Schenectady, New York • Final Report

The results are in!

Find out what Schenectady residents believe would help the city thrive.

Change.org and Mayor McCarthy teamed up to start a conversation that crossed boundaries:

“What do you want for Schenectady?”

Get hundreds of people to share their ideas, and vote on the ideas of others.

Identify their **common interests,** despite differences on other issues.

Bring 100 people together for a conversation about those resonant issues.

Repair sidewalks and add street lights. Improve trash clean up and street maintenance. Target the entrances that welcome visitors, like the corner of State and Brandywine.

Close Central Park Road and Duck Pond Drive to traffic on weekdays and close all Central Park roads to traffic on weekends. Install protected bike lanes on Central Parkway and other major thoroughfares across the city.

More green space and tree canopy now = cooler, healthier and prettier city to come.

In Stage 1, we received 30,459 votes on

583 IDEAS

from 645 residents.

n care and mental health care to improve.

More community gardens for you children to learn how to grow thei own food.

Help residents use SNAP online grocery purchasing through ordering assistance at city sites and libraries.

Schenectady residents should be able to raise chickens.

Force landlords to maintain their property. All over my neighborhood is nothing but houses with peeling paint, rotted wood, foot-high weeds.

Our analysis identified two main groups of residents based on how they voted

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This group: 91% vs Others: 28% **63% Gap**

Food-desert and SNAP programs

Grocery-friendly zoning

Full-market-value reassessment

Cycling, green space and urban agriculture

Existing city hall displays kept

SUPPORTS

More local shops, co-op, shopping, music venues, restaurants, make walking safer, bring in bigger stores	100%
More green space, communal food gardens and more murals. Lives would improve if every home had a garden or access to a garden.	100%
Ensure residents' tax, utility, and housing costs are fair and affordable relative to services received	100%

OPPOSES

Remove the divisive BLM painting in front of city hall. Also stop flying foreign and LGBTQ flags at public/ city government spaces.	95%
I would stop equal opportunity/affirmative action based actions in favor of Merritt based actions. This would create a focus on competence for employees and objective evaluation of everything else.	82%
Install more CCTV cameras to increase public safety and reduce crime.	70%

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Conduct a full-market-value citywide reassessment and phase the resulting changes in over five years.

This group: 26% vs Others: 81% **55% Gap**

Safe streets, good sidewalks, and cleanliness first

Opposition to new benefit programs

No citywide reassessment

Landlord accountability and code enforcement

Cool on zoning and bike projects

SUPPORTS

Provide safe community spaces for youth in underserved neighborhoods	100%
Improve street and road conditions across the city	100%
Ensure rental and group housing properties maintain safe, adequate living conditions and protect residents' rights	95%

OPPOSES

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Fund and pursue grants to sustain and extend a dollar-for-dollar SNAP produce match beyond the Greenmarket and county market — to participating corner stores and mobile markets, year-round…	72%
Help residents use SNAP online grocery purchasing through ordering assistance at city sites and libraries.	58%

Unifying Ideas

These are the ideas all Schenectady residents agreed on, ordered by how important voters indicated they were.*

#1

Implement ranked choice voting in Schenectady City elections so that we can be more open to independent, and 3rd party candidates.
(31.47 Importance Score)**

2. While we have all this industry and development, there is no relief of tax burden on residents. Make GE and rivers pay their fair share! **(31.15)**
3. Lower Property tax, it was promised when casino was built. **(30.44)**
4. Fix the roads. Not just patch jobs. **(29.36)**
5. Find a way to lower the property taxes! Way too high in schenectady. Casino needs to pay their fair share, which was promised when city govt was floating the idea to get a casino here. Resale values are low compared to other localities! **(29.30)**
6. Take remove homeless from panhandling on busy intersections. It's unsafe for the drivers and unsafe for the personal panhandling. **(27.59)**
7. Make the streets walking friendly for college kids and families. **(27.23)**
8. Target speeders and others who ignore traffic laws. **(26.91)**
9. Crack down on motorized bikes that are not electric bikes. I see mini bikes and dirt bikes riding up and down the road and sidewalks with no concern for anyone. I see actual road worthy scooters without plates be ridden like they were bikes. **(26.61)**

* All ideas listed meet majority support of all groups identified amongst participants.
** Importance Score is a standardized measure of how strongly voters agree with an idea or goal.

This helps us to identify the issues that all groups care most about

Food Access - *food that's close enough and cheap enough*

More community gardens for young children to learn how to grow their own food.
✓ 100% bridge

Before adding additional residential spaces downtown, address everyday needs that residents don't have access to: grocery store, pharmacy, hardware store, UPS store, dry cleaner/laundry are all missing from downtown!
✓ 92% bridge

Partner with the Cooperative Extension to plant community garden plots and fruiting trees in median islands: train neighbors to plant & maintain, manage expectations so that everyone understands the crop is to share.
✓ 80% bridge

Getting to Care - *mental health, addiction, and health access*

Address the problems of homelessness, (especially on Albany St. in Hamilton Hill) drugs/addiction, and create jobs and/or apprenticeships for residents of the community.
✓ 100% bridge

Health care and mental health care needs to improve.
✓ 100% bridge

Find program for the homelessness, mental health and people are the street using drugs.
✓ 88% bridge

