

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING DATE: September 16, 2026

SUBJECT: Henderson County Food Finder

PRESENTER: Kris Merritt, Community Foundation of Henderson County

ATTACHMENTS: Yes
1. Presentation

SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

Kris Merritt, Senior Program Officer from the Community Foundation of Henderson County, will present the Henderson County Food Finder.

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

No action is requested, for discussion only.

Suggested Motion:

No motion is suggested.



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Why?

Individual

- Rising food costs
- Rising cost of living
- Continued Helene recovery
- State & Federal funding cuts or changes

Community

- Observed need
- Dynamic and complex filtering criteria
- A highly accessible living resource
- Immediately informs frontline responders



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What?

Map Shows

Physical location of:

- Food distribution (pantries)
- Community meals
- Mobile markets
- Self-serve pantries

Each pin hosts:

- Organization name
- Hours of operation
- Eligibility criteria/service limitations
- Contact information
- Filterable criteria
- Date information was last verified



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What?

Filters Offered

- Program Type
- Days Open
- Food Program Offerings
- Types of Food & Dietary Needs
- Non-food Items Offered
- Wraparound Services
- Language Services

Search Functions

- User-friendly, high-detail map
- Provider search feature
- Geo-location & directions
- Bus route overlay



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How?

Features

- User-friendly interactive map
- Dynamic & stratified filters
- Compatible with all devices – not app dependent
- Translation supported
- Additional wraparound services mapped for holistic and efficient outreach
- Free to use; no personal information required

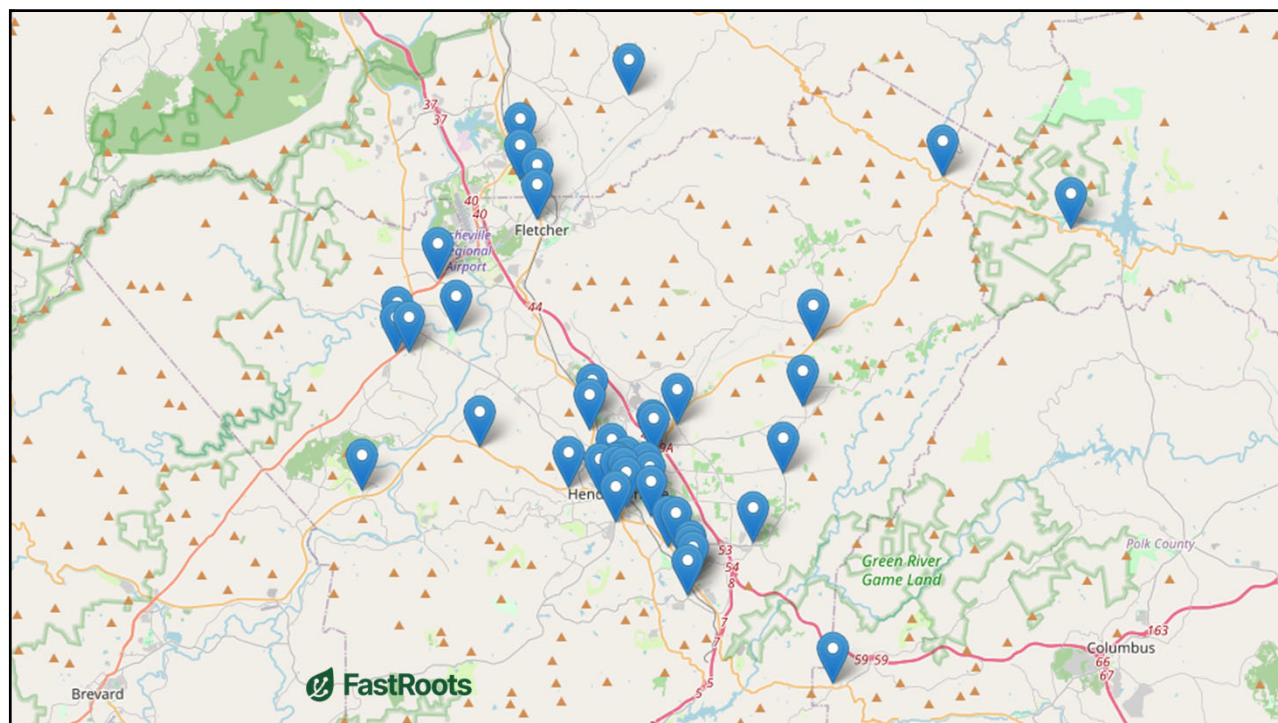
Upkeep

- Data verified every six months – CFHC staff can edit ad hoc
- Marketing materials designed and printed by CFHC – supported through partner & donor funding
- FastRoots contracted for platform operations and hosting

