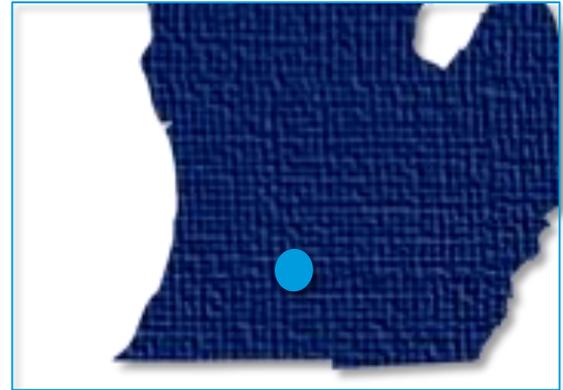




Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi 2017 Community Food Resource Assessment Michigan Tribal Food Access Collaborative

Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Pottawatomi (NHBP) is a federally recognized Potawatomi Indian Tribe has a seven county service area in Southwest Michigan. Many community members live on the 129 acre reservation.

NHBP is a member of the Michigan Tribal Food Access Collaborative (MTAC), and recently completed an assessment to learn more about how their community members buy, access, cook, sell, and eat food. This report is meant to be a snapshot of this food system, and used as a food access resource for community members, local healthcare providers, and business and organization leaders looking for opportunities to collaborate in food access solutions.



Community-Based Resources

Green House



This Green House is available for tribal members. The Green House supplies a few local schools with a salad bar.

Bkedé O Mshiké



This convenience store is tribally owned and provides some food items.

Walmart



Walmart is a national chain superstore.

Meijer Grocery Store



Meijer is a regional chain superstore.

Family Fare Grocery Store



Family Fare is a national chain grocery store.

Direct Services or Programs

Cooking Matters



Cooking Matters is a nation wide healthy cooking class for families on a budget.

Lunch and Learn



These are lunch time educational sessions for tribal members, their families and employees.

Nutrition Prescription program



Providers offer vouchers for boxes of produce and fruits and vegetables a the Farmer's Market.

Community Garden



Tribal members seeking employment can grow organic and high quality produce for the community.

Tribal Youth Program



This is an activity program for tribal youth ages 9-18.

Atmosphere and Availability

To take a more in depth look at the NHBP’s community food resources and services, NHBP collaborative members completed profiles of popular venues where community members access food. As part of these profiles, collaborative members completed an inventory of healthy foods, presence of healthy eating or other health promotions, and acceptance of EBT benefits as payment at these locations. Following this inventory, collaborative members interviewed management at the venues.

	Healthy Habit Promo	Accepts EBT	Fresh Veggies	Fresh Fruit	Canned or frozen produce	Whole Grains	Eggs	Meat	Fish	Local Foods
<i>Farmers Market</i>										
<i>Bkedé O Mshiké</i>										
<i>Family Fare</i>										
<i>Meijer</i>										
<i>Walmart</i>										
<i>Massie's</i>										

Selling Healthy, Local Foods In the NHBP Community

Managers at these locations described challenges selling healthy foods:

- storing inventory
- selling inventory before it spoils
- Popularity with customers

These venues currently sell many local foods:

- Meat
- Eggs
- Produce
- Prepared foods
- Baked goods

What's Next?

As the collaborative continues to work towards greater access to healthy and local foods in the community, there may be opportunities for collaboration with these access points in the future.

About the Michigan Tribal Food Access Collaborative (MTFAC)

In April 2017, the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan brought together six tribes with funding from the Michigan Health Endowment Fund to address nutrition related health disparities in tribal communities throughout the state. Collaborative Goals:

1. Create a statewide Tribal Food Access Community of Learning
2. Increase children screened for BMI
3. Learn more about community food systems
4. Increase food resources for community members
5. Increase resources about child nutrition that include Native American Culture and Traditional Foods

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