

***NNIP***

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NATIONAL NEIGHBORHOOD INDICATORS PARTNERSHIP  
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	Atlanta	Baltimore	Boston	Camden	Chattanooga	Chicago (CMAP)	Chicago (MCIC)	Dallas	Denver
<b>Comprehensive Indicators</b>									
Regional neighborhood indicators	X				X	X		X	X
City-wide neighborhood indicators	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
<b>Demographic Analysis</b>									
Demographics/population estimates	X		X			X		X	X
Births/deaths	X								
Migration	X								
Immigration/naturalization						X			
<b>Neighborhood Analysis</b>									
Neighborhood market trends		X	X	X	X	X		X	
Neighborhood typology	X								
Property conditions	X			X	X			X	
In-depth individual neighborhood analysis	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	
<b>Neighborhood Economic Development</b>									
Workforce/employment	X	X	X			X			
Social Compact drilldown									
Retail development/grocery stores	X						X	X	
Impact of new/potential development		X							
<b>Housing</b>									
Mortgage lending/foreclosures	X	X	X		X	X			
HOPE VI, subsidized housing							X		
Affordable housing issues	X		X				X	X	X
Homelessness									
<b>Children/Education</b>									
Child wellbeing	X	X	X						X
Early childhood/school readiness	X								X
Schools and teachers	X	X	X						X
Student mobility		X	X						
Literacy (adult or child)									
Student achievement (levels/gaps)	X	X	X				X		X
<b>Health and Safety</b>									
	X						X		



	Des Moines	Detroit	Grand Rapids	Hartford	Indianapolis	Kansas City	Louisville	Memphis	Miami	Milwaukee
<b>Comprehensive Indicators</b>	X		X							
Regional neighborhood indicators		X	X			X		X		
City-wide neighborhood indicators		X				X				
<b>Demographic Analysis</b>			X					X		
Demographics/population estimates		X	X	X		X		X		X
Births/deaths		X	X							
Migration		X								
Immigration/naturalization		X				X				
<b>Neighborhood Analysis</b>								X		
Neighborhood market trends		X				X		X		
Neighborhood typology		X				X		X		
Property conditions		X	X			X	X	X		
In-depth individual neighborhood analysis		X				X			X	
<b>Neighborhood Economic Development</b>										
Workforce/employment		X		X		X				
Social Compact drilldown		X								
Retail development/grocery stores		X		X		X				
Impact of new/potential development				X		X				
<b>Housing</b>			X		X			X		
Mortgage lending/foreclosures			X			X		X		
HOPE VI, subsidized housing								X		
Affordable housing issues			X			X				
Homelessness										
<b>Children/Education</b>			X					X		
Child wellbeing		X	X			X		X	X	
Early childhood/school readiness		X	X			X		X	X	
Schools and teachers								X		
Student mobility						X		X		
Literacy (adult or child)						X		X		
Student achievement (levels/gaps)			X			X				
<b>Health and Safety</b>			X					X		



	Twin Cities	Nashville	New Haven	New Orleans	NYC	Oakland	Philadelphia	Pittsburgh	Portland
<b>Comprehensive Indicators</b>			X	X					
Regional neighborhood indicators	X		X		X		X	X	
City-wide neighborhood indicators	X	X	X		X		X	X	
<b>Demographic Analysis</b>			X	X					
Demographics/population estimates	X			X			X	X	
Births/deaths								X	
Migration								X	
Immigration/naturalization							X		
<b>Neighborhood Analysis</b>			X	X					
Neighborhood market trends				X	X	X	X	X	
Neighborhood typology		X		X			X		
Property conditions	X	X		X	X	X		X	
In-depth individual neighborhood analysis	X		X			X	X	X	
<b>Neighborhood Economic Development</b>									
Workforce/employment	X				X	X	X		
Social Compact drilldown									
Retail development/grocery stores		X						X	
Impact of new/potential development		X						X	
<b>Housing</b>									
Mortgage lending/foreclosures	X			X	X	X	X	X	
HOPE VI, subsidized housing					X			X	
Affordable housing issues				X	X	X	X	X	
Homelessness					X			X	
<b>Children/Education</b>									
Child wellbeing							X	X	
Early childhood/school readiness									
Schools and teachers							X		
Student mobility					X				
Literacy (adult or child)									
Student achievement (levels/gaps)				X	X	X	X		
<b>Health and Safety</b>			X						





