

Market Quest

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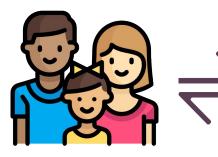
*FFM - Forsyth Farmers' Market

Market Quest

A service that delivers a gamified learning experience through an app, to promote awareness of farmers' market amongst children and the youth.

The service also partners with farmers markets to exchange information for mutual benefit.

Customer + User



Service Provider



Partner



Parents & Children

- -Use the app during and after farmers' market
- -Free usage: limited capability
- -Pay for game assets as you go
- -Subscribe for \$4.99 to unlock all game assets and earn \$4 in real tokens, monthly

Market Quest

- -Create and operate your own virtual stall as a vendor
- -Gamified learning experience to gain farming knowledge
- -App collects data: answers from challenges, location, etc.

Vendors and FM Management

- -User data from provided to measure KPIs for vendors and management
- -Management provides comprehensive list of vendors, produce and seasonal availability

1. Current State of Farmers' Markets

What is a Farmers' Market

According to the USDA, a farmers market is a **public and recurring event** in which farmers or their representatives **sell locally produced and prepared food directly to consumers**. Farmers markets create a space for **personal connections and bonds of mutual benefits** between farmers, shoppers and the community at large.

A growing industry

<8600

Farmers markets currently registered in the United States

A prefered choice

60%

Of people believe local food options provide a broader and better assortment of products

A profitable industry

\$3B

In national sales through direct-to-consumer channel which is .3% of all produce sales

While farmers markets continue to grow in popularity, they aren't often frequented by children and the youth.



"Farming in general is not something younger people are interested in, so it's a dying breed of people, so the more youth engagement there would be, the better."

-Ashleigh Floyd Clark. FFM Market Manager

Why Children?

Farmers markets are a perfect venue for teaching children about the food they eat, how to make healthy eating choices, and how to shop locally and for themselves.

One initiative that creates awareness of farmers markets to children is Power of Produce (POP):

A growing opportunity

5,180

Market trips to the Oregon City Farmers market during POP, totalling 1,781 children (2017) A way to introduce new foods

83%

Of children at the Charlottesville Farmers Market during POP, tried and liked a new food (2017)

While farmers' markets are introducing programs like Power of Produce, they are temporary events that only take place during the time of the farmers' market.

1.2 Why an App? Emerging Tech Trends

6 trends that could shape the future of Farmers' markets in the United States.

FARMERS' MARKET TECHNOLOGY TRENDS

Farmers markets are a community-oriented shared space for local vendors to sell directly to consumers. This rich, interactive environment is rife with opportunity to innovate using technology. These are technologies that lend themselves to playing a role in farmers markets.

KEY

VR Virtual Reality

DA Data Analytics

TT Tracking Technology

CC Cloud Computing

Al Artificial Intelligence

AR Artificial Reality



In 3-5 yrs.



A LIFE IN FLOW

The world of "mine" is changing to a world of "ours."



SMART SPACE

There is a growing focus on creating spaces that are digitally immersive to combine the physical space with another dimension to inform entertain and enhance.

PLATFORM

LESS IS MORE

Prioritizing human-to-human interaction over digital-to-human interaction. The focus will be designing mindful experiences that cater to human value and detaches from empty distractions.





FARMERS' MARKET TECHNOLOGY TRENDS



Smart Space



AR AI VR

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Less is More



- Cultural Probe
- Shadowing
- Interviews
- Observations
- Personas
- Blueprints
- Insights

The Forsyth Farmers' Market

A nonprofit organization that has created a local food system in Savannah, Georgia that promotes good of the people and the environment in Savannah. The FFM management have created a partnership with local vendors to give them a produce to sell their grown and prepared foods. They also host additional events and activities to foster their goals.

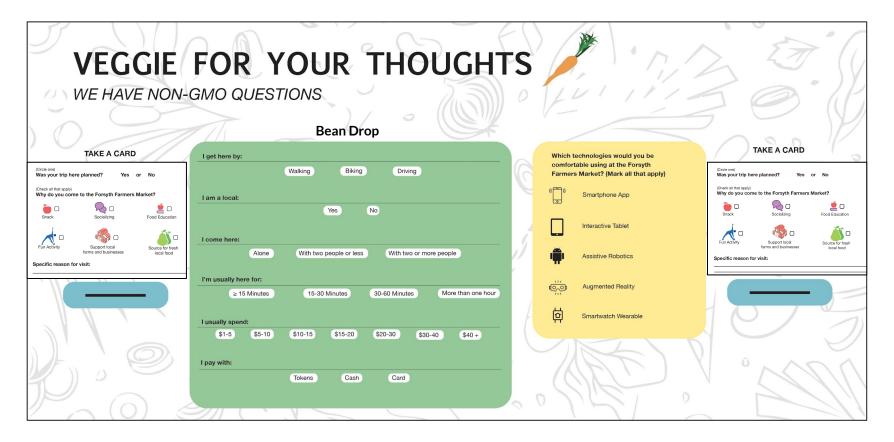
Who: About 35 vendors/wk. Ratio of 60% whole foods to 40% prepared foods

When: Saturdays, 9 am - 1 pm

Where: South end of Forsyth Park



Cultural Probe at the FFM



Results from Entry Card

Out of 66 responses

Was your trip here planned: Yes: No:

Why do you come to the Forsyth Farmers Market?