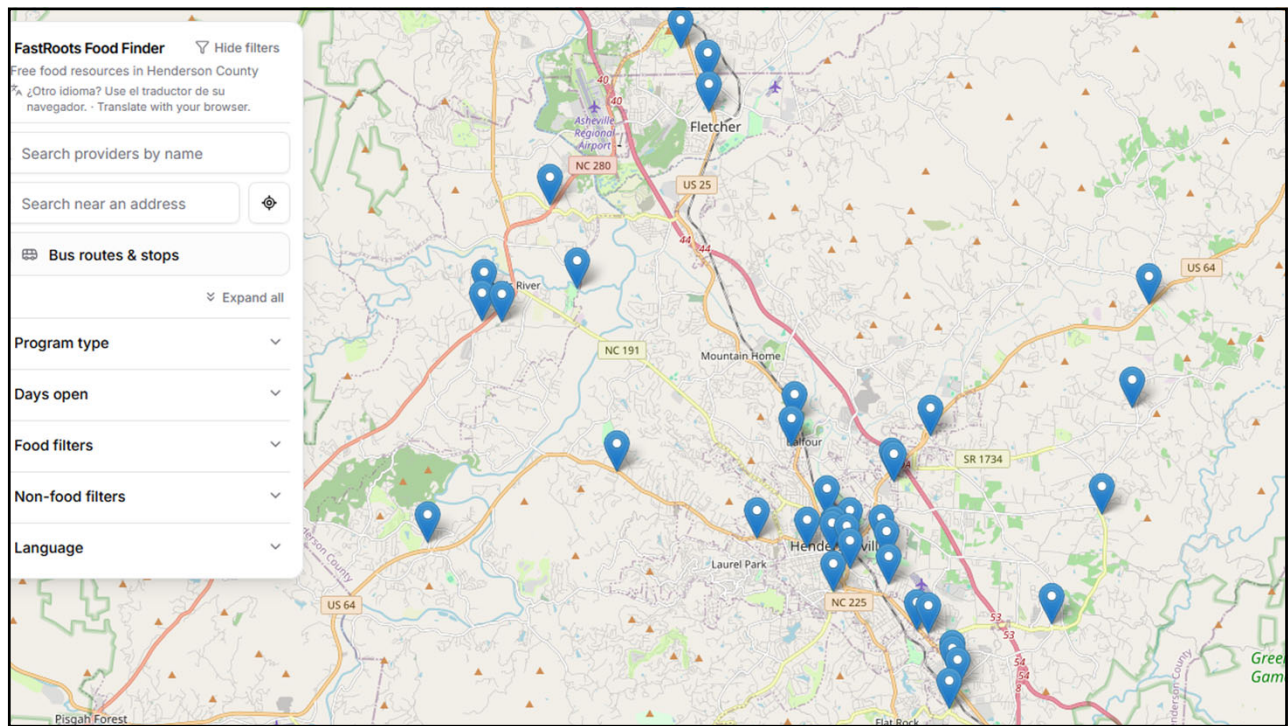


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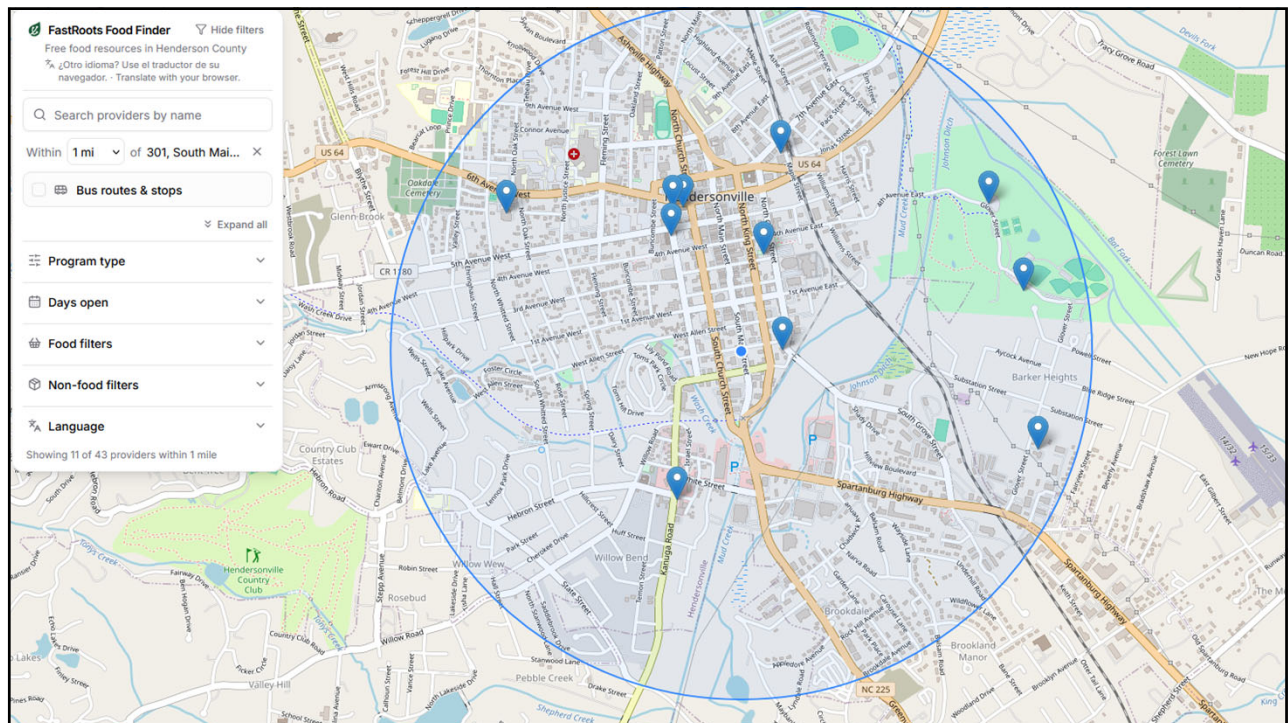
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