

Food Justice Interactive Map



Introduction

Welcome to Rainier Beach Action Coalition's [Food Justice Map](#)! This interactive web map shows food options in SE Seattle according to different issues of food justice. With the different layers in this map, you can locate BIPOC-owned food businesses, locate healthy food options, find places where free food is offered, or identify the nearest community garden. Continue reading to learn how to use the map.

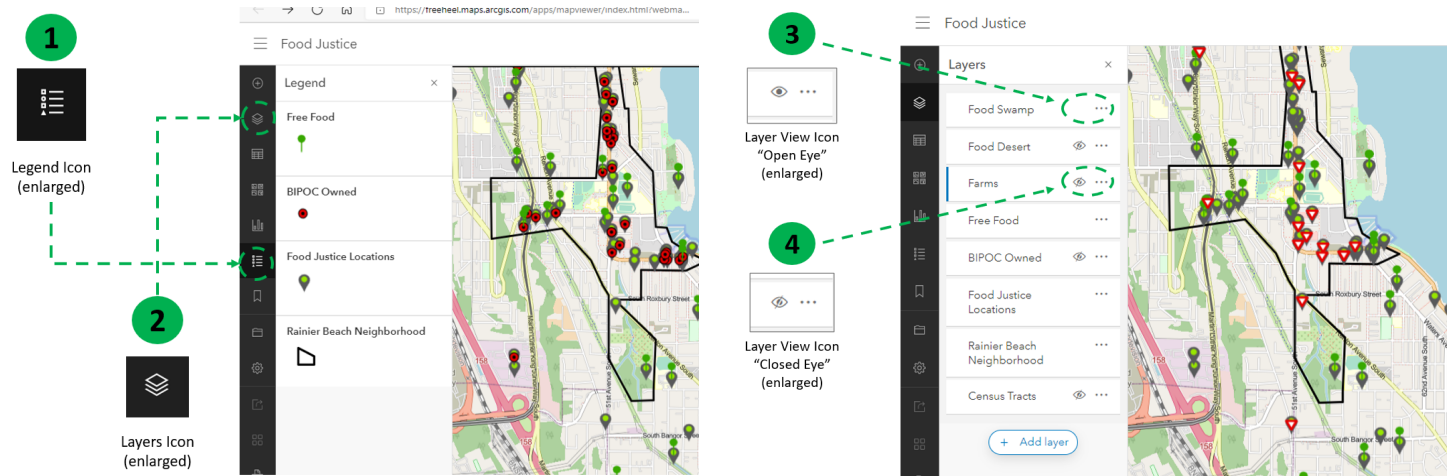
Food Justice Categories

Within this map, there are 6 food justice categories - BIPOC owned, food swamp, healthy choices, free food, farms, and all food locations. You can also view the Rainier Beach Neighborhood¹ and the census tracts. Here are is what's in each food justice category:

- **BIPOC-owned** - Food locations owned by people of color.
- **Food Swamp** - A 'food swamp' is where fast food and junk food inundate healthy options. This layer includes fast food, junk food outlets, convenience stores, liquor stores, drug stores, and gas stations.
- **Healthy Choices** - Where fresh produce and healthy options are available. This layer includes grocery stores, markets, culturally relevant foods, community gardens, and food banks.
- **Free Food** - Where free food is available. This layer includes food banks, Little Free Pantries, faith-based organizations, free meal programs, and community gardens.
- **Farms** - Community gardens, P-Patches, urban farms, etc.
- **All Food Locations** - *Whether a restaurant, market, or pantry, this layer includes every address we have where food is available to the public.*

Using the map

When you open the map, you will see the legend (which shows the icons representing each category), and every layer will be turned on. To view the layers individually or on top of one another, click the layers icon (#2 below), and select which layers you would like to see by clicking the eye icon (#3 and #4 below) next to each category. Click on the individual locations to see the name and address. Now that you're familiar with the basic navigation features, have fun!



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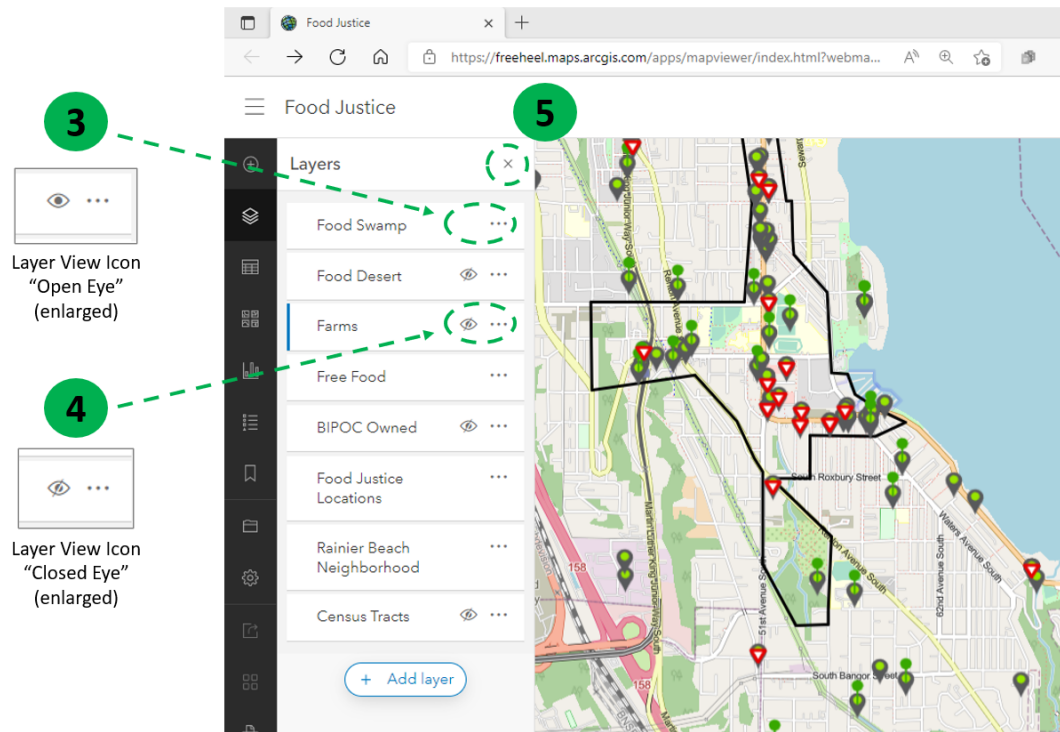
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¹ The Rainier Beach boundaries in this map reflect what is recorded in the 2014 Rainier Beach Neighborhood Plan Update. These boundaries were decided upon through a robust community engagement process, and include portions of Rainier Ave and Kubota Garden.

Layers View

Once you have navigated to the Layers view you will see a list of all the map layers. These include the different food justice categories, the outline of the Rainier Beach Neighborhood, and local census tracts. Next to each layer label, in same rectangle on the menu, you will see an “eyeball” icon. Simply click on this icon to remove or return a layer to the map. When a layer is turned on and visible, there is no line across the eye (#3 Green Circle). When a layer is turned off and not visible, there will be a diagonal line across the eye (#4 Green Circle).


After you have adjusted the layers to show only those you want to see, you can close the menu bar by simply clicking the “x” in the upper right corner of the menu (#5 Green Circle).




Conclusion

Now that you are familiar with the basic navigation features of the map you can pursue your own exploration. Use this map to see which farms are BIPOC owned. Or Zoom in to the Rainier Beach neighborhood to see the local free food options. There are many ways to use this map to learn about the food choices in your community.

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Legend Icon
(enlarged)
- 2



Layers Icon
(enlarged)

