# **Cumberland County, North Carolina**

Cumberland County Department of Public Health and partners are improving food accessibility by partnering with local residents, developing a food policy council and using community data to understand the needs of their locality.



## Goals

- Sign a charter between Cumberland County and Ft. Bragg that establishes a joint County and Installation Food Policy Council
- Commence a Food System Assessment, including at least three policy recommendations
- Implement at least two policies, systems, or environmental priorities identified by the Food Policy Council

## Background

Population size: 332,330

- 20 census tracts met the definition of a food desert, including five census tracts located on Ft. Bragg.

13% of residents have limited access to healthy food and nearly 19% of residents are considered food insecure.

#### **Success Stories**

Formation of multiple subcommittees: one subcommittee will assist with food environment assessments, and the other will assist in the establishment of a Joint Cumberland County/Ft. Bragg Food Policy Council

Partners hosted a Healthiest Cities and Counties Kick-Off meeting for community partners to connect





Strengthened relationship with homeless serving agencies

#### Key Milestones from July – December 2020



community convenings or meetings related to access to foods that support healthy eating pattern



individuals that attended community convenings or meetings related to access to foods that support healthy eating patterns 222



partner organizations convened or engaged by the lead partner to promote access to foods that support healthy eating patterns

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