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Chicago has a wealth of organizations providing community data and data-related services. *Smart Chicago Collaborative* is exploring an arrangement to facilitate easier access to these resources for community groups. In this new role, they propose to amplify the existing work and research in Chicago's rich data ecosystem, investigate neighborhood indicators across policy silos, and identify and fill gaps in the community information infrastructure.

Key community information organizations represented at NNIP meetings are:

- *Chapin Hall at the University of Chicago* focuses on improving the well-being of children, youth, families, and their communities through policy research, by developing and testing new ideas, generating and analyzing information, and examining policies, programs, and practices across a wide range of service systems and organizations.
- *Institute for Housing Studies at DePaul University* provides reliable, impartial, and timely data and research to inform housing policy decisions and discussions about the state of housing in the Chicago region and nationally. IHS's work focuses on affordable housing issues and understanding the dynamics of neighborhood housing markets.
- *Smart Chicago Collaborative* is a civic organization devoted to improving lives in Chicago through technology. They work on increasing Internet access, improving skills for using the Internet, and developing meaningful products from data that measurably contribute to the quality of life of residents in the Chicago region and beyond. The Smart Chicago Collaborative is now working at UI LABS and collaborating with City Digital, a real-world laboratory producing urban infrastructure innovation.

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The Center for Urban and Regional Analysis (CURA) is an applied research center in the L. Douglas Wilder School of Government and Public Affairs at Virginia Commonwealth University. CURA provides services to the public and private sector stakeholders in the greater Richmond region related to policy and program evaluation, economic impacts, decision-support systems, and strategic planning. For this purpose, over time, CURA has developed a region-wide socio-economic information system called MetroView and customized economic analysis models that enables the center to provide the clients with data interpretation and meaningful analysis to help them make informed decisions to move their organization's goals forward.

CURA was selected to receive technical assistance on setting up and sustaining local data intermediary functions in an effort funded by the Office of Minority Health at the US Department of Health and Human Services - a project led by Data Driven Detroit and the Urban Institute. Other recent project examples include: MetroView, a regional information system and development tracker; mapping seniors' access to amenities and isolation in the Richmond area; and creating annual evaluation metrics to track progress toward the city's Poverty Reduction Program.

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Data Works NC' mission is democratizing data to facilitate an empowered, productive, and equitable community. Data Works NC began as a neighborhood data project of the City of Durham called the Neighborhood Compass in 2012, but shifted to an independent nonprofit in June 2017.

To that end, there are three primary areas of focus for their work:

- Engage communities with data by connecting neighborhoods and community organizations with indicators, strengthening efforts to improve their neighborhoods. This includes technical support in mapping and data preparation and visualization.
- Convene and contribute to community conversations. They facilitate productive spaces for shared learning from different perspectives. They participate as an independent partner in policy discussions, guided by quantitative and qualitative data.
- Maintain and improve the Neighborhood Compass by providing a primary community data resource that is regularly-updated and serves all partners equally.

Selected projects for the Neighborhood Compass include:

Durham's Community Health Indicators Project (DCHIP) is a partnership of Durham County Public Health, the Partnership for a Healthy Durham, Lincoln Community Health Center, Duke's Center for Community and Population Health Improvement and Data Works. The project is to develop robust indicators of chronic health conditions, such as diabetes and heart disease, for neighborhood areas of our community. Data Works NC will vet the new data with neighborhoods most at risk before publication.

The Neighborhood Compass was developed for the City and displays more than 50 metrics of community life, from demographic change to annual shifts in proximity to bus stops to the state of repair of housing. Data Works will continue its maintenance and growth for the City and will continue facilitating its use by neighborhood associations, residents by conducting regular trainings.

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The Center for Social Concerns (CSC) and the Center for Digital Scholarship (CDS) at the University of Notre Dame are exploring the possibility of developing formalized collaborative data efforts with community and university partners. The CSC leads the academic community engagement at the university, including community-based research. Leveraging state-of-the-art technologies, CDS is concerned with transformative uses of content and serves as the GIS hub of the university. Together, the centers have the ability to begin to harness student learning and faculty research in service to community information needs.

CSC and CDS are partnering with neighborhoods and community development organizations over the past two years, collecting neighborhood data on housing and lot conditions. Through students and neighborhood residents co-creating data layers, they seek to build local capacity within and outside of the university. Other faculty, local government, and community partners are involved in a variety of data collection efforts, including the development of health assessments for neighborhoods, so the timing for developing more extensive and formalized collaboration may be opportune.

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The Center for Applied Earth Science and Engineering Research, or CAESER, is an applied research center based at the University of Memphis that works with a variety of public and private partners towards the goal of "building smarter, stronger communities" in both natural and human environments. The center uses a multidisciplinary approach to problem solving and contains researchers and students from a range of disciplines.

In addition to their work in spatial and community analysis, ground water monitoring and modeling, and custom application development, they also work in and with the community on education programs to teach the importance of sustaining natural resources. Example projects include a partnership with area schools to optimize pedestrian safety between neighborhoods and schools, a community indicator visualization tool that spans geography, an assessment of impacts on the region's groundwater, and the development of a comprehensive blight data inventorying system to help community leaders and government officials track property conditions.

CAESER was selected by Data Driven Detroit and the Urban Institute to receive technical assistance on setting up and sustaining local data intermediary functions in a project funded by the US Department of Health and Human Services' Office of Minority Health.

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The *Applied Population Laboratory (APL)* is a group of research and outreach professionals at the *University of Wisconsin-Madison*. Together they provide information solutions through a unique skill set that unites applied demography, health geography, spatial analysis, information systems, planning, and community development. David Long provides research and analytic support to APL through a variety of projects involving geographic data analysis and visualization. He is the project coordinator for APL's work with the City of Madison on the Neighborhood Indicators Project. David also contributes to numerous APL reports focused on demographic change in Wisconsin and has been closely involved with the lab's work around immigration in Wisconsin.

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Two centers at Arizona State University are participating in NNIP's Turning the Corner project, along with Phoenix LISC, and are exploring how the NNIP model might work in Phoenix. The *Herberger Institute for Design and the Arts* at *Arizona State University* positions designers, artists, scholars and educators at the center of public life and prepare them to use their creative capacities to advance culture, build community and imaginatively address today's most pressing challenges. Creative Placemaking is one area of interest. As one element of the project, they are collaborating with local organizations in the Phoenix region toward the sustained integration of arts, culture and community engaged design in comprehensive community development. This entails working on initiatives with community organizations and government agencies along with artists, designers, tradition bearers and other creative residents committed to creating a region full of culturally vibrant, just communities where all people can thrive.

The Center for Real Estate Theory and Practice gathers and disseminates useful data, analytic insight, forecasts, market studies and opinions about all segments of the development industry to promote a more informed practice in the global real estate industry. They are leading the quantitative research for Turning the Corner.

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