Crime & Policing - *open drug activity and what policing is for*

Enforce current laws, particularly regarding noise, speeding, litter, zoning.
✓ 94% bridge

I believe laws should be written and enforced regarding property dumping and excessive parked cars in yards. When your city doesn't require minimum standards then neighborhoods lose value and quality of life is devalued.
✓ 93% bridge

Way too many drug addicts especially on State Street makes it unsafe to walk there or waiting for busses because some of these people are out of control. There needs to be a better plan to take care of addicts to get them off the streets
✓ 92% bridge

Parks & Green Space - *parks, playgrounds, and pools*

More green space/ tree canopy now = cooler, healthier and prettier city to come
✓ 100% bridge

We something for our youth to do ,like build a skateboard park,maybe another facility where the kids can go we only have aBoud/Girls club.
✓ 100% bridge

Clean and upgrade our parks, Central Parks lake and pond need cleaning, take the wall down and expand the lake into where the old pool was. Fix the benches. Do something with the building where you use to be able to buy food or ice cream.
✓ 100% bridge

✓ *shows cross-group bridging score*

Of everything we heard,

Food Access emerged as the topic to talk about next.

- **RELEVANT**
  This issue drew broad, cross-group support and, looking across many ideas involving this topic, individual participants signaled it was an important issue for them.
- **ACTIONABLE**
  City-controlled levers include the zoning code, permitting regulations, and capital and other investments.

Running the Civic Dialogue

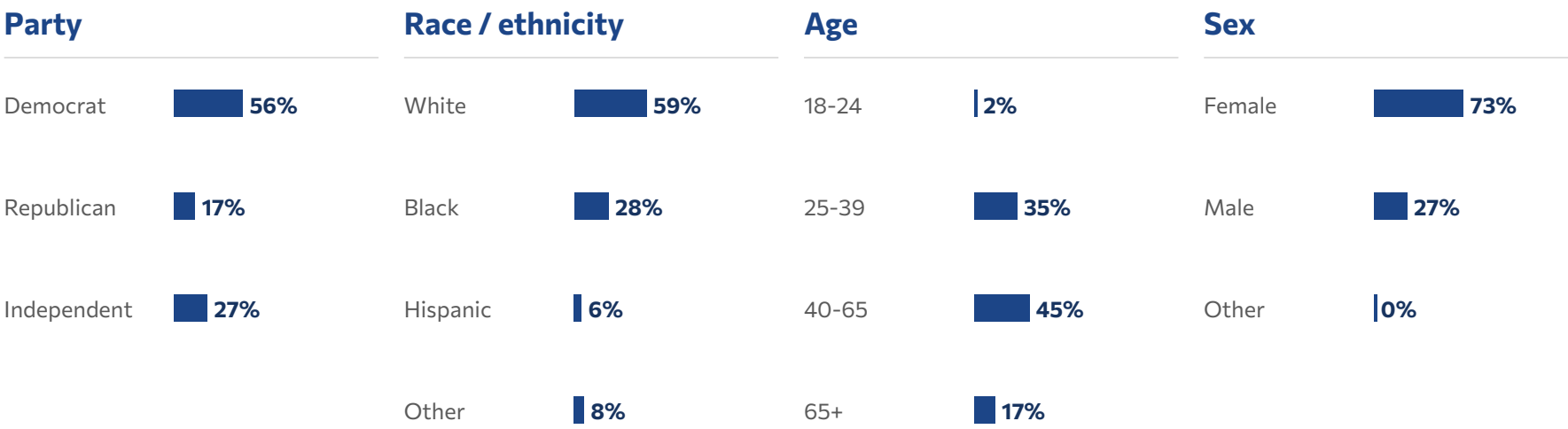
On September 30, 2026, nearly 100 Schenectady residents came together online to discuss what the city should do next to bring affordable, healthy food within reach of every neighborhood. Change.org specifically recruited a group with the goal of reflecting the city in terms of age, sex, race, and political leaning.

The set of policy options they discussed was determined through research and conversations with practitioners. Participants were provided briefing material ahead of the session to ensure a more informed discussion.

Discussions were held primarily within small groups of residents, over the course of focused breakout sessions. Each session focused on a different part of food access, from getting fresh food stocked and grown in neighborhoods to making food easier to get to and easier to afford. Residents were compensated for the time spent to participate in the surveys & dialogue.

WHO ATTENDED

Share of dialogue attendees by demographic.

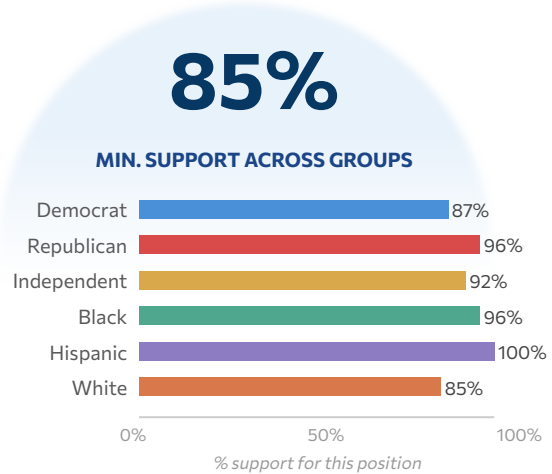


93 residents who attended the dialogue and completed both surveys. Race / ethnicity shares are of the 90 who reported it.