	Providence	Sacramento	San Antonio	Seattle	Washington
<b>Comprehensive Indicators</b>					
Regional neighborhood indicators	X	X		X	X
City-wide neighborhood indicators	X	X		X	X
<b>Demographic Analysis</b>					
Demographics/population estimates	X	X	X	X	X
Births/deaths		X			X
Migration					
Immigration/naturalization					X
<b>Neighborhood Analysis</b>					
Neighborhood market trends					X
Neighborhood typology		X			
Property conditions	X		X		X
In-depth individual neighborhood analysis			X		X
<b>Neighborhood Economic Development</b>					
Workforce/employment					X
Social Compact drilldown					
Retail development/grocery stores			X		X
Impact of new/potential development					
<b>Housing</b>					
Mortgage lending/foreclosures	X	X	X		X
HOPE VI, subsidized housing					X
Affordable housing issues		X			X
Homelessness		X			X
<b>Children/Education</b>					
Child wellbeing	X	X	X	X	X
Early childhood/school readiness		X		X	
Schools and teachers		X	X		
Student mobility					
Literacy (adult or child)					
Student achievement (levels/gaps)		X	X		X
<b>Health and Safety</b>					

	Providence	Sacramento	San Antonio	Seattle	Washington
Health conditions/disparities	X		X	X	X
Hospitalizations					
Health care costs/budgets					
Weight and obesity				X	X
Crime conditions/trends					X
Prisoner reentry	X				
<b>Social and Financial Services</b>					
Services needs assessment		X	X	X	
EITC, financial training/services		X			X
Public Assistance (welfare; food stamps)		X			X
<b>Arts and Culture</b>					
<b>Government Operations</b>					
Budget and taxes		X		X	
Performance measurement		X	X	X	
<b>Other (please list):</b>					
Emergency Response					
VMT and Transportation-related					
Decision Support Tools					
Voter engagement					
Environmental Indicators					
Census					
Internet					
Mapping on using public transit to access day care, jobs, training, etc					
Transportation					

## **Atlanta**

### ATLANTA NEIGHBORHOOD INDICATORS PROJECT

May 2011

#### 1. What are your key accomplishments since October 2010?

##### **Developed financial sustainability plan**

After asking several local foundations for mission-related financial support, we were told by a number of them that while they support the mission, they have concerns about how the organization will be sustained. To address this, we developed a financial sustainability plan that lists certain products and services that community organizations would be willing to pay for.

##### **Received \$250,000 from local foundation**

Related to above, after we showed that there are specific organizations willing to pay for specific products and services, we re-submitted to a major local foundation and was granted \$250,000 to support the mission of Neighborhood Nexus.

##### **Reached tentative agreement on several fee-for-service contracts**

Again, related to above, as part of developing the financial sustainability plan, we reached out to several of our “close-in” partners to scope out potential needs. Out of this came a potential list of clients and gives us at least an initial path for access to funding while we continue to build out the mission.

#### 2. What new activities are you working on?

##### **Contracted with Atlanta Promise Neighborhood**

Morehouse School of Medicine and the United Way of Greater Atlanta worked together to secure a \$500,000 planning grant from the Promise Neighborhood Initiative. Neighborhood Nexus collaborated on the application with some basic data to help document need. Now, we will be helping them collect data and will then create web-based mapping and dashboard tools to disseminate, analyze and display data.

##### **Working with City of Atlanta**

The city – impressed by NEO CANDO – wants to eventually develop a city-wide set of indicators and data-tracking along the lines of our Cleveland partner. The initial connection, however, centers on a pilot project in two neighborhoods – English Avenue and Vine City, which are two underserved and distressed neighborhood on the west side of Atlanta. They are collected parcel-level housing, code violation and crime data, and want a system in which to analyze these disparate data types. Negotiations are still underway, so exact scope is undetermined. The hope is to take this city-wide, and have Neighborhood Nexus develop the indicators and build the system.

##### **Developing/implementing a marketing plan**

While Neighborhood Nexus has done a good bit of “guerilla” marketing, we have not yet launched a comprehensive marketing strategy that would include mass email distribution of Nexus materials and collateral, soliciting feedback from our target audiences on a wide-

scale, and developing user stories of how Neighborhood Nexus is an important community asset. A plan for that has been developed and will soon be launched.

3. Have you acquired new data other than routine updates? Have you completed any notable system or web site improvements?

#### **LexisNexis**

We have received data from LexisNexis, whose global Risk Solutions division is headquartered in Atlanta. The data includes foreclosures (along several steps of the process), home sales, bankruptcy, and a few LexisNexis-created indices such as neighborhood risk, crime and foreclosure risk. Atlanta is the only place where LexisNexis has this type of arrangement.

#### **Data agreement negotiations underway**

Several data sharing agreement negotiations are currently underway: **Department of Community Health** to get public health data at the census tract level (both for the creation of indicators and for the Atlanta Promise Neighborhood); **Department of Human Services** to get updated public assistance data such as food stamps, TANF recipients, child abuse/neglect, etc., at the address level, then aggregated up to the census tract; **Crime data** from a center in Georgia State University who has contracted with the State's Coordinating Council for Juvenile Justice to handle all data and research acquisition.

