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**Community Partners Open F3 Flint Farmers Market**

**Fall River, MA (July 18, 2018)-** State Representative Carole Fiola and community partners organized and combined resources to open the F3 Flint Neighborhood Farmers Market. This farmers market is the only one in Fall River where Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)/ Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) and Healthy Incentives Program (HIP) benefits are accepted.

“I am thankful for Groundworks Southcoast and the community partners that included me at the beginning stage of this farmers market,” said Fiola. “The F3 Flint Farmers Market is located in a prime neighborhood where many residents do not have access by-foot to a nearby supermarket and often utilize bodegas to buy food for their families” said Fiola. “We are pleased to promote a healthy lifestyle and fund the Healthy Incentives Program at the state level where users utilize their SNAP benefits at a farmers market, farm stand, or mobile market to buy fruits and vegetables for their family. For every $1 users spend on fruits and vegetables, they receive $1 back on their benefit card to use for future purposes up to a maximum of $80 for a household size of 6 or more persons.”

The Flint Farmers Market will occur every Tuesday from 2:00pm-6:00pm until August 28, 2018 in the parking lot of [Our](https://www.facebook.com/Our-Lady-of-Light-Band-138721000063690/) Lady [of](https://www.facebook.com/Our-Lady-of-Light-Band-138721000063690/) Light [Band](https://www.facebook.com/Our-Lady-of-Light-Band-138721000063690/), 664 Quarry Street, Fall River, Massachusetts.

Organizers involved include Groundwork Southcoast, United Neighbors of Fall River, Saint Anne’s Hospital, Southeastern Massachusetts Agricultural Partnership (SEMAP), Mass in Motion, Our Lady of Light Band Club, SSTAR, HIP, SNAP, Women, Infants, and Children (WIC).