UNDERSTANDING THE

Bridging Score





After the Dialogue, we polled all participants on **specific policy positions** related to food access in Schenectady.

We found the share of Democrats, Republicans, Independents, and Black, Hispanic, and White residents who supported each statement, then used the lowest of those as the "bridging score." **This way, we identify policies that all groups significantly support.**

Resident quotes and opinions throughout this report are drawn from participants' pre-survey and post-dialogue survey responses.

Principles to Guide Schenectady's Approach

Focus on low-access neighborhoods	Schenectady should concentrate its food programs in low-access, low-income neighborhoods rather than citywide, even though residents elsewhere may also struggle to access or pay for staple foods.	**53%**	D 65 B 72 R 72 H 83 I 53 W 56
Permanent stores first	Help for low-access neighborhoods should prioritize establishing permanent stores, even if other solutions could serve people sooner and at a potentially lower cost.	**49%**	D 56 B 76 R 72 H 67 I 55 W 49

Policy Recommendations for Food Access in Schenectady

All 17 Policy Recommendations shown alongside their bridge score — the minimum support across all groups

Get fresh food stocked & grown

Store equipment grants	80%
Growing uses first for vacant land	79%
Garden and urban-farm ordinance	76%
Pursue a full-service grocery	72%
Neighborhood Champion recognition	67%
Stocking standard for stores	67%

Make food easier to get to

Free grocery shuttle	85%
Mobile market stops	80%
Weekly farmers' markets	76%
Transit-route improvements	69%
Produce stand permits	63%

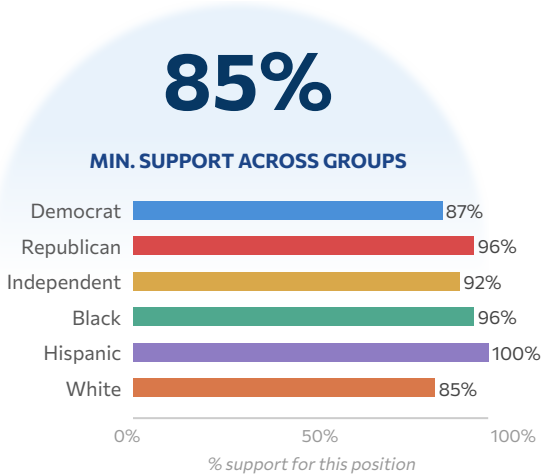
Make food easier to afford

Edible surplus collection	83%
Frozen produce match	82%
Double Up store enrollment	76%
Senior meals co-funding	74%
Standing food budget line	69%
Two benefits navigators	68%

MAKE FOOD EASIER TO GET TO

#1 Free Grocery Shuttle

A free city-funded CDTA shuttle runs at least two days a week, year-round, between low-access neighborhoods and the city's grocery stores, markets, and/or pantries.



Why Schenectady Residents Support this:

"Residents without transportation or that don't have enough for bus fare will benefit. They don't have to get on and off the bus, blocks away and walk with their groceries... It's hard to walk a long distance with handfuls of bags."

— 40-65, Republican Female

"This would help people that don't have cars to be able to get access to grocery stores since the grocery stores are few and far throughout Schenectady."

— 25-39, Democratic Male

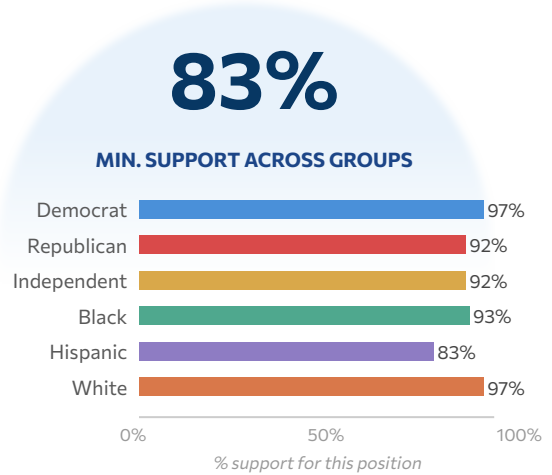
"A lot of people cannot afford bus services and the free grocery shuttle will be great for the elderly and basically for everyone."

— 40-65, Independent Female

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#2 Edible Surplus Collection

The city works with a food recovery organization to collect safe surplus food from local businesses and growers and deliver it to pantries.