#### **Website**

Made several substantial improvements to the site, including incorporating a couple of instances of the WEAVE visualization platform and beginning use of a new dashboard-creation software called Xcelsius.

4. What upcoming events/activities present an opportunity to showcase your work and NNIP?

#### **Neighborhood Summit**

Annual event focused on neighborhoods and the region – an obvious fit for us. Some 700 people are expected to attend.

September 25th

Atlanta, GA

[www.neighborhoodsummit.org](http://www.neighborhoodsummit.org)

# **Baltimore**

BALTIMORE NEIGHBORHOOD INDICATORS ALLIANCE

May 2011

1. What are your key accomplishments since October 2008?

## ***An Examination of Students Affected by Foreclosures in Baltimore City, 2003-2008***

BNIA-JFI completed the first phase of research as part of a NNIP cross-site project examining the affects of foreclosures on children. This project identified both the number and characteristics of children affected by foreclosure in Baltimore City's neighborhoods from the 2003-2004 to the 2008-2009 school year, providing a picture of the demographic, neighborhood, schools, and housing characteristics.

[http://www.bnijafi.org/publications\\_and\\_research](http://www.bnijafi.org/publications_and_research)

## **Vital Signs 9**

BNIA-JFI released additional Vital Signs data for Baltimore City. Data for numerous indicators at the City and Community Statistical Area (CSA) are provided. In addition, BNIA-JFI made several new additions to its website including providing longitudinal Vital Signs indicator data available for download.

<http://www.bnijafi.org/>

## **Urban Affairs Association**

BNIA-JFI with the Urban Institute and NeighborhoodInfo DC presented the findings from the Phase 1 analysis of Students Affected by Foreclosure and preliminary findings from Phase 2. The national conference was held in New Orleans.

## **The Great Recession in Baltimore Neighborhoods**

BNIA-JFI provided a variety of data and resources to Public Policy students at Johns Hopkins University in their analysis of the impacts of the national recession on Baltimore's neighborhoods. Results of the analyses were presented in a lecture series and covered by various media outlets. The final reports are being published by Johns Hopkins University.

## **Baltimore City Foreclosure Filings - Interactive Map**

BNIA-JFI created, updates, and maintains an interactive map of foreclosures in Baltimore City by neighborhood from 2007 to 2010. The map is updated on a weekly basis with new foreclosure filings. Foreclosure filings are also linked to homeownership status, housing code violations, if the property is vacant and abandoned, and if the address had received a previous foreclosure filing. This map is funded by the Baltimore Homeownership Preservation Coalition and is used by numerous groups in Baltimore to track foreclosure activity and in foreclosure prevention interventions.

<http://www.ubalt.edu/foreclosures>

## **East Baltimore Data Profile**

BNIA-JFI provided the Annie E. Casey Foundation a customized Census and ACS data profile of the residents and conditions within a tailored geographic area in East Baltimore City.

**Maryland Institute College of Art Exhibition Development Seminar**

BNIA-JFI's GIS Analyst worked with the Exhibition Development Seminar program at MICA, participating in a public lecture series and providing student mentoring, technical assistance, and other support to student artists.

<http://www.baltimoreopencity.com/>

**2. What new activities are you working on?****Effects of Foreclosure on Children – Baltimore City (Phase 2)**

BNIA-JFI is finishing on the second phase of a NNIP cross-site project examining the effects of foreclosures on children. This phase examines the mobility, performance, and other indicators of children affected by foreclosure in Baltimore City's neighborhoods from the 2003-2004 to the 2008-2009 school year.

**Frederick County Community Needs Assessment**

BNIA-JFI is currently creating a community needs assessment for the Community Foundation of Frederick County. The assessment would be used to focus the efforts of the foundation in the areas of basic human needs, youth development, and the provision of healthcare. The assessment will identify key components in the target areas that can be addressed and will include the development of quantifiable indicators for measuring progress and impact.

**Baltimore City Red Line Analysis**

BNIA-JFI is providing both services and analyses as part of a joint proposal with the Job Opportunities Task Force to the Surdna Foundation. The services include: GIS and policy analysis; creating a database of employers located along the proposed Red Line; and creating an occupational analysis of key Red Line employers.

**Maryland Environmental Public Health Tracking County Profiles**

BNIA-JFI is providing a variety of services to the Maryland State Department of Health and Mental Hygiene as part of the EPHT program. These services include: reviewing preliminary work and indicators; selecting and compiling data used for county level indicators, developing a standard template used to present summary statistics; presenting county profiles to various individuals, and collaborating with staff to make the profiles available through various internet portals.

