

Access to Supermarkets

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Access to healthy food is obviously important, but unfortunately it is not universal. Proximity of individuals to supermarkets is one way to help locate under-served communities. Bringing supermarkets to these communities is an easy way to help bring better food to their dinner tables.

The first I heard about the need for supermarkets to these communities was watching the [second episode](#) of Penn State's [Geospatial Revolution Project](#). This video, released in November 2010, had a section about how GIS was being used to bring supermarkets into under served locations in Pennsylvania.

The latest map I have seen is the [Supermarket Access Map](#), which utilizes ArcGIS Online.

These are just two examples of how GIS is being used to help communities.