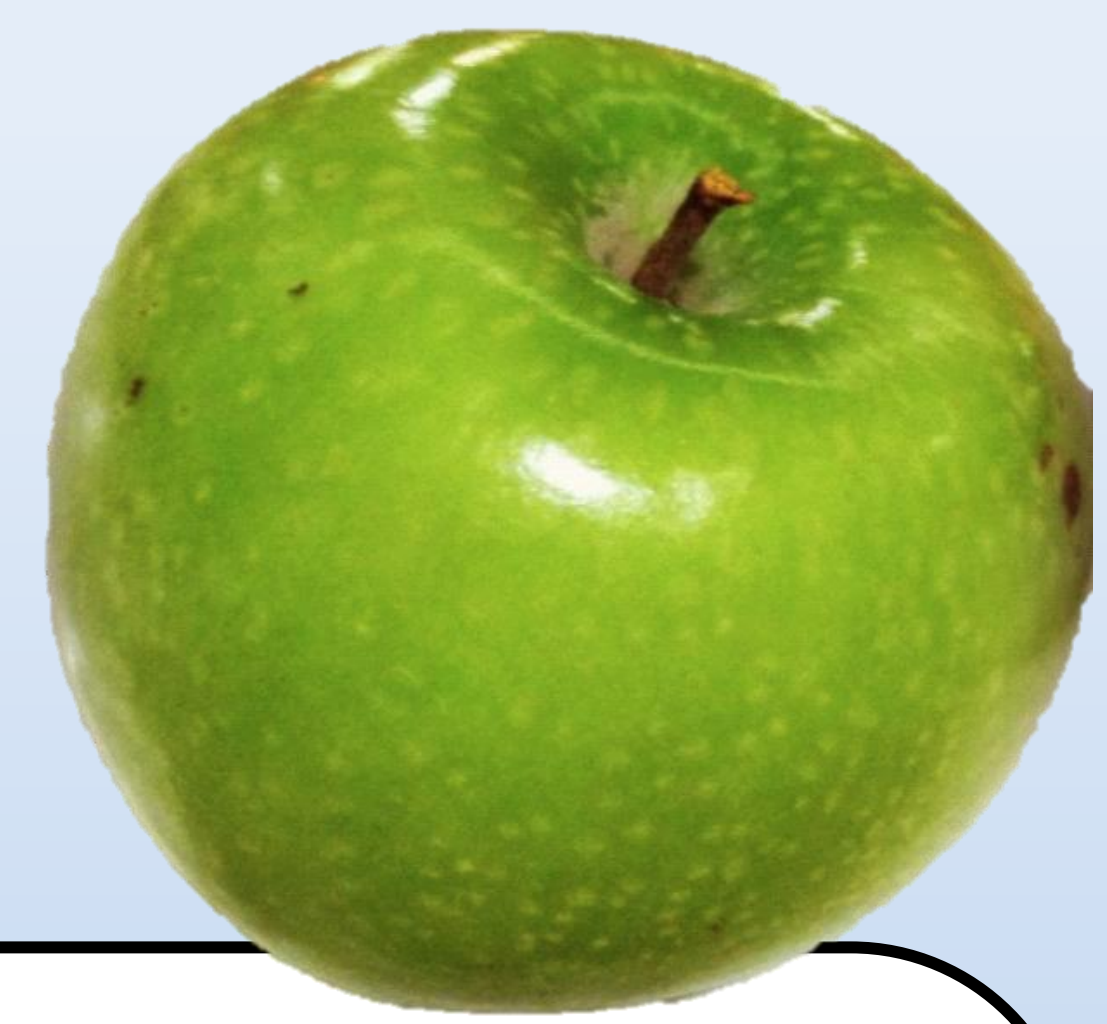


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Food Accessibility Project

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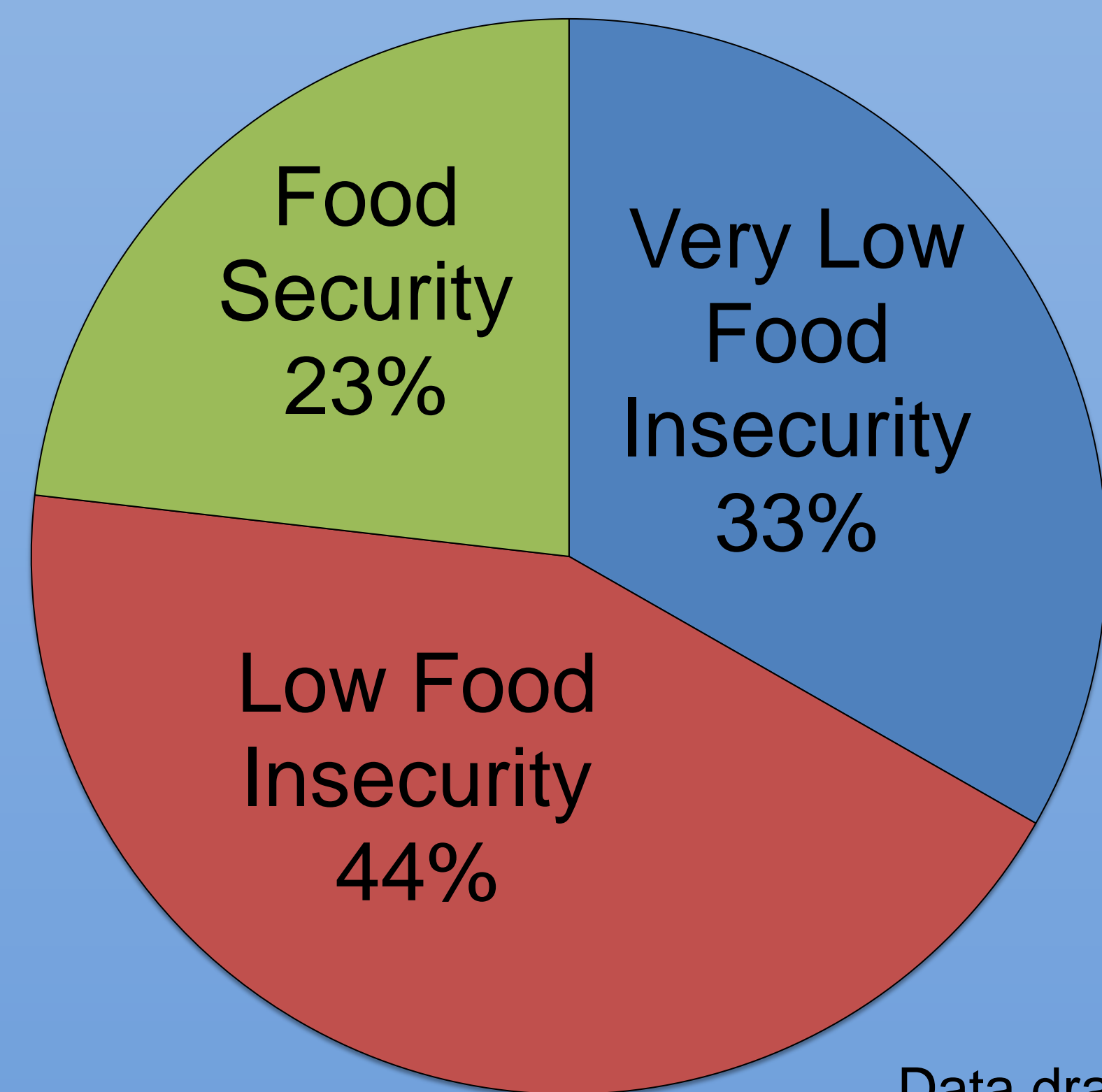
Abstract

In Worcester, there is a high prevalence of food insecurity and many families obtain food from local food banks. The Food Accessibility Program arranges for unused food from the WPI food services to be donated to local food banks.

Project Objectives

- Develop program to transport excess food from WPI to local food banks and distributors
- Determine feasibility of such a program
- Implement trial run