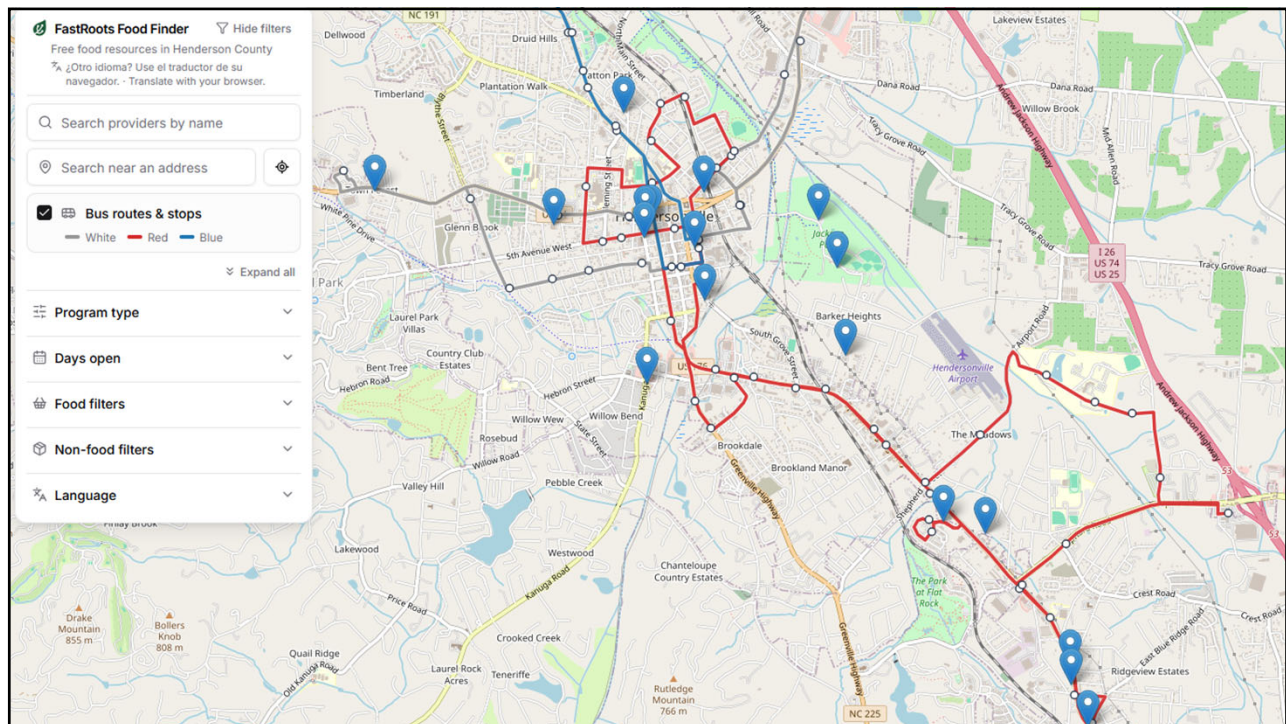
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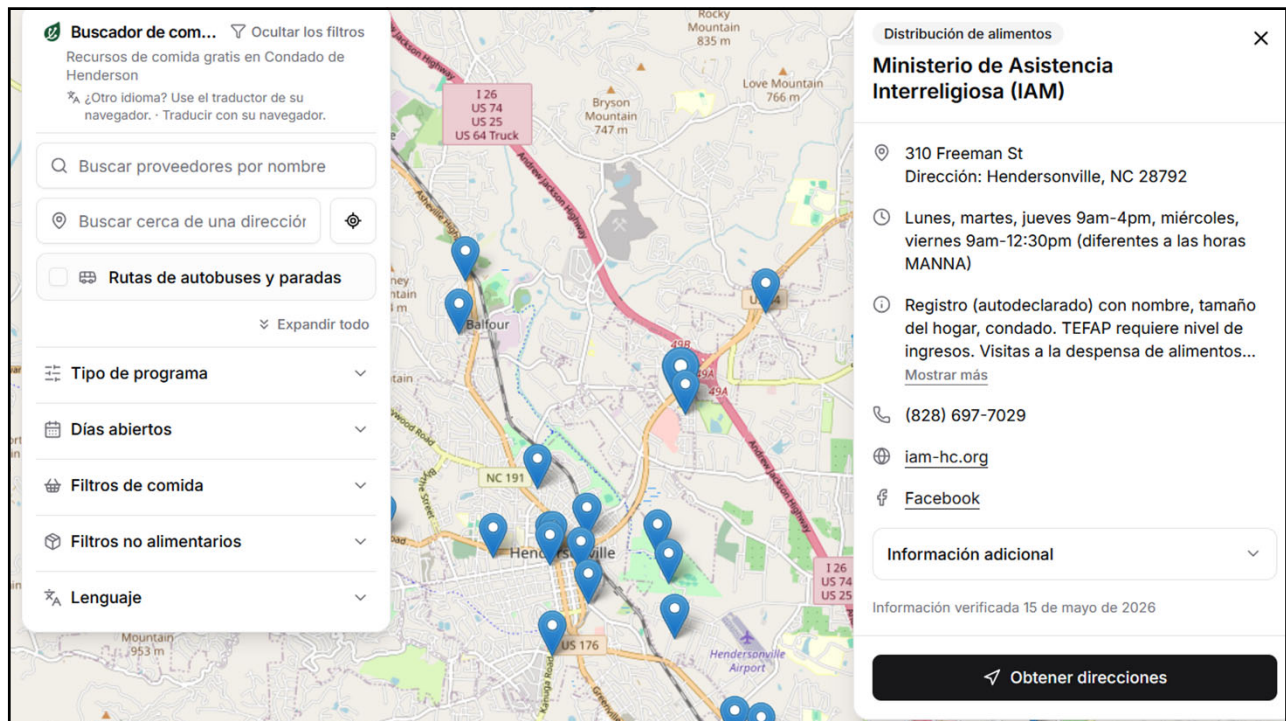
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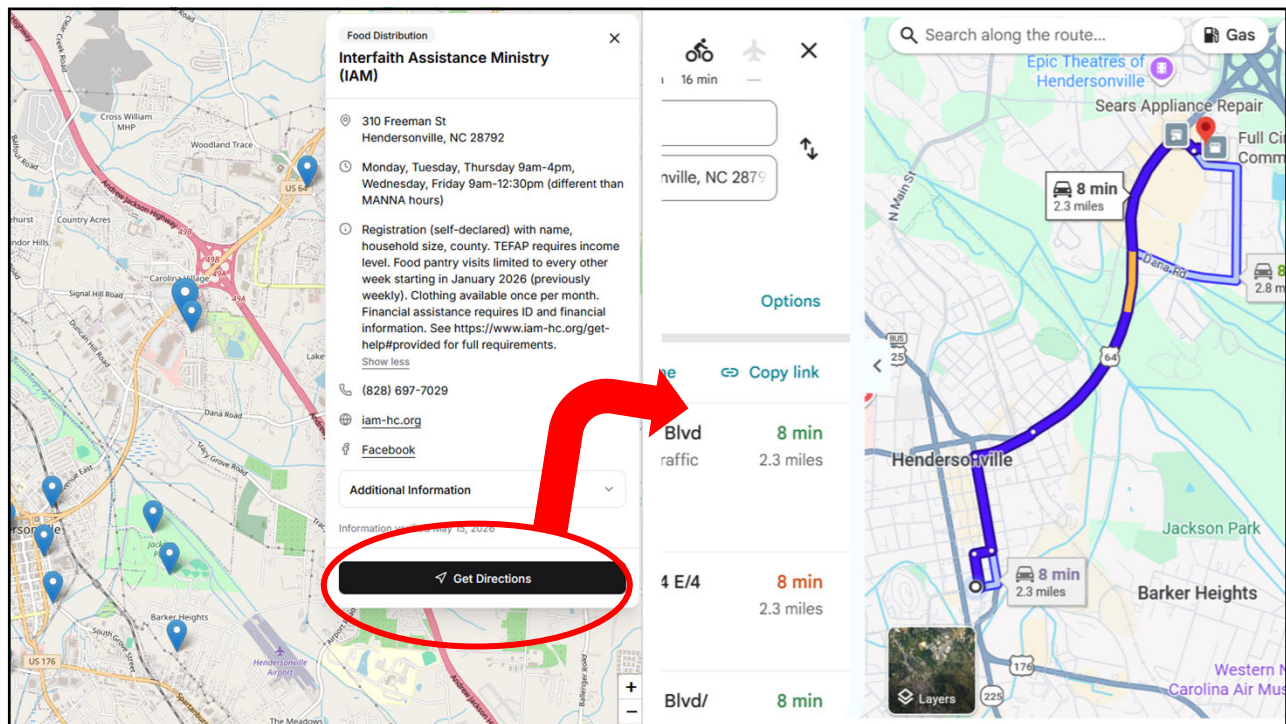