Source for fresh local food: 24%



Fun Activity: 24%



Support Local Farmers: 20%



Socializing: 15%



Snack: **12%**



Food education: 5%

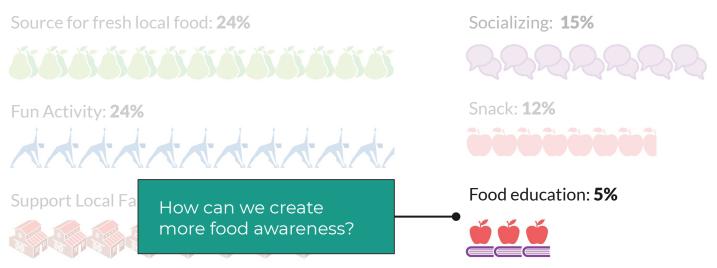


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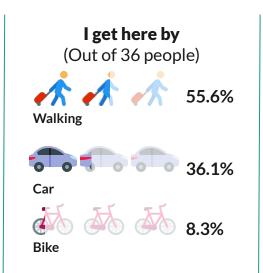
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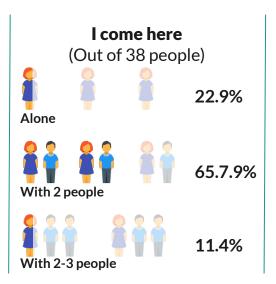
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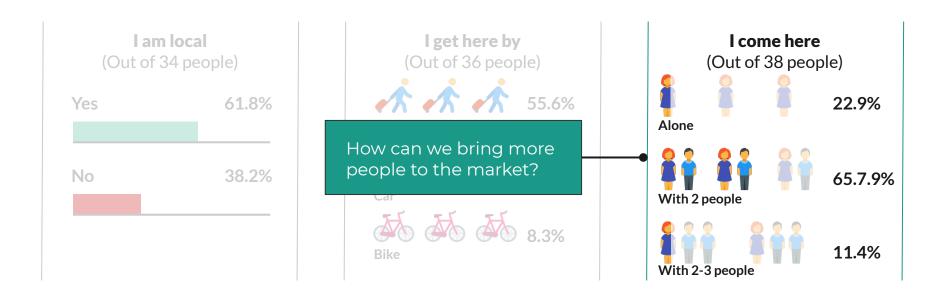
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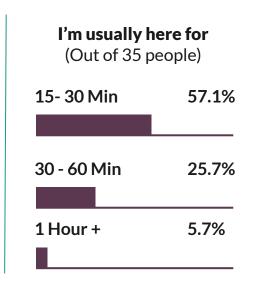


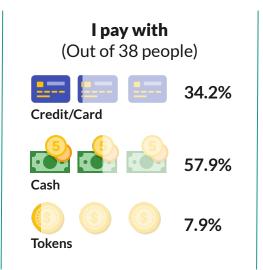


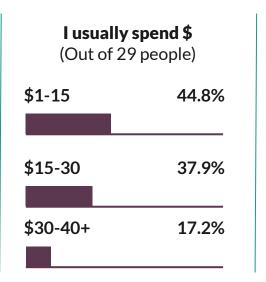


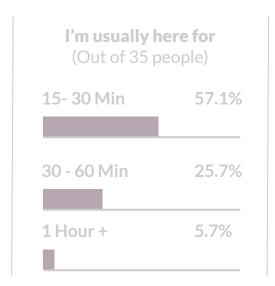


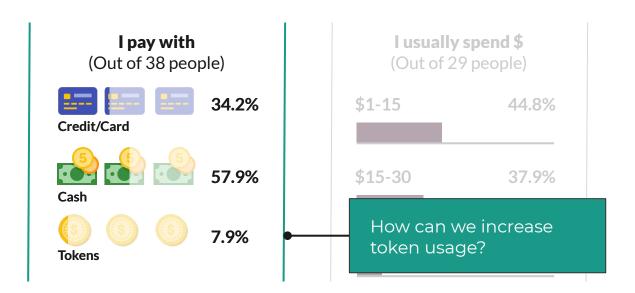












Shadowing



Liv and Berenice SCAD Students

- → They walk to the FFM difficult to find parking at Forsyth Park
- → Liv goes for her regular run at the park
- → Buying at FFM is more of **a treat or delicacy** to them
- → They stop to **pet kids (baby goats) and the chicken at one stall. The stall was surrounded by several children and received a lot of attention** in comparison to similar vendors nearby
- → They consider buying basil and other vegetables but were put it off since **they didn't want to purchase any tokens.**
 - ◆ They don't like the idea that you had to purchase tokens at a different stall and even after purchasing them you didn't have the option of returning them.
- → Instead, they find a bakery stall that accepts card and **buy pastries** so that they could eat as they roamed around the market

Interviews with vendors and the FFM Market Manager



Marissa
Vendor/Farmer at
Whippoorwill Farm



Matt & Sam
Vendors at
The Grey Market



Ashleigh
Forsyth Farmers' Market
Market Manager

Marissa



Marissa Vendor/Farmer at Whippoorwill Farm

- → Marissa owns and runs her farm by herself
- → Describes herself as **personally invested in the Farmers Market**
- → She is friendly and respectful to her competitors but acknowledges she is a much smaller operation and 'people get territorial'
- → Uses photos of livestock and family (her daughter) to advertise
- → Recognizes shoppers are concerned with **how animals are treated**
- → If people are looking for something she doesn't have then **she adds them to a text group -** when a product is available she texts everyone on the text group and delivers to those that reply
- → She has a system of egg delivery called 'Eggulars' that encourages buyers to recycle egg cartons in exchange for lower prices.

Matt



Matt Vendor/Farmer at The Grey Market

- → The Grey is **relatively new to the market**.
- → Matt is head baker at the Grey Market
- → Wakes up every Saturday at 1AM to start baking
- → Matt and Sam attended a **meeting in December to apply for a position at** the market. A process they describe as **'faster than expected'**
- → The only fee they pay to the farmers market association is \$30
- → They also **sell merchandise at their stall**

Market Manager



Ashleigh
Manager at
The Forsyth Farmers
Market

- → There is an **annual listing sign up** for the farmers if they want to participate in the Farmers' Market
- → Typically they don't accept additional vendors in the middle of the year, unless they feel like their collection is missing a particularly popular product or if the vendors supply produce that current vendors tend to run out of
- → SNAP Benefits they double the value of the EBT purchase in terms of tokens promotes accessible healthy eating and lifestyle
- → Not all stalls have portable card readers (since it's expensive) so they tend to accept mostly cash. A customer can also use their card to buy tokens
- → Once the tokens have been bought they cannot be returned but they never expire
- → You have to pay \$30 every Saturday to set up your stall- taken from tokens

Observations







- → Kids enjoy handling the tokens.
- → The Power of Produce program uses tokens as an incentive for kids to participate which in turn results in parents purchasing additional tokens in order to actually purchase goods at the market
- → There was a **kid who used his stroller as if it were a shopping cart** and placed all purchased goods in the stroller
- → There were **some parents who had split up so that one could roam** the market and the other would babysit the kids on the sidelines.
- → Several children, were using their devices while at the market.
- → Kids were mostly attracted to the stalls with the popsicles or baked goods.