Food Insecurity Among Worcester County Food Bank Client Households

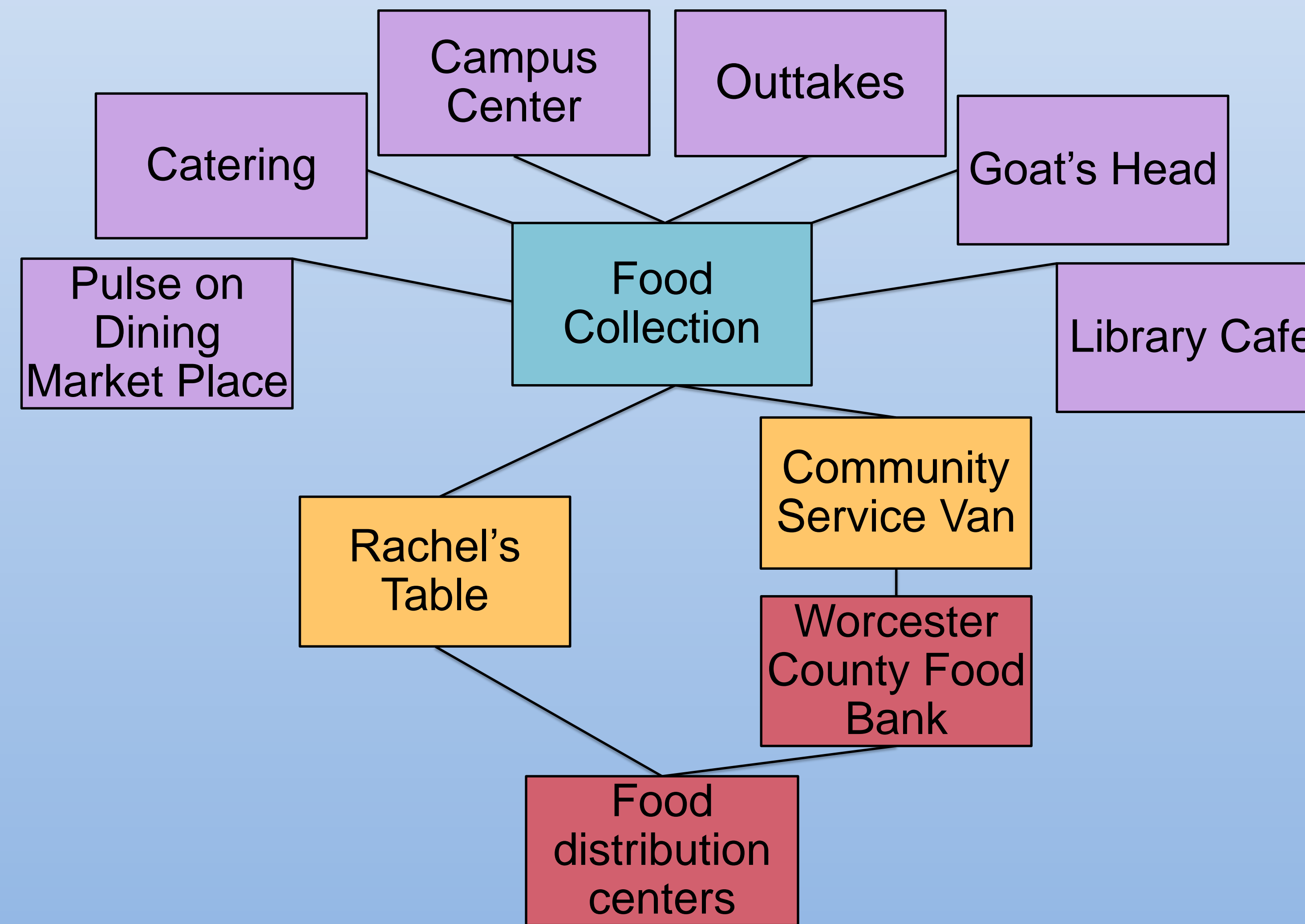


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Background

- In parts of Worcester, food insecurity is 6 times the national average, which is 11%^{1,6}
- Worcester County Food Bank serves 86,600 people annually⁵
- 1 in 3 children in Worcester live in a food insecure household¹
- Food insecurity has increased with food prices in the past few years²

Flow of Excess Food from WPI



Methods

1. Feasibility
 - Discussed program with Joe Kraskouskas
 - Talked with Alpha Phi Omega and Community Service Center
 - Contacted Worcester County Food Bank and Rachel's Table
2. Trial Run
 - Coordinated with the Community Service Center and student driver
 - Picked up food from Chartwells
 - Dropped off food at Worcester County Food Bank

Results

1. Feasibility
 - Excess food when holidays begin
 - Food donated to local food banks³
 - No pre-existing organization to the donation effort³
 - Community service van available to transport food⁴
 - Worcester County Food Bank accepts donations from WPI³
2. Trial run
 - 13 bags of fruit and vegetables
 - 16 individual vegetable items
 - Box of deli meats
 - 2 bags of cookies



Conclusions

- The trial run was successful
- Developing the program would be feasible and useful
- Donations before major breaks would be more substantial
- Could be a model program for other colleges

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