Why Schenectady Residents Support this:

"We could partner with large chain grocery stores utilizing the surplus that they have and bring these food items to local pantries."
— 40-65, Democratic Female

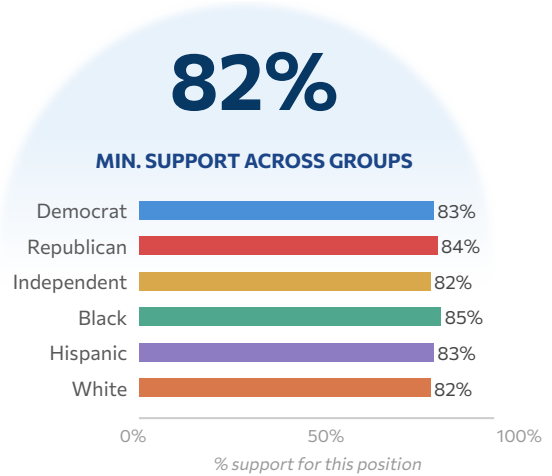
"Children first: access to surplus food or farmer markets at school pick up sites would be ideal."
— 40-65, Democratic Female

"...developing policies/laws that force selfish profit focused corporate entities within the food sector... to donate their unexpired food waste to pantries."
— 25-39, Democratic Male

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#3 Frozen Produce Match

The city extends Double Up, the state's dollar-for-dollar SNAP produce match, to plain frozen fruits and vegetables with no added sugar, salt or fat, potentially costing up to $200,000 a year.



Why Schenectady Residents Support this:

"Frozen veggies and fruit are a good alternative. They can be stored for a longer period of time..."
— 65+, Democratic Female

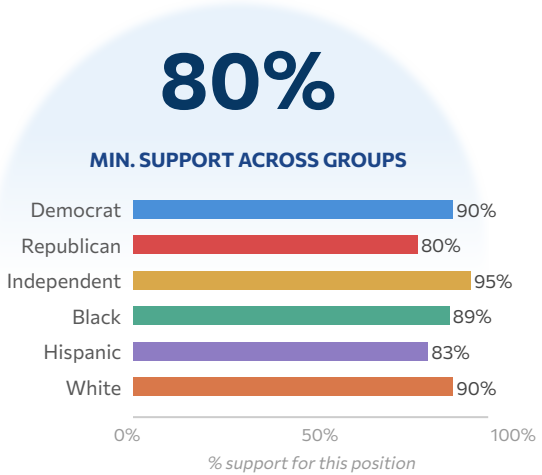
"Frozen produce is just as needed as fresh."
— 25-39, Republican Male

"Any produce is good produce... doesn't have to be fresh... and frozen lasts longer."
— 40-65, Independent Female

MAKE FOOD EASIER TO GET TO

#4 Mobile Market Stops

A city-funded mobile produce market provides free or low-cost food on a weekly, year-round route with a stop in each low-access neighborhood, contracted for at least three years.



Why Schenectady Residents Support this:

"It is a concept that Capital Roots already implemented with great success. Rather than have the city turn into a grocery store operator, partner with Capital Roots to extend their Veggie Mobile program."

— 40-65, Democratic Male

"It would bring fresh food to people who aren't mobile and aren't able to make it to areas where there are farmers markets."

— 40-65, Republican Female

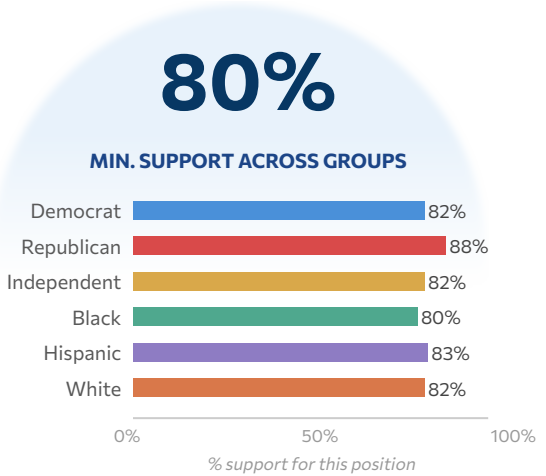
"If the economics of bringing farmer's markets to low-access neighborhoods is not financially sustainable for the producers... the mobile market concept appears to be a viable option. I also like the year-round availability."

— 40-65, Independent Female

GET FRESH FOOD STOCKED & GROWN

#5 Store Equipment Grants

City grants small stores up to $25,000 for coolers, shelving, and opening stock in low-access neighborhoods, tied to a three-year stocking commitment from the store; the city can recover the grant if stocking stops.



Why Schenectady Residents Support this:

"The store owners don't lose money on buying equipment and the recovery of the grant if they stop stocking gives them incentive to continue to do the right thing."
— 40-65, Republican Female

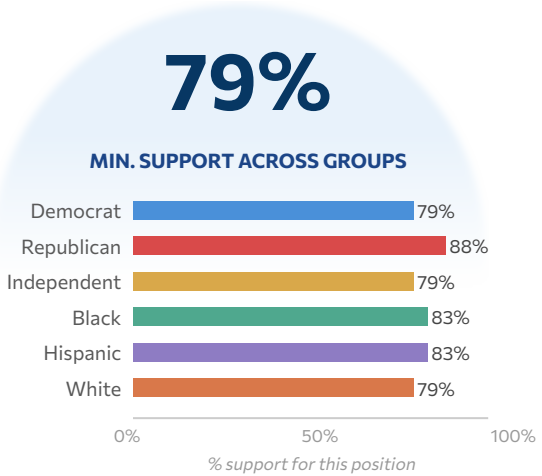
"It's like an investment for the city. The low-access neighborhood has a need, and the store (aided by the city grants) would fulfill that need."
— 18-24, Democratic Female

"This seems like a reasonable accommodation to help business owners who might need to purchase a cooler for milk and other fresh refrigerated products while also keeping oversight..."
— 40-65, Independent Female

GET FRESH FOOD STOCKED & GROWN

#6 Growing Uses First for Vacant Land

Vacant city and land-bank lots in low-access neighborhoods, unless marked for housing, go to gardens and farms first, with a 60-day hold if interest is expressed from developers with other uses.