1.4 Meet Tasha, Malik and their Parents



Tasha + Malik
Family from North Carolina

Tasha and Malik are visiting their grandparents with their mom and dad.

Tasha and Malik

Tasha: 6 yrs. old | Malik: 11 yrs. old Parents are Marcel and Sasha





Tasha and Malik are visiting their grandparents in Savannah with their parents. They are going with Mom and Dad go to the farmer's market to buy some produce for their family barbecue night.

Task: To shop with their parents who take them the Farmer's market

Tools: Parents discovered the market through their AirBNB host

Key Drivers: Tasha: excited to shop like a grown up. Malik: goes because his parents want him to join them

Key Behaviors: Tasha: very excited, wants to participate in every aspect of shopping, very inquisitive. Malik: quiet and to himself, interested by a few the vendors' stalls, but mostly pays attention to his phone.

The Parents

Marcel and Sasha Children are Marcel and Sasha



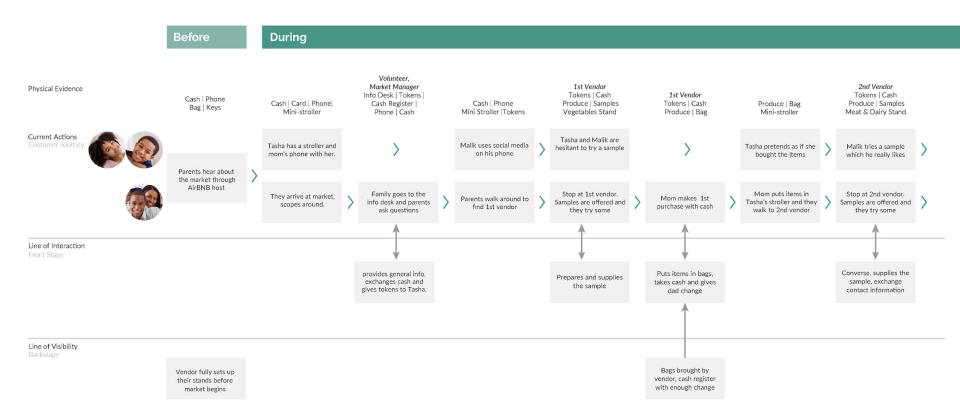
Marcel and Sasha are meeting Marcel's grandparents in Savannah. They want to go to the farmer's market to buy some produce for their family barbecue night. They have been to many farmers markets but they hope to get Tasha and Malik interested in farmers markets since the kids have never been to one before.

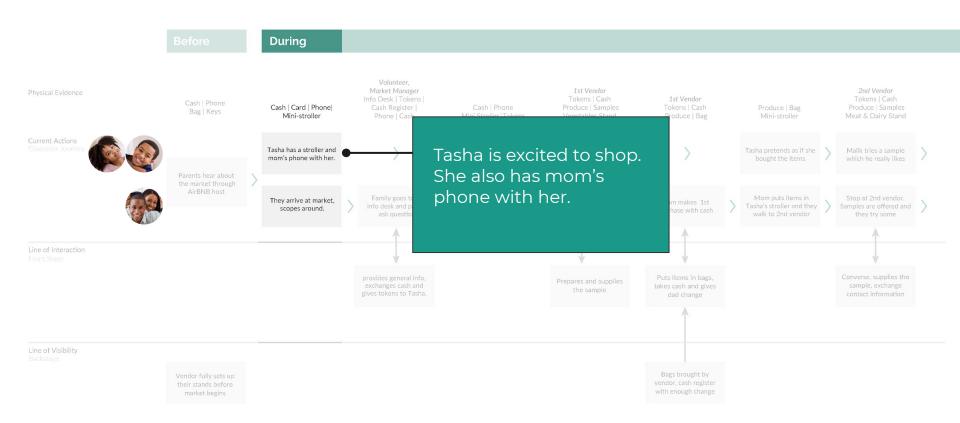
Task: To buy produce at the market and help their kids get acquainted with the farmer's market

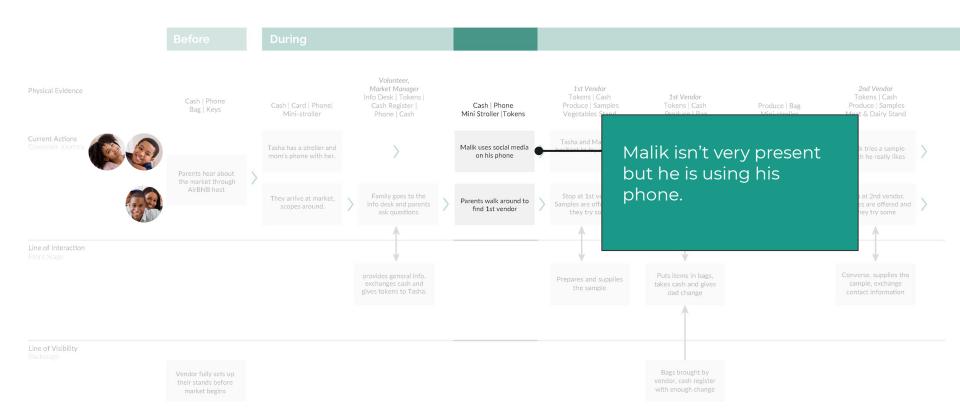
Tools: Discovered the market through their AirBNB host

Key Drivers: To shop locally, get fresh produce and humanely treated animal products. Want to share their love of farmers market and farming knowledge with their kids