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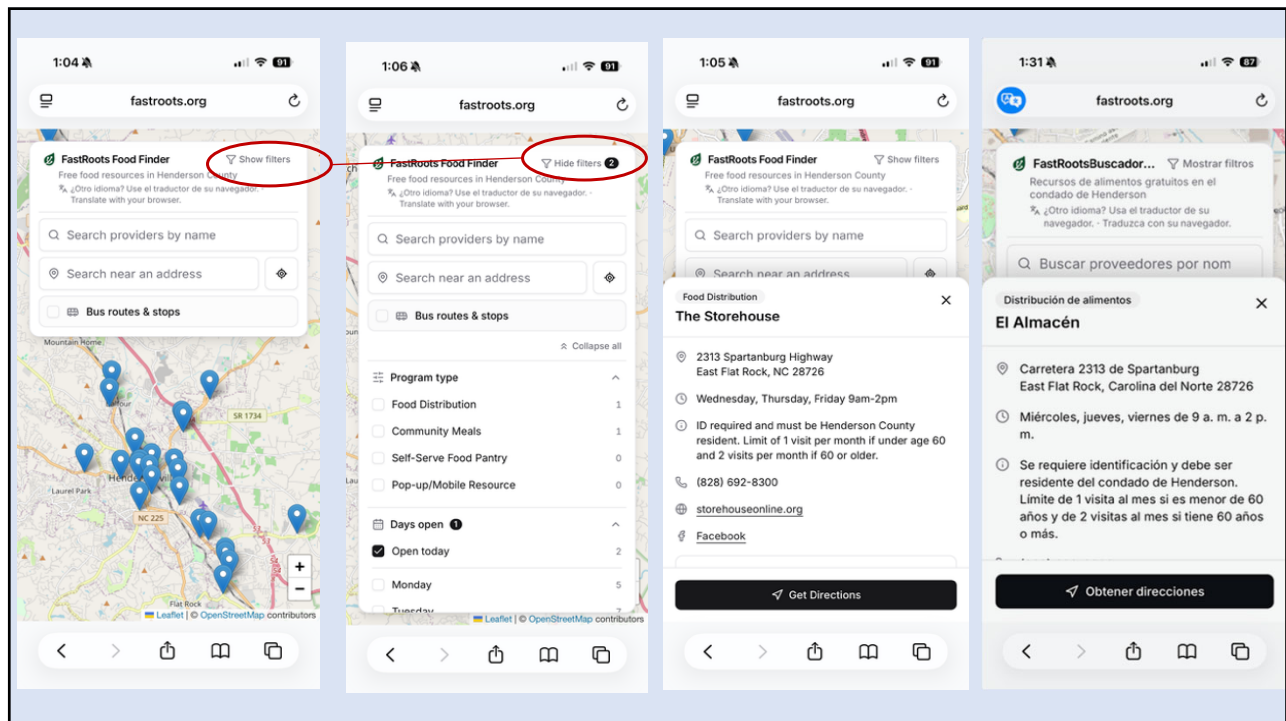
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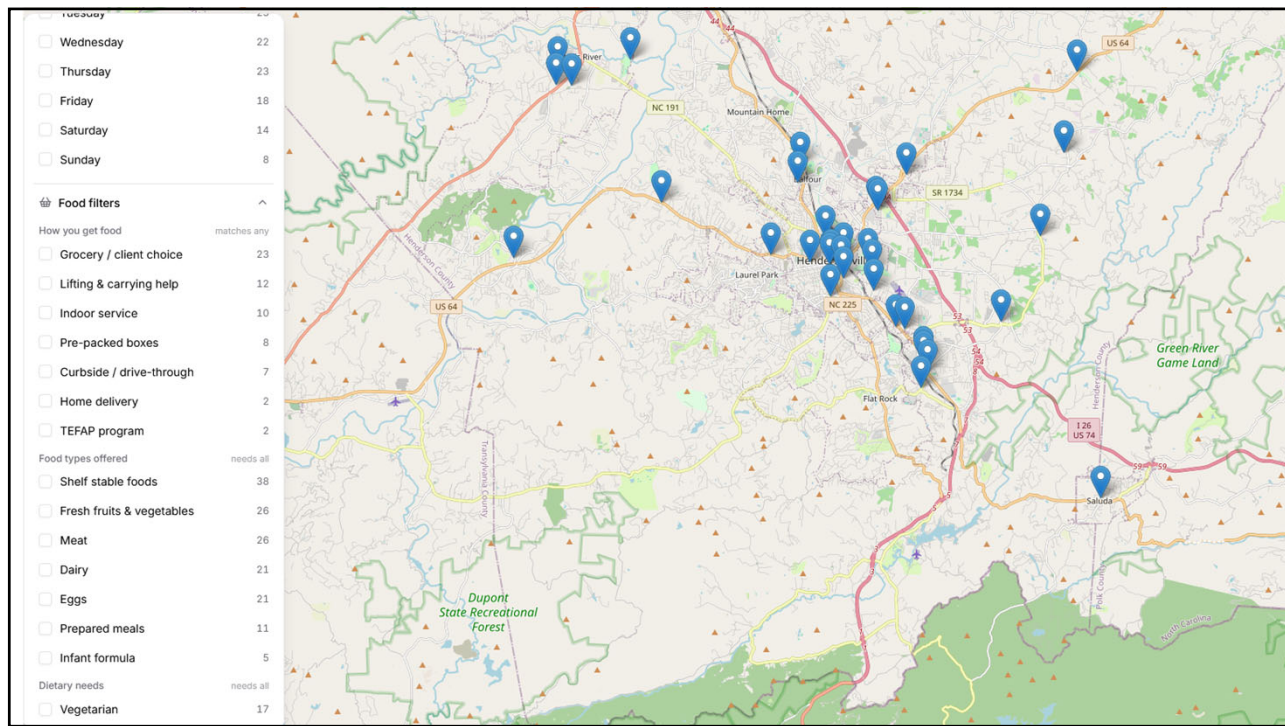