Why Schenectady Residents Support this:

"It will make use of empty lots, where most of the time these vacant lots are full of litter."
— 40-65, Republican Female

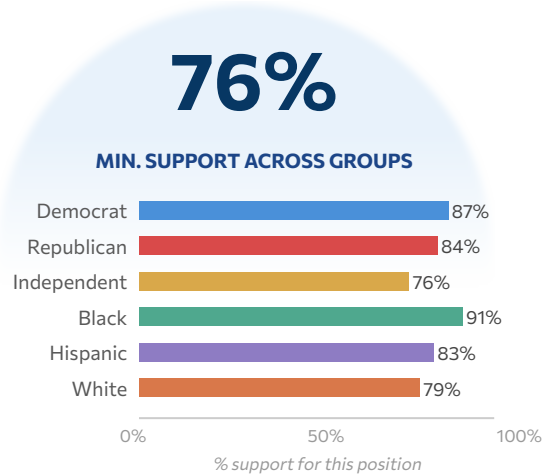
"If the land is just vacant with no interest from anybody... then why not use the land to grow food or at the very least put the land to use for beauty... a safe place for kids... anything but empty space."
— 40-65, Democratic Female

"Imagine how beautiful Schenectady would be filled with gardens instead of abandoned land and property!"
— 40-65, Independent Female

MAKE FOOD EASIER TO AFFORD

#7 Double Up Store Enrollment

A designated city staffer helps low-access-neighborhood stores qualify and sign up for Double Up, the state's dollar-for-dollar SNAP produce match.



Why Schenectady Residents Support this:

"There is a chain store that does this already. It's great for families with SNAP. They have more access to fruits and vegetables. This would be great if everyone could participate."

— 40-65, Republican Female

"I'm sure there are other people who also don't know what it is or how to qualify so a designated city staffer would definitely help make sure the program is being utilized."

— 40-65, Democratic Female

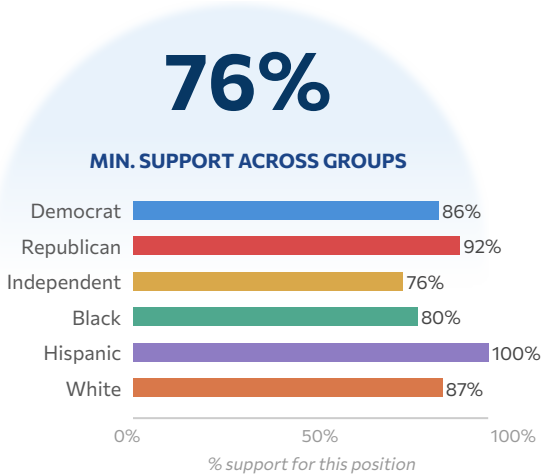
"This would be low cost and high benefit for the stores and the customers."

— 25-39, Independent Female

GET FRESH FOOD STOCKED & GROWN

#8 Garden and Urban-Farm Ordinance

Zoning laws amended to permit produce (fruit and vegetable) gardens and urban farms in any district under written and enforced standards.



Why Schenectady Residents Support this:

"I was not aware that you need a permit to grow your own food, but communities or individuals should absolutely have that right. It should be encouraged."

— 40-65, Republican Male

"Community gardens allow local residents to help themselves obtain fresh produce... Often times harvest yields more than the household can use, so there is a means to pass on the excess to anyone in need."

— 40-65, Democratic Male

"I agree we need more community gardens and urban farms. With free access to community members."

— 40-65, Independent Female

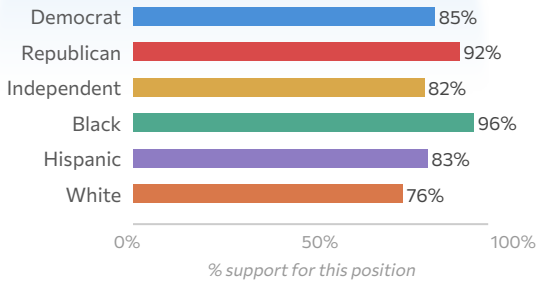
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#9 Weekly Farmers' Markets

An operator runs weekly farmers' markets in three low-access neighborhoods, accepting SNAP and the state's produce match. The city provides land, city services, and grant funding if necessary.