Key Behaviors: Curious and inquisitive, talk in detail with vendors

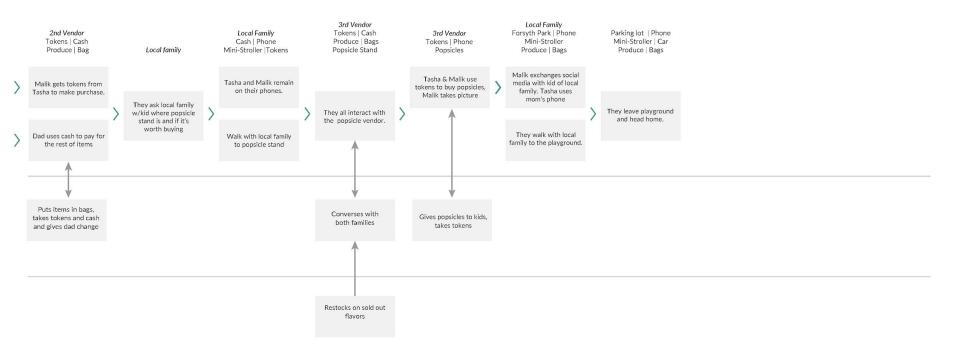




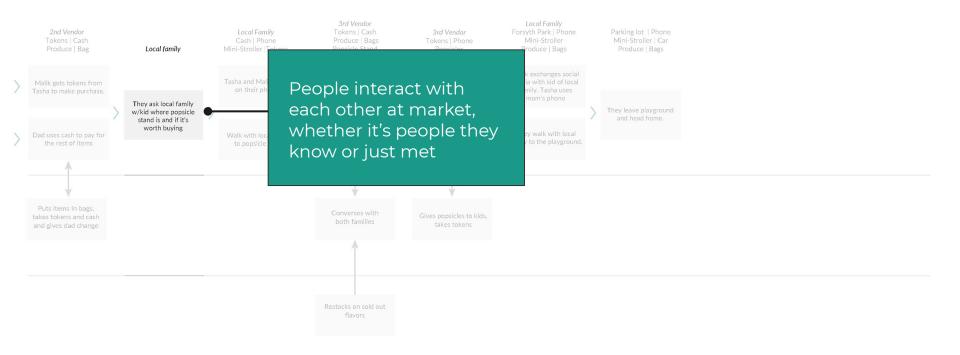




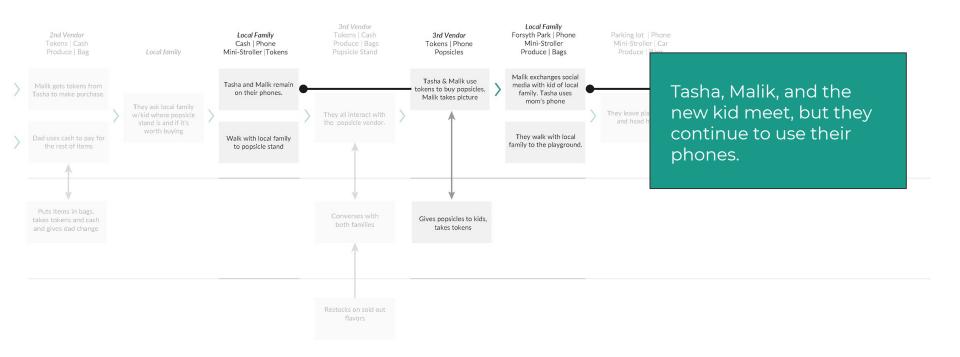
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Insights

- → How can we create more food awareness, bring more people to the market, and increase usage of tokens?
- → Kids enjoy having a sense of responsibility and being able to participate in the shopping experience. However, they typically interact with a device.
- → Kids are **unwilling to try new produce** and mostly came to the market to eat popsicles and baked goods.
- → Vendors really enjoy interacting with the customers and creating a sense of community through story-telling. They are **highly invested in building** relationships with the community.
- → Vendors understand that **people care about how and where their produce is being grown or reared** and believe in humane and healthy techniques to do so.









2. Future State of Farmers'

Markets With Market Quest



To create awareness of farmers markets amongst children to improve the number of people who attend the Forsyth Farmers Market and in turn, increase sales.

Forsyth Farmers' Market

Accessibility

- Forsyth Park is public, accessible to all
- Customers with cash can purchase produce directly from the vendors or they can purchase using tokens that they pay for using card
- Food stamps can be exchanged for double their worth in tokens

Quality of Interaction

- Committed to promoting local community and eating healthy
- Customers are encouraged to interact with vendors and ask them questions
- Socializing event

Degree of Customer Participation

- Customers support local farmers by shopping at the Farmers Market



Forsyth Farmers' Market

Accessibility

- Forsyth Park is public accessible to all
- Anybody with a smart device and cellular network can access it
- Subscription packs grant customers various levels of service app assets

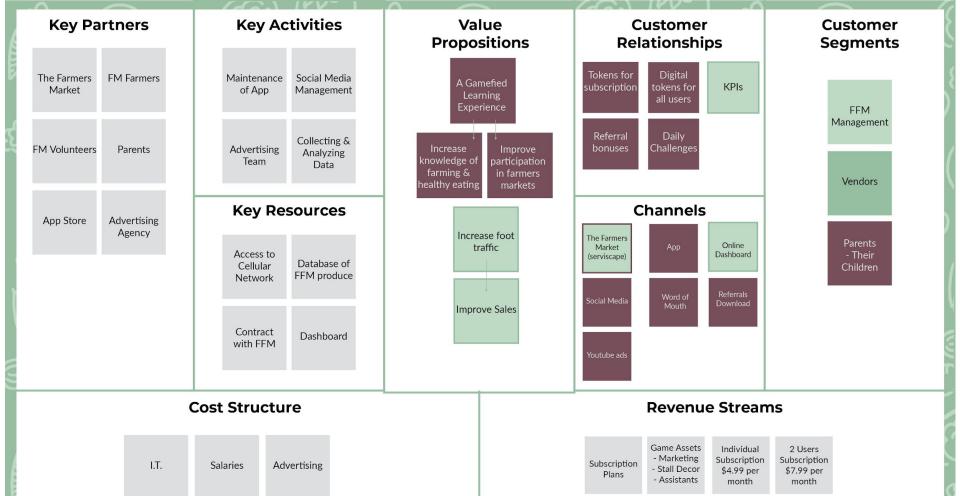
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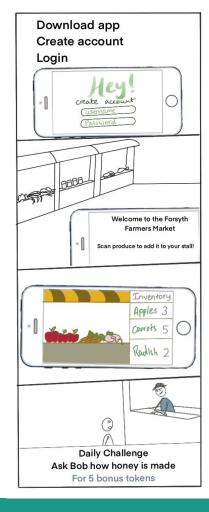
- Committed to promoting the Farmers Market community
- Customers are encourage to interact with vendors and ask them questions
- Fosters a learning environment with physical interaction and technology

