**Table X. Tool #6 Example - Montgomery County Asset Inventory**

Conducted at Montgomery County Office of Food Systems Resilience’s (OFSR) Interagency Food System Coordination Convening

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| **Asset Type** | **List/Describe Asset** |
| *Natural* | 1. Agricultural reserve 2. Water access (Potomac River, Patuxent River) 3. USDA Plant Hardiness Zones: [https://planthardiness.ars.usda.gov/pages/map-downloads](https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fplanthardiness.ars.usda.gov%2Fpages%2Fmap-downloads&data=05%7C02%7Ctcushma2%40jhmi.edu%7Cc01e37523b944a78848008dcc6b0ec23%7C9fa4f438b1e6473b803f86f8aedf0dec%7C0%7C0%7C638603711495548502%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=epMgc82lcZ2FC9T8l02ZTQ6BKY1YZX%2BDzU%2Fn%2F%2Fok4wA%3D&reserved=0) |
| *Physical* | 1. Cold storage, trucks, coolers 2. Geographic location, meaningful for food production as temperatures rise 3. Roadways 4. Equipment sharing through Office of Agriculture (OAG) 5. Faith-based organizations community gardens 6. Proximity to Jessup (Wholesale Produce Market) and Baltimore 7. Network of farmers markets, CSAs 8. Non-profit network, food assistance provider network, social service organizations that connect residents with wraparound services 9. Electric access (Pepco) 10. IT/Communications infrastructure     1. Communication systems between food providers and community, operate point of sale systems (grocery stores), process payroll for government staff, use of GPS/logistics platforms by transportation/delivery partners, etc. 11. Community gardens, big dream ideas that require infrastructure: agro tech parks, learning centers, outdoor educational spaces |
| *Political* | 1. State funding 2. Geographic location near federal government with a lot of experts around 3. OFSR - unique within county, local, or state governments across the country 4. Agricultural knowledge base in the County 5. Minimum wage policy that contributes to a cared for and safe workforce, workforce development programs 6. Policies that encourage cooperative farmer agreements 7. Information dissemination, UMD-Extension 8. Built spaces, permissions to use them    1. Department of Permitting Services and their technical assistance to residents    2. Backyard poultry    3. Incentivizing and promoting sustainable, appropriate use of spaces, like urban farming 9. Community Eligibility Provision schools- in about one third of Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) all students get free breakfast and lunch    1. Community schools connections in the neighborhoods served 10. Community advocacy 11. Marbidco Grants to farmers: [https://www.marbidco.org/grant-programs](https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.marbidco.org%2Fgrant-programs&data=05%7C02%7Ctcushma2%40jhmi.edu%7Cc01e37523b944a78848008dcc6b0ec23%7C9fa4f438b1e6473b803f86f8aedf0dec%7C0%7C0%7C638603711495563110%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=RVWRfVRujNCrI3fJhmeC0Q9S7EIHTx7mRLhQJzrGceI%3D&reserved=0) 12. Zoning laws that support local food production, state farmers market legislation, double dollars/match 13. Food system advocacy from Committees or Liaisons 14. County policies that contribute to local food production through incentives and tech/financial support |
| *Social* | 1. School-based food resources convening, a team that gathers monthly with school system staff and cross-agency staff to share updates and information 2. Partnerships within government, with higher ed, hospitals 3. Community engagement in urban agriculture 4. Faith-based organization partnerships 5. Equipment sharing through Office of Agriculture (OAG) 6. The diversity of our population and residents' food pathways 7. Network of farmers markets, CSAs 8. Minimum wage policy that contributes to a cared for and safe workforce, workforce development programs 9. Information dissemination, UMD-Extension 10. Community Eligibility Provision schools- in about one third of Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) all students get free breakfast and lunch 11. Paid food system ambassadors     1. Community schools connections in the neighborhoods served 12. Community advocacy 13. Non-profit network, food assistance provider network, social service organizations that connect residents with wraparound services 14. Informal grassroots, word of mouth information sharing and mutual aid |