76%

MIN. SUPPORT ACROSS GROUPS



Why Schenectady Residents Support this:

"The Farmer's Market in Schenectady isn't easy to get to for everyone. Having smaller ones in these communities that accepted SNAP means that more people could access local fresh produce."
— 40-65, Democratic Female

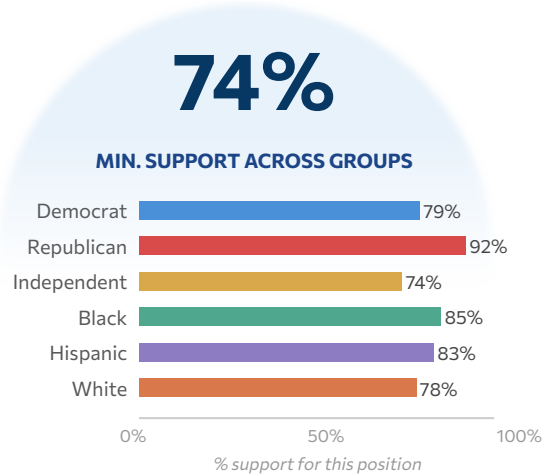
"It gives everyone in the city a chance to have access to and afford healthy food. To have a sense of community."
— 40-65, Republican Female

"Farmers markets bring loads of quality produce all in one place and buyers can ask questions about the food, like how to store, or cook directly from the seller."
— 40-65, Independent Female

MAKE FOOD EASIER TO AFFORD

#10 Senior Meals Co-Funding

The city pays the county a capped amount (ex: $50,000) every year to shorten the waiting list for home-delivered and group meals for older residents who can't get to a store.



Why Schenectady Residents Support this:

"This is one of the most vulnerable populations nationwide when coming to food shortages/scarcity. I would support any program that would make getting food to the elderly easier."

— 40-65, Democratic Female

"Seniors worked their entire life and some have no one to help them. Keeping them sustained in their home is less expensive in the long run."

— 25-39, Republican Female

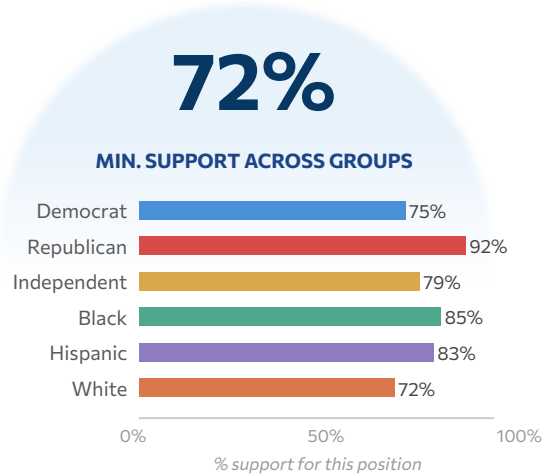
"They are one of the groups most at risk with the least amount of access to nutrition."

— 65+, Independent Female

GET FRESH FOOD STOCKED & GROWN

#11 Pursue a Full-Service Grocery

The city, in partnership with other government agencies, seeks a grocery operator, offering a site plus tax and financing support, with SNAP and fresh-food conditions.



Why Schenectady Residents Support this:

"Having an option for a grocery store as well gives the community a chance to get more for their money. You can only buy so much at a convenience store."

— 40-65, Republican Female

"It's much needed in some Schenectady neighborhoods! Some of us don't drive or have access to reliable transportation. A full service grocery store within walking distance would be great!"

— 40-65, Democratic Female

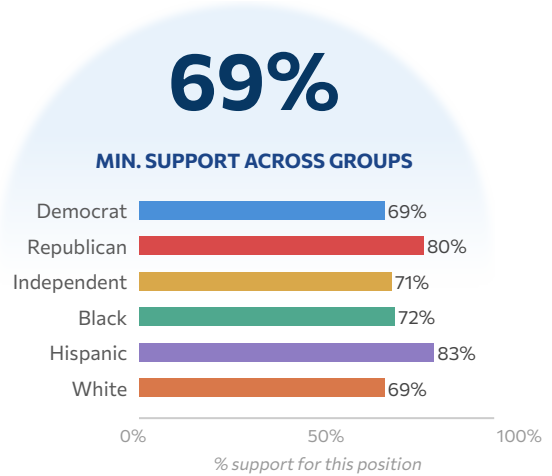
"A full-service grocery store in neighborhoods with little access to such shopping has long been needed."

— 65+, Independent Female

MAKE FOOD EASIER TO AFFORD

#12 Standing Food Budget Line

The city names food access as a line item (ex: $150,000) in the 2028 budget, which the Mayor proposes each year for Council review and approval.



Why Schenectady Residents Support this:

"This helps to ensure that city spending goes toward the food scarcity problem that residents suffer from."
— 25-39, Democratic Male

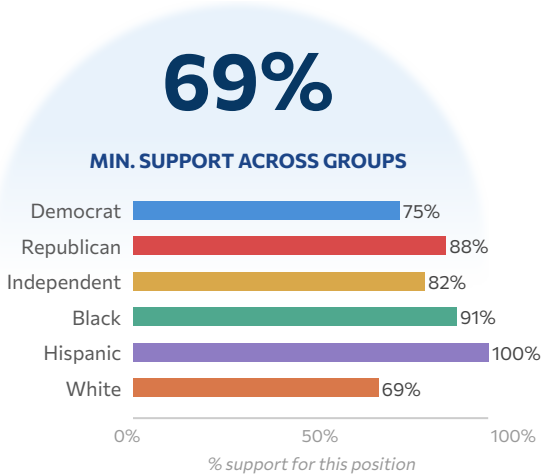
"$150,000 is a buffer that allows for better food products to reach the people that struggle with transportation."
— 25-39, Republican Male

"This would help establish food access as a priority by allocating funds in the annual budget."
— 40-65, Independent Female

MAKE FOOD EASIER TO GET TO

#13 Transit-Route Improvements

The city studies the routes residents use to reach food, publishes the list it will focus on, and fixes lighting, signs, and signals near key bus stops on those routes within four years.