Degree of Customer Participation

- Customers form the virtual community space
- Customers interact physically with vendors and farmers markets around the globe to gather app assets











"I think it's a great idea and the right way to go because I feel like all kids are into technology"

Lynette, JAE camp Savannah

Interviews with parents, children and the FFM Market Manager



Pete and Declan
Vendor/Farmer at
Charleston Artisan
Cheesehouse



Lynette, Jackie and Samajae
From JAE camp Savannah



Ashleigh
Forsyth Farmers' Market
Market Manager

Pete



Pete and Declan Vendor/Farmer at Charleston Artisan Cheesehouse

- → Work with the Market Manager and see what the kids could do to earn some tokens... they **could be rewarded with a real tokens** to put towards a purchase
- → [I like] that you're getting kids to interact with the farmers market and you're introducing healthy eating at a young age
- → [Prompts kids to] **try new things**; if they really taste it, that might change their mind.
- → If it's more educational and there's a benefit to it. I wouldn't have a problem paying a monthly 2.99 or something for it
- → If all the vendors were loaded in there, they could do a **virtual tour of the market** before they even get to the market. Anything to help give the market exposure and also **educate the adults too**.
- → Shopping local **keeps that dollar in the community,** and it teaches at a young age, what the importance of shopping local is.

Lynette



Lynette, Jackie and Samajae
From JAE camp Savannah

- → The sense of independency, she will feel like she's really shopping herself. She will feel like a grown up.
- → I really like bringing the kids into these kinds of things. They are still on their screens, but they are not just watching a tv show, they are using it to learn and to interact with other people.
- → I would be willing to pay at most \$4.99.
- → She likes shopping and having her little small carts.
- → Samajae's mom suggested **adding a selfie to her booth** and she liked the idea.

Ashleigh



Ashleigh
Forsyth Farmers' Market
Market Manager

- → **Engaging them virtually** is a good idea for kids especially because that's something we don't really have right now.
- → A lot of our **vendors are not very tech savvy.** A lot of them don't even check the emails that I send to them on a weekly basis.
- → **Power of Produce:** introducing kids to vegetables that they wouldn't normally try.
- → [The service is] **like playing pokemon**, you're outside running around but you're still on your phone
- → There's a lot of different sporting events that happen during the summer like yoga, so scope out the park and see if anything jumps out at you [to add to challenges]
- → The tokens are something the kids love, so even if they don't get to spend them, getting to hold them for mom while their shopping, they are pumped about it. But I don't think they actually understand the whole transaction of it, so this kind of puts it into terms that they would understand.



This service could help prove that kids are developing an interest for farmers' markets.

The markets then have a higher chance of receiving private sector funding

Sparking interest for local produce shopping amongst the youth will help sustain the farmer's markets business.



If kids are invested in farmers' markets, this could boost foot traffic at the market

More customers at the market versus grocery store chains helps keep the dollar in the local community.

3. Expected Outcomes and

Key Performance Indicators

Expected Outcomes

From Creating a Future Outcomes Framework, Lucy Kimbell

Children

- 1. Boosts confidence with buying and interaction with vendors
- 2. Developing positive association with the Farmers Market
- 3. Increasing farming and produce knowledge
- 4. Increasing children's attendance to the Forsyth Farmers Market

Parents

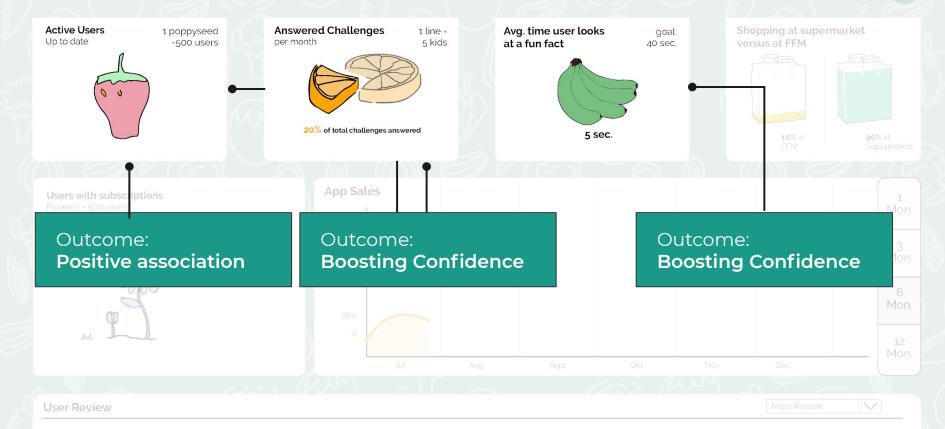
- 1. Peace of mind for the parents
- 2. Preference to go to the Forsyth Farmers Market over the grocery store at the time of the FFM
- 3. Making parents more interested in farming education for children
- 4. Success of the app

