

12- Denver City Food Environment Dataset

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2. Location: City and County of Denver

3. Internship Goals and Objectives

The primary goal of this internship is to help develop a data set documenting the Denver city food environment. This data will be used to support current research being conducted in DARE and Extension at CSU and will be made available to other researchers. The intern will spend approximately 2 months working both in Denver and Fort Collins compiling, cleaning and verifying relevant data. The intern will meet with partners to collect data as well as use available public and private data sources.

There are 5 key objectives for this project: 1. Meet with partners to discuss data needs and data collection opportunities; 2. Collect data identified in previous step; 3. Assess the validity/appropriateness of collected data and find potential comparative data sources; 4. Organize the data into a usable format for researchers and stakeholders; 5. Provide a summary documentation, analysis, and presentation of final data collection.

4. Learning Outcomes

There are at least 4 important learning outcomes from this internship: 1. The intern will learn more about the Denver food environment and partners and stakeholders working in this environment. 2. The intern will learn primary and secondary data collection. 3. The intern will learn data verification and cleaning. 4. Finally, the intern will learn how to present their work and findings to both academic and public audiences.

5. Collaborations

This intern for this project will collaborate with the Food Systems Administrator for the City and County of Denver as well as the Denver Sustainable Food Policy Council. Data has already been collected to support the Denver Food Vision and Plan: <http://www.denversfpc.com/denver-food-vision/>. This internship will build on the existing data to help support a current Foundation for Food and Agricultural Research (FFAR) research grant.

6. Funding will be available to support travel throughout the Denver metro area to meet with stakeholders.