Why Schenectady Residents Support this:

"I rely heavily on public transportation and some bus stops are not safe or easy for drivers to see patrons at night."
— 40-65, Republican Female

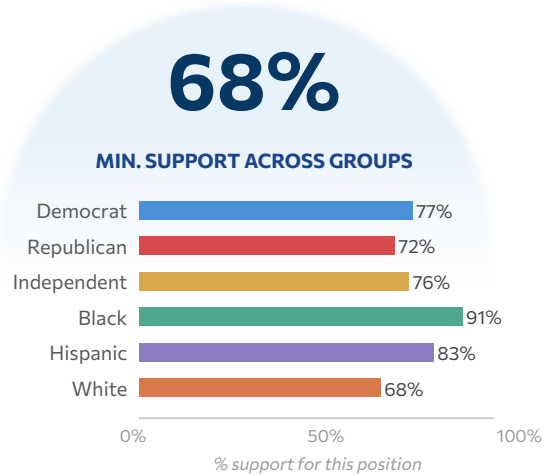
"I support this policy to transit routes, but I also would like to see better pedestrian improvements as well, especially when considering other policies like Farmers Markets."
— 25-39, Democratic Male

"A lot of bus stops don't have shelters at all so you get wet in the rain and snow. Fixing the transit route would help the community."
— 40-65, Independent Female

MAKE FOOD EASIER TO AFFORD

#14 Two Benefits Navigators

City-funded navigators help residents get and keep SNAP benefits through set hours at community touch points like libraries and schools, with results published yearly.



Why Schenectady Residents Support this:

"This would be a great idea for people who can't make it to the social services building or have a hard time navigating the online forms to qualify for SNAP."

— 40-65, Democratic Female

"Some people that really need these benefits do not understand the process or are able to read the applications."

— 40-65, Republican Female

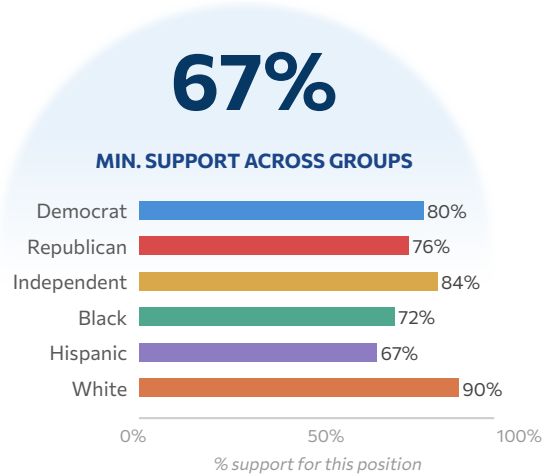
"It increases the chances of reaching more people."

— 40-65, Independent Male

GET FRESH FOOD STOCKED & GROWN

#15 Neighborhood Champion Recognition

A no-cost city recognition program (window signage and a published list) for stores that stock fresh food, based on healthy-stocking standards that any food store may meet voluntarily and the city verifies.



Why Schenectady Residents Support this:

"Recognizing stores that provide fresh and healthy food could encourage other businesses to do the same. It also gives local stores a chance to be recognized for helping their community."
— 25-39, Democratic Female

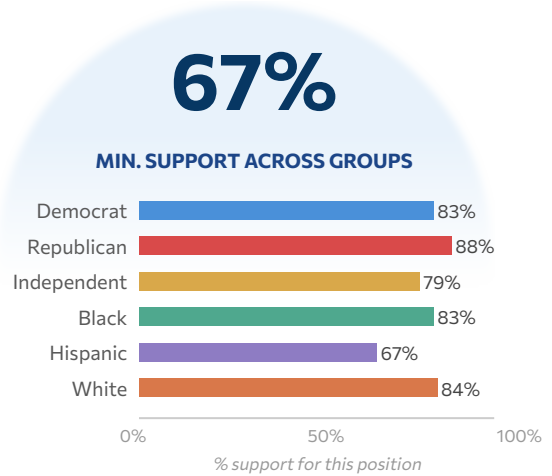
"This is a great option to help residents understand availability without requiring store owners to push a product that may not be beneficial to them."
— 25-39, Republican Male

"Having that displayed in their window and published is amazing free advertising."
— 40-65, Independent Female

GET FRESH FOOD STOCKED & GROWN

#16 Stocking Standard for Stores

The city requires stores licensed as convenience stores to stock staple foods (ex: dairy, proteins, fresh fruit and vegetables, whole grains, beans, and 100% juice), unexpired and in good condition, to keep their license.