Vendors

- 1. Increased Sales
- 2. Deeper relationship between vendors and customers

3.1 Market Quest Dashboard







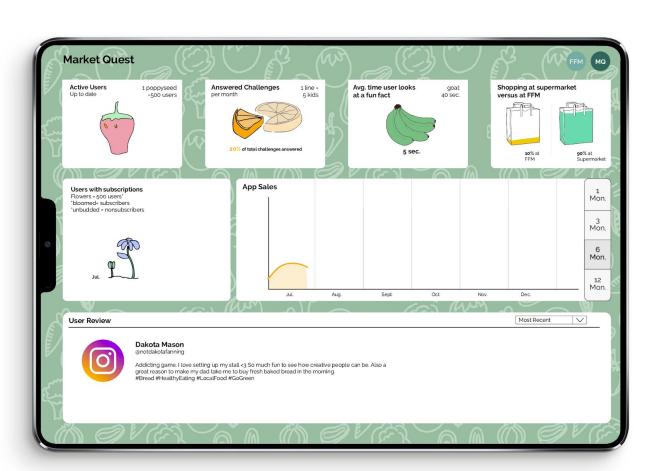


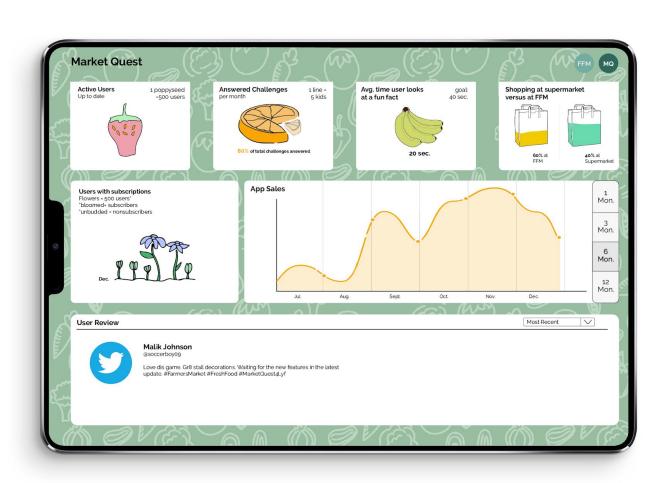


Users with subscriptions Flowers = 500 users' 'bloomed= subscribers 'unbudded = nonsubscribers Outcome: Interest in farming education for kids

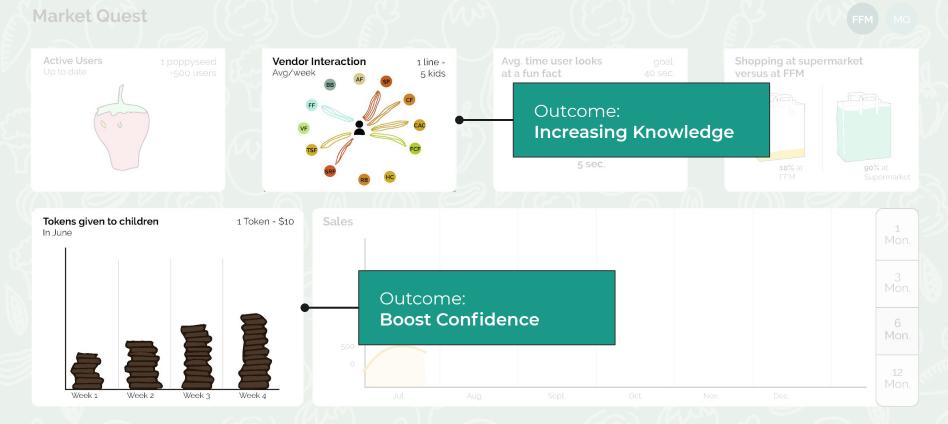
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Vendor Comments

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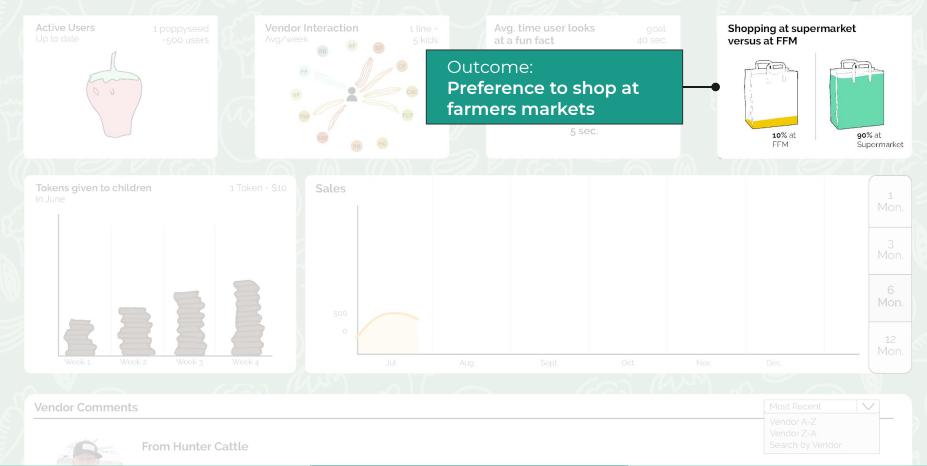
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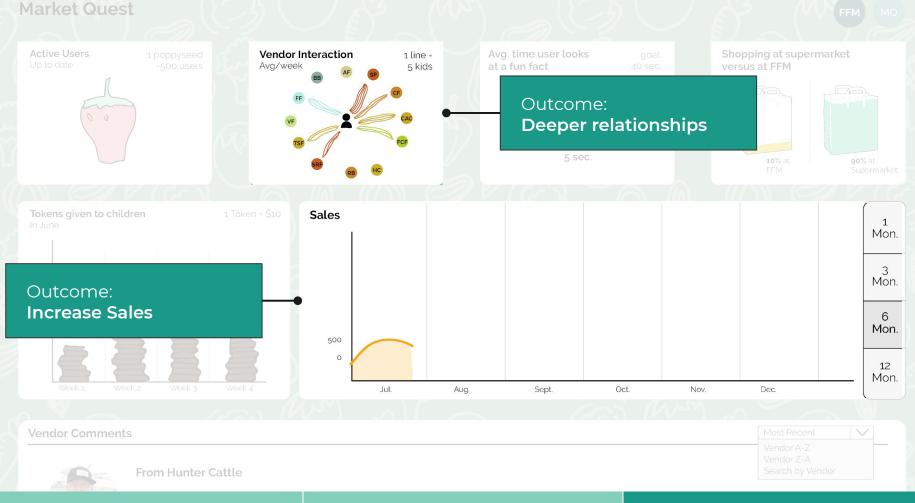




KPIs for Children

KPIs for Parents

KPIs for Vendors & Mgmt.