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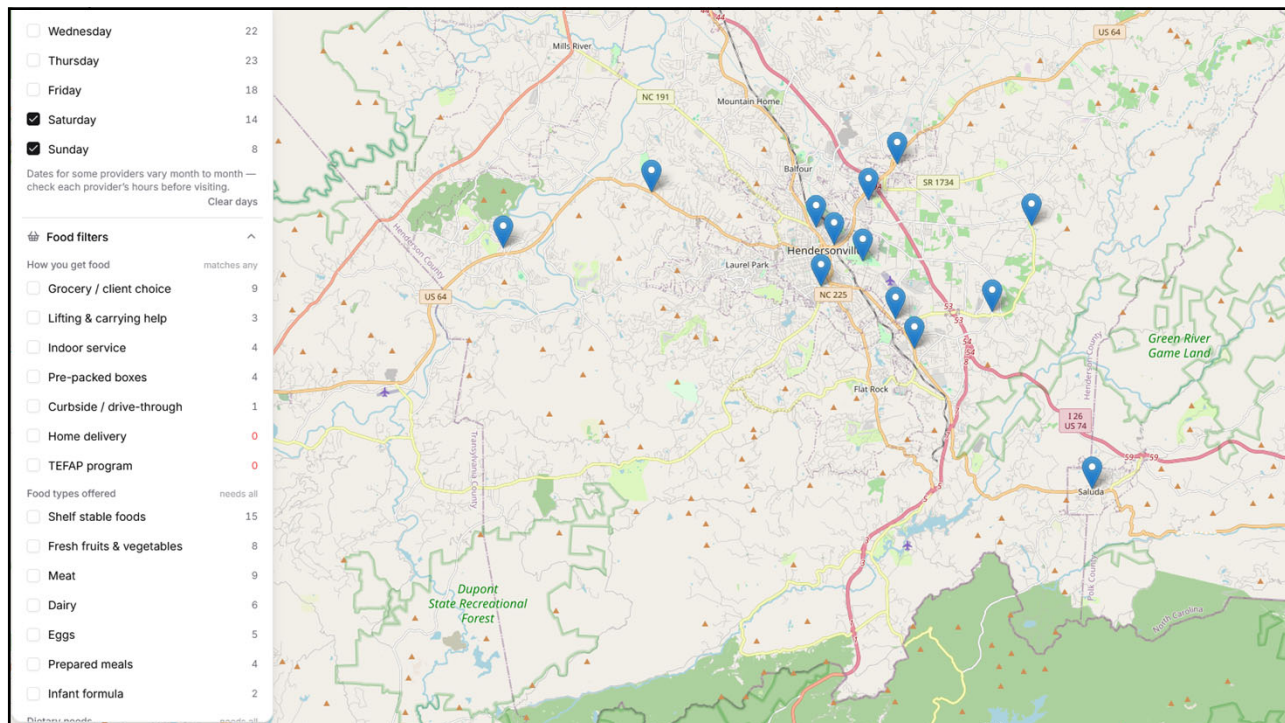
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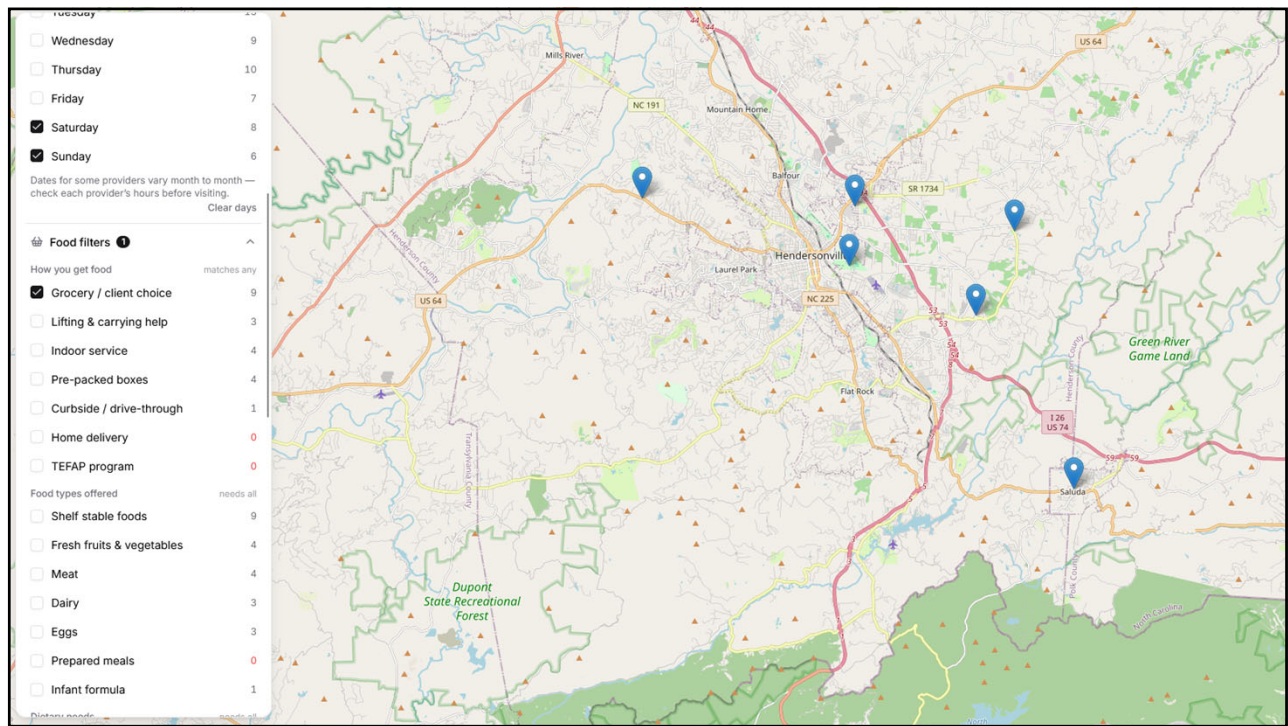