Why Schenectady Residents Support this:

"A simple step toward putting fresh foods closer to people in all neighborhoods and at the same time not be an excessive financial or supply burden to the convenience store business owners."
— 40-65, Independent Female

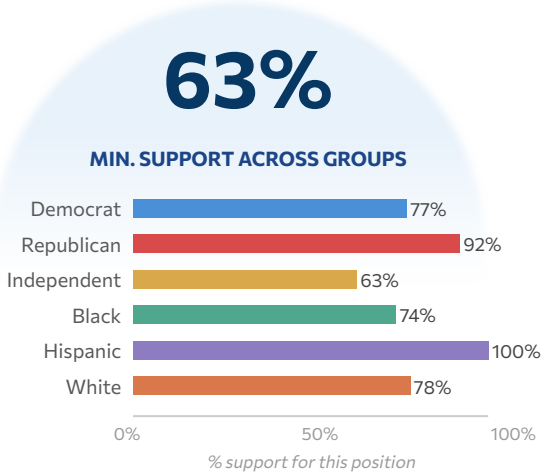
"It is important that the stores are required to stock unexpired food... at a reasonable price."
— 40-65, Democratic Female

"It's important to stock fresh foods and vegetables, to keep its citizens healthy and from getting sick. It's also important to keep inventory and don't pass on expired food."
— 40-65, Republican Female

MAKE FOOD EASIER TO GET TO

#17 Produce Stand Permits

The city creates a low-cost permit that allows residents to sell whole, uncut produce they grew, from a lot they live on or grow on, under written standards.



Why Schenectady Residents Support this:

"If people have an excess of harvest in their home gardens, they should be allowed to sell it if they want to."
— 65+, Independent Female

"Not only would this bring healthy food options to areas which will not be likely to have them, but it also would bring income to the people in these areas that are selling the produce."
— 40-65, Republican Female

"It is a means for those who grow food to recoup expenses... I know that there is already a farm stand on Fehr Ave. Would be nice to see more of them."
— 40-65, Democratic Male

TRADE-OFFS — SPENDING $1 MILLION

If the city had an additional one-time $1 million to spend on food access, how did residents rank the options from most to least important?

		Overall	Dem	Rep	Ind
1	**Feed people who need it now:** support food pantries, which report record demand, and county meals for homebound seniors	1st	1st	4th	1st
2	**Make healthy food cheaper:** extend the Double Up SNAP produce match to frozen produce for 5 years or more	2nd	3rd	1st	3rd
3	**Get food and residents together:** add mobile market routes beyond the existing Veggie Mobile, or fund free rides to grocery stores	3rd	2nd	T-2nd	2nd
4	**Upgrade corner stores:** grants for coolers, shelving and fresh stock, equipping about 33 neighborhood stores	4th	4th	T-2nd	4th
5	**Make the trip to food safer:** better lighting, sidewalks and crossings on the routes residents use to reach food	5th	5th	6th	6th
6	**Open a third full-service grocery:** about a quarter of the cost of a co-op-sized store in another low-access neighborhood	6th	7th	7th	5th
7	**Help people sign up for benefits:** about 9 navigators for a year, enough to enroll about 2,000 eligible residents	7th	6th	5th	7th

Groups ranked by average rank across participants; the top three overall were close (average ranks 3.42, 3.46 and 3.48). T = tied within group.

TRADE-OFFS — WHICH POLICIES COME FIRST

Residents ranked all 17 policies from highest to lowest priority for Schenectady. These six were most often placed in someone's top three.

	Overall	Dem	Rep	Ind
Free grocery shuttle	**31%**	**30%**	**36%**	**29%**
Mobile market stops	24%	22%	20%	**29%**
Edible surplus collection	22%	22%	28%	18%
Growing uses first for vacant land	21%	23%	12%	21%
Pursue a full-service grocery	21%	23%	12%	24%
Senior meals co-funding	21%	16%	32%	21%

Share of participants placing each policy among their top three. Darkest chip = most chosen within that group.

TRADE-OFFS — WHICH NEIGHBORHOODS COME FIRST

If the city were to focus on low-access neighborhoods first, which neighborhoods should come first? Residents ranked the four from highest to lowest priority.

		Overall	Dem	Rep	Ind
1	**Hamilton Hill and Vale** (full-service grocery planned for 2028)	1st	1st	2nd	1st
2	**Mont Pleasant**	2nd	2nd	1st	2nd
3	**Central State**	3rd	4th	3rd	3rd
4	**Northside and Goose Hill**	4th	3rd	4th	4th

Groups ranked by average rank across participants.

TRADE-OFFS — HOW FIRMLY TO ENFORCE

The city can enforce its food rules (like a stocking standard for stores) firmly or gradually. Which statement comes closest to your view?

	Overall	Dem	Rep	Ind
Enforce gradually. The city should start with warnings and give businesses time to adjust before any penalties, even if it takes longer for stores across the city to comply.	**59%**	**62%**	**48%**	**61%**
Enforce firmly. The city should enforce its rules with fines or license consequences from the start, even if that means some stores close or decide not to open in Schenectady.	28%	26%	40%	24%
Not sure.	13%	12%	12%	16%

Columns may not sum to 100% due to rounding. Darkest chip = most chosen within that group. Post-dialogue survey, 136 respondents (73 Democrats, 25 Republicans, 38 Independents).

Now that we're done,

What's Next?

- These results are being shared with Mayor McCarthy, city staff, and City Council as they consider what Schenectady does next on food access.

- The full results — the pre-survey, dialogue discussions, and post-dialogue recommendations — will be available at www.civicdialogues.org/schenectady.

Thank you!

To Mayor McCarthy, city staff, all our community partners, and every resident who shared their views throughout this process.

If you have any questions, reach out at info@ideasforchange.org.