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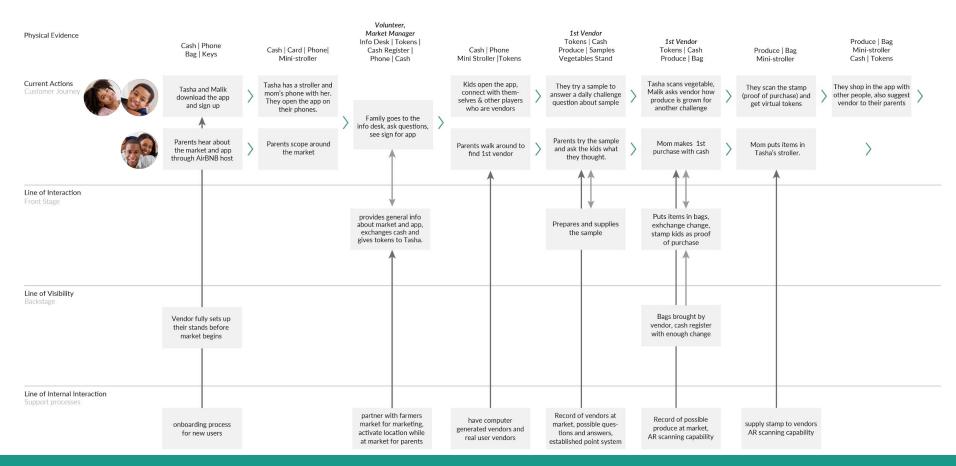
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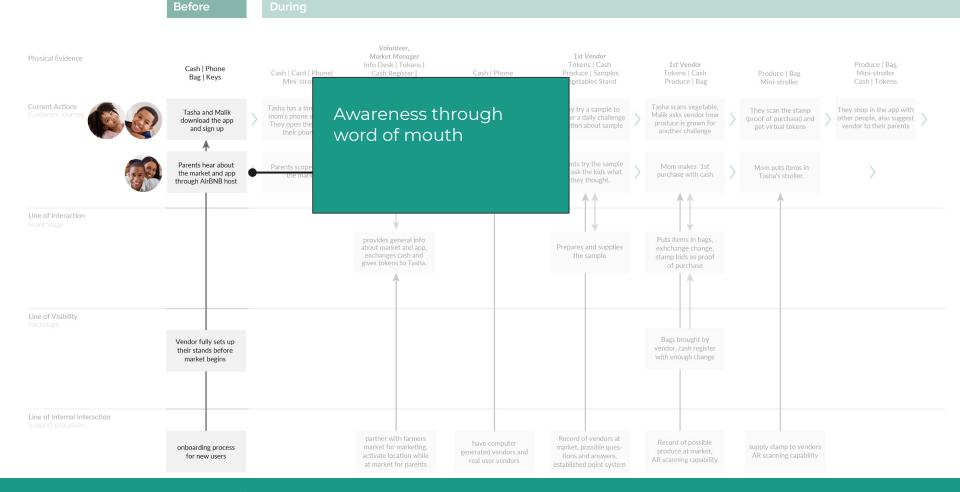
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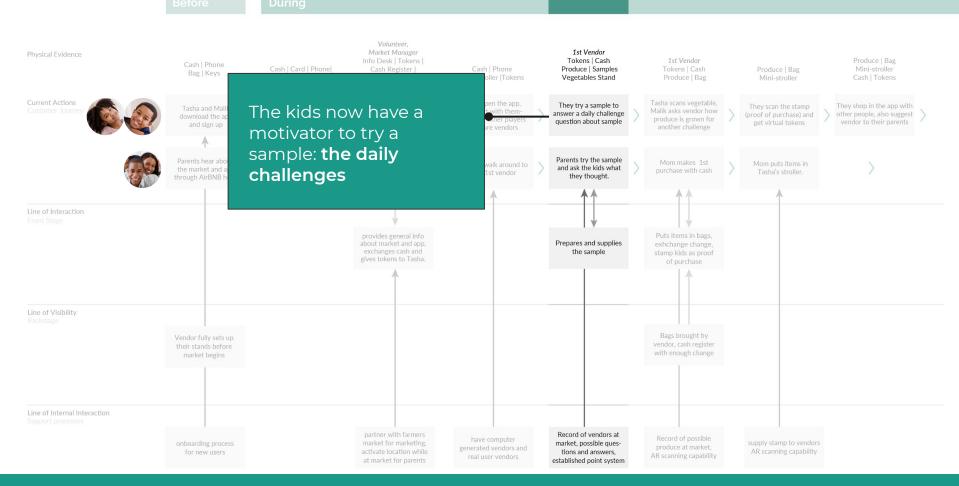


