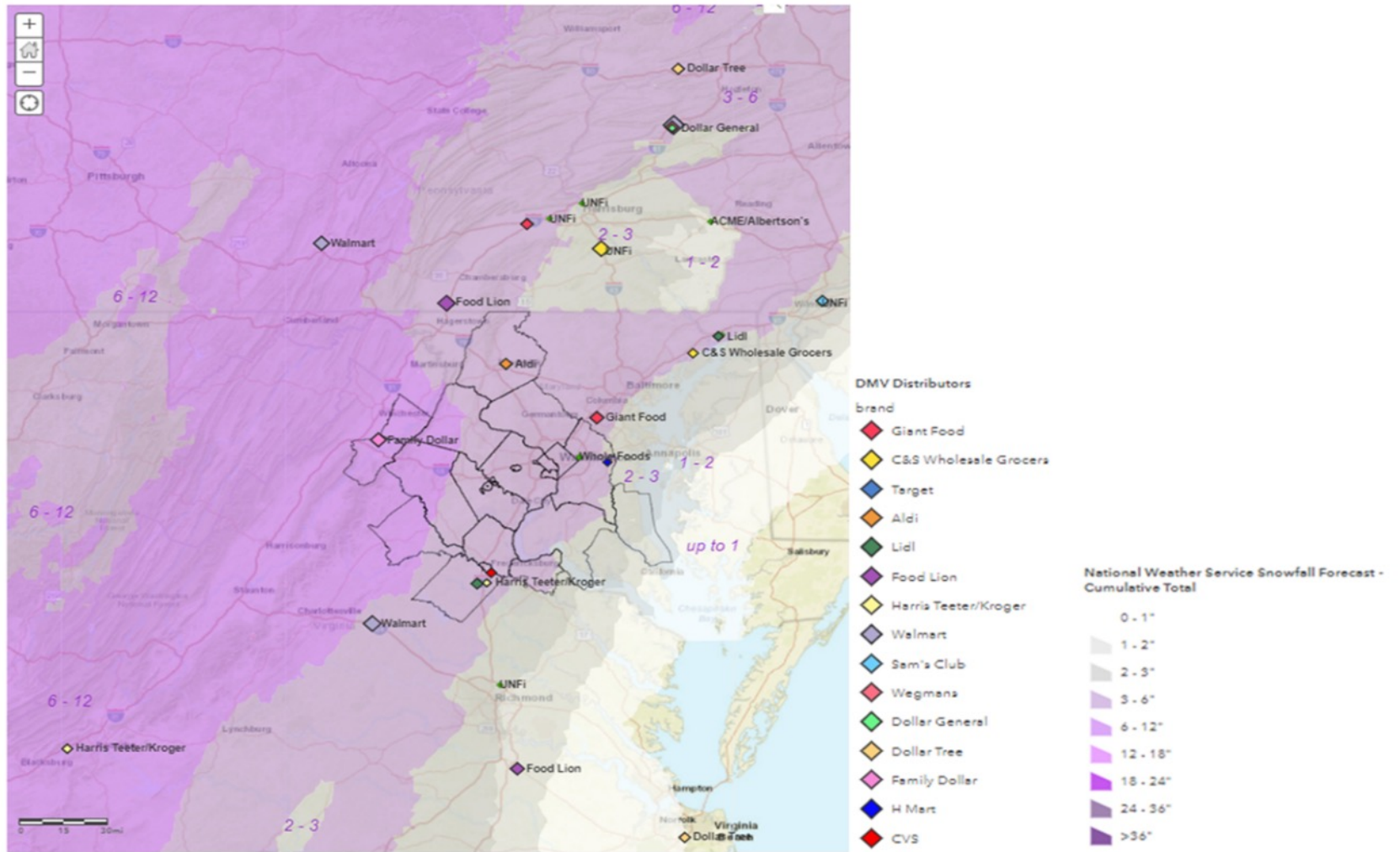


Routing from distribution center to retail locations for a top grocery brand



Grocery routing for all brands by total market share served

Example of data application



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