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MEETINGS OF THE NATIONAL NEIGHBORHOOD INDICATORS PARTNERSHIP

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Websites: <http://compass.durhamnc.gov>
<http://durhamnc.gov/ich/cb/nis/Pages/Home.aspx>

Neighborhood Compass - City of Durham, Neighborhood Improvement Services

The Neighborhood Compass is a project of the City of Durham, housed in Neighborhood Improvement Services (NIS) in collaboration with the Durham City/County GIS office. The project's interactive web portal provides data that allows local government and residents to track progress on neighborhood improvement efforts and shifts in our overall quality of life. The Compass helps local government allocate resources and establish partnerships to track neighborhood quality of life, increase accountability, and target services to improve community conditions. Neighborhood & homeowners associations, nonprofits, businesses, academic institutions, and others can align resources with Neighborhood Compass data to advocate for change, guide program development and the use of resources, and inform neighborhood projects.

Neighborhood Improvement Services Department works to preserve and improve quality of life conditions for Durham residents, and to encourage active participation in neighborhood redevelopment and public policy and decision making dialogue. The department is responsible for enforcement of quality of life regulations including the Minimum Housing Code and the Unsafe Building Statute. The department's rapid responders, known as the Impact Team, remediate non-compliant housing properties; abate public nuisances; and conduct neighborhood service projects. The department's Community Engagement staff provides outreach and education to Durham residents and community organizations.

Guided by the City's [Strategic Plan](#), the department helps ensure that Durham has thriving, livable neighborhoods by providing the highest quality of services to engage and educate the community, eradicate blight, ensure safer neighborhoods, and enhance neighborhood revitalization.

City/County GIS – Technology Solutions aligns the City's information technology

infrastructure and systems to the business needs of the City's departments. It designs, implements and maintains the technology hardware, applications and programs. Also guided by the City's [Strategic Plan](#), Technology Solutions ensures that its services support making Durham a great place to live, work and play by helping provide a well-managed city and stewardship of the City's physical assets.

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Houston, TX: Kinder Institute for Urban Research, Rice University

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The Kinder Institute for Urban Research is a multi-disciplinary "think-and-do tank" housed at Rice University in central Houston, focusing on urban issues in Houston metropolitan area, the American Sunbelt, and around the world. Founded in 2010, the Institute was endowed with a gift from Houston philanthropists Rich and Nancy Kinder.

The mission of the Kinder Institute is to advance understanding of the most important issues facing Houston and other leading urban centers through rigorous research, policy analysis, and public outreach; and collaborate with civic and political leaders to implement promising solutions to these critical urban issues.

Complex demographic, economic, and social data are now available at the neighborhood level and hold the promise of data-driven and evidence-based community development. Recently Rice University and the city of Houston joined forces with 20 other cities and 25 other universities to create MetroLab Network, a network of universities and city governments charged with collaborating on solutions to various challenges the cities face. The Kinder Institute will be the network's main point of contact for the Rice and city of Houston partnership. Experts at the Kinder Institute will play a role in putting the available data into context and generating ideas about which urban problems that data can help address, down to the neighborhood level.

In the past six months, the Kinder Institute has organized two group meetings with more than 20 local community-based organizations, facilitated by Local Initiatives Support Corporation. In both sessions, those organizations have indicated that combining the city's data with education, health and public opinion survey data already housed at the Kinder Institute could vastly increase the power to answer the key questions with which the organizations are wrestling.

The Kinder Institute has submitted a grant proposal to a local philanthropic foundation to support the effort to take on the NNIP model and apply to become the Houston partner in NNIP, helping to facilitate the direct practical use of data by city and

community leaders to build the capacities of institutions and residents in distressed urban neighborhoods. For organizations that lack analytical capability, researchers at the Institute could provide assistance and services. Final decision on the grant awards will be made at the foundation's November board meeting.

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Los Angeles, CA: USC Sol Price Center for Social Innovation

The University of Southern California Sol Price Center for Social Innovation is developing the Neighborhood Data for Social Change (NDSC) integrated data platform to provide a region-wide data collaboratory for social change. NDSC will enable stakeholders throughout the region to better analyze real-time data, recommend policy changes, plan future community development initiatives and evaluate social innovations.

The effort includes collaboration with numerous community-based organizations, government agencies and philanthropies including the Los Angeles Promise Zone, the City and County of Los Angeles, HUD, the San Francisco Federal Reserve of Los Angeles, the Arnold Foundation, the Youth Policy Institute, FIND Food Bank, Year Up, among many others.

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Under the Office of the Chancellor at Rutgers University-Newark, the Cornwall Center facilitates research and learning exchanges among scholars and stakeholders in the public, private, and nonprofit sectors to address urban and metropolitan challenges. The Center's mission is to research and analyze complex issues facing urban areas, primarily metropolitan Newark and northern New Jersey, and ultimately generate solutions to those challenges. The Cornwall Center collaborates with local community-based organizations, nonprofit and philanthropic partners, and municipal departments to advance the collection, analysis, and dissemination of neighborhood-level data throughout the Newark, NJ region.

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Community Data from Demography Utah (previously the Utah Community Data Project UCDP)) is housed within the Kem C. Gardner Policy Institute at the University of Utah and is dedicated to uncovering insights into our changing communities and to provide topical analyses on underlying trends. Utah, along with the rest of the nation, is in the midst of a great demographic, economic, and cultural transformation. Because these changes have occurred in Utah recently and quite rapidly, many decisionmakers are not fully aware of their character and magnitude. Consequently, most institutions have not yet adapted their policies, programs, and facilities to these new realities. Most importantly, this increasing complexity and diversity varies dramatically by community.

Initial funding for our work, beginning in 2013, has come from Salt Lake County through a Sustainable Communities grant, Salt Lake City as contract research, the University of Utah administration, and the David Eccles School of Business. Late in 2013 we launched our ucdp.utah.edu production system. With the help of the DESB IT group, we implemented a suite of open source on-line analytic processing and visualization tools, and have over 150 visualizations of demographic and health indicators.

The Salt Lake City content will continue to be more fully built out through involvement in the Capital City Education effort. This is a cradle-to-career initiative from Mayor Becker with technical support from the National League of Cities. We have and will continue to be utilizing Salt Lake City School District data to develop community metrics and to support this effort. The Salt Lake City portion of our work includes a collection of publications and reports. Our Salt Lake County portal contains detailed Housing reports prepared for the HUD grant, as well as many Weave visualizations.

Demography Utah will continue to collect, store, and disseminate an ever-expanding collection of community data online that will be rich in customized cross-tabulations, dynamic data visualizations, and interactive maps. Adding to these major advances for Utah, we have recently completed our first implementation of post-censal estimates of population, households, and housing units at the tract level. This work, focused on Salt Lake County, will be expanded for all parts of the state. Our first set of estimates utilized building permit data; microdata from vital records are planned additions for the future. We will continue to work with community partners to design and implement a suite of community indicators that will better inform strategic planning processes, program performance evaluations, and the effectiveness of community investments.

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