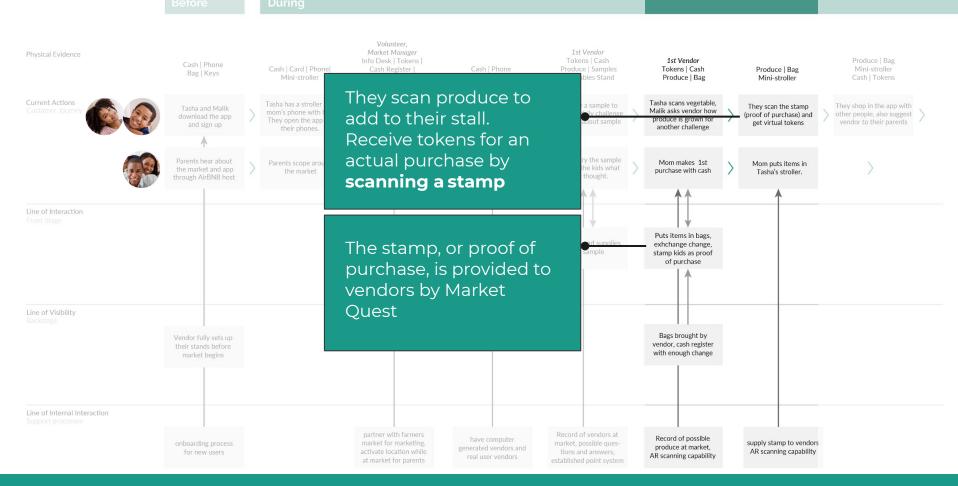


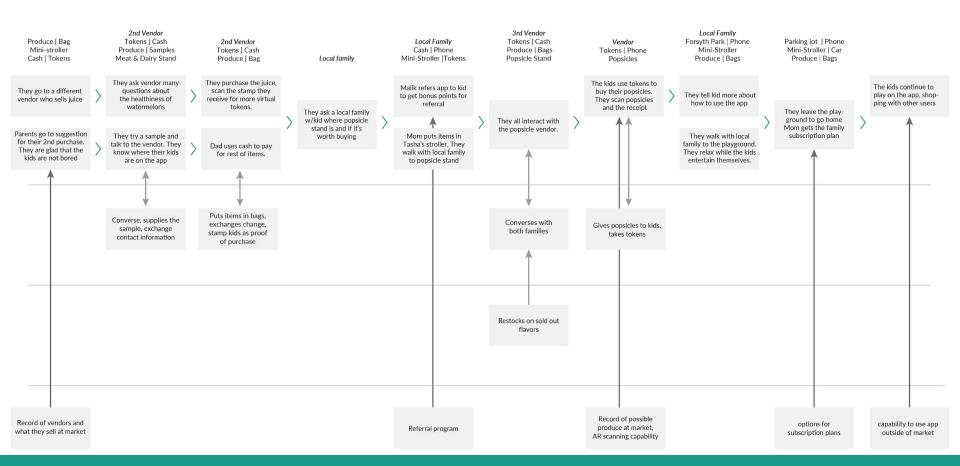
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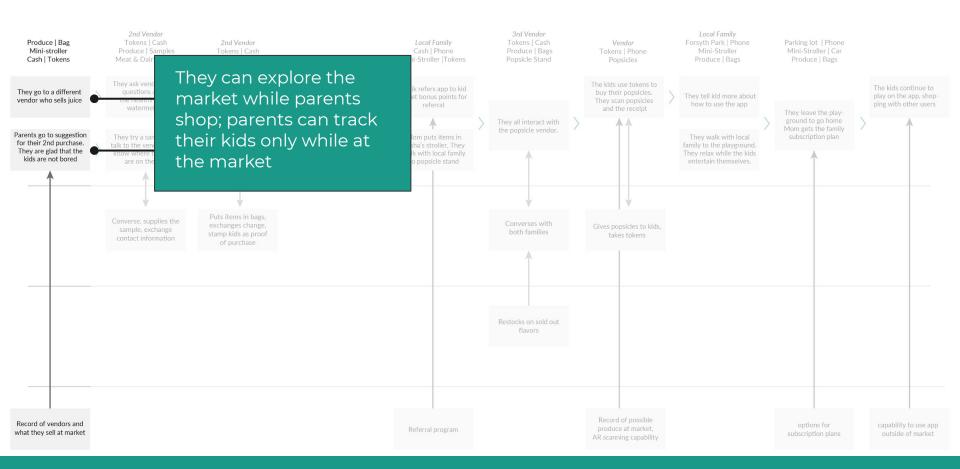






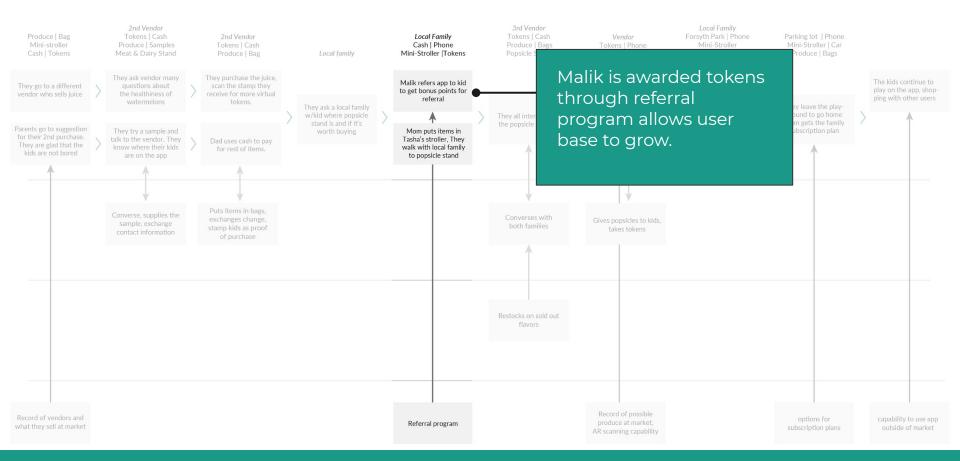
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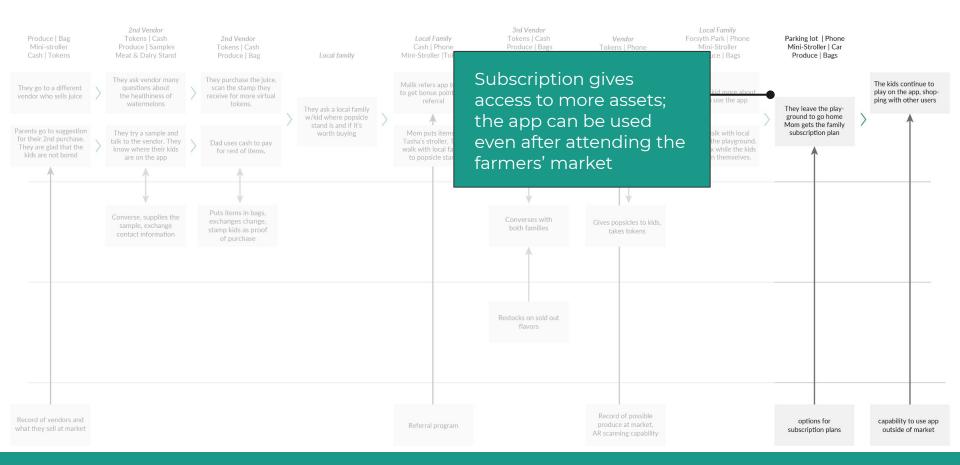
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5. Next Steps

What next?

- → Work with Forsyth Farmers' Market during Power of Produce to launch the app
- → Find and reach out to other farmers markets in the Georgia, Florida and South Carolina area