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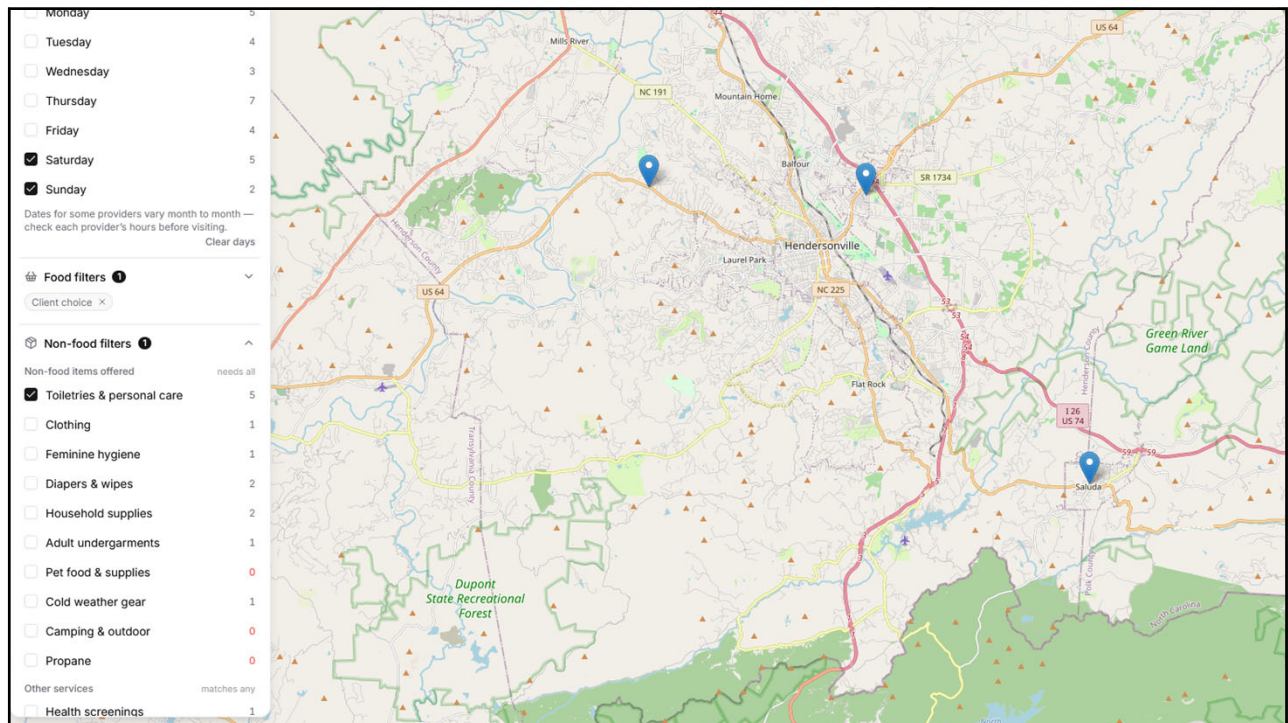
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Other Benefits

- Creates an opportunity for learning and collaboration between food resource agencies through map analytics
- A central, regularly updated resource accessible to the whole community – minimizing the need to create static resources in emergencies
- Rapid update capability allows for immediate updates of pop-up resources during emergencies or disaster response



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