**Baltimore Metropolitan Area Affordable Housing Database**

BNIA-JFI is proposing to develop a comprehensive database of affordable housing in the Baltimore Metropolitan Area. The database could be used to track federally assisted and public housing units in the region.

**ALIVE Study**

BNIA-JFI is proposing to assist researchers at the Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health through providing neighborhood indicators which will be included in an analysis of intravenous drug users in Baltimore City. BNIA-JFI would be providing neighborhood data for a variety of housing, crime, education, and sanitation indicators over a ten-year period.

3. What upcoming events/activities present an opportunity to showcase your work and NNIP?

**Baltimore City Data Day**

Summer 2011

*Baltimore, Maryland*

# ***Boston***

BOSTON INDICATORS PROJECT  
METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING COUNCIL METROBOSTON DATACOMMON  
May 2011

## 1. Key accomplishments since October 2010

### ***Late January release of the Boston Education Pipeline Report Card 2.0***

In late January, the Boston Indicators Project released an update of a 2008 “report card” on Boston’s education pipeline and preview of data visualizations using the Weave open source software. Forum panelists included the Superintendent of the Boston Public Schools, the Massachusetts Secretary of Education, MA Commissioner of Early Education and Care and MA Commissioner of Higher Education.

*Boston’s Education Pipeline - Report Card 2.0*

<http://bostonindicators.org>

### **Ongoing support to the Boston Foundation’s Impact Measures Project**

Boston Indicators Project staff are working with the Boston Foundation’s Strategy Leaders to develop interim and “desired end state” measures to assist in refining strategies and assessing impact at the neighborhood scale as well as citywide systems change and state policy in education and workforce development, community safety, housing, health and economic development. Dynamic dashboards and scorecards to track progress are being developed using the Weave data visualization platform.

### ***Convenings held to inform the next Boston Indicators Report***

Four convenings were held in March and April to inform the next biennial summary report of the Boston Indicators Project. The meetings brought together sector experts and community practitioners to identify key trends and challenges centered on the four “buckets” of Greater Boston’s Civic Agenda: *An Open, Inclusive Dynamic Civic Culture; World Class Human Capital; 21<sup>st</sup> Century Jobs & Economic Strategies; 21<sup>st</sup> Century Infrastructure & Sustainability*. The next report will focus on jobs and the economy.

Survey results and notes will be posted on the new [bostonindicators.org](http://bostonindicators.org) website

### **The Boston Indicators Project and Massachusetts Department of Early Education & Care demonstrate Weave**

*An “institute” organized by the MA Department of Early Education and Care at the Harvard Graduate School of Education for public agencies highlighted the use of Weave as a tool for macro and fine-grained analysis and visualization using school district and geocoded data racial/ethnic concentration, early educators’ educational level, location of nonprofits, foreclosure and other data against the backdrop of thematic trends.*

See the MA Department of Early Education and Care’s website



### **Boston Indicators Project coordinates the Education Track for the Community Indicators Consortium conference**

Boston indicators project staff coordinated the Education Pipeline Track of the Community Indicators' e-conference held April 11<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>, with sessions moderated by Charlotte Kahn. Panelists included leaders of Maryland and Rhode Island's early education initiatives, Strive Cincinnati, Ready by 21, Wikiprogress, the Connecticut data partnership and Complete College America as well as several Boston Foundation initiatives.

*CIC's e-conference: Education Track*

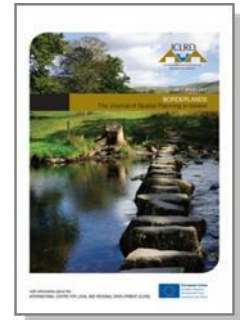
<http://www.communityindicators.net>

### **TBF and MAPC Data Services projects featured in four new publications**

The new issue of *Borderlands: The Journal of Spatial Planning in Ireland* features an article *Addressing the Challenge of Being 'Data Rich but Insight Poor' in Boston, Massachusetts* by Holly St. Clair and Charlotte Kahn of the Boston Foundation about the relationship between data, visualization tools, capacity building, regional planning, and community development.

*International Centre for Local and Regional Development*

<http://iclr.org/web/>



### **APA Website- Planning Advisory Service**

Description: The revised edition of *E-Government* recently published by the APA Planners Advisory Service features WEAVE as an emerging "tool for information sharing." TBF and MAPC are founding members of the Open Indicator Consortium along with the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission whose installation of WEAVE is featured.

*APA Website- Planning Advisory Service 564*

<http://www.planning.org/apastore/Search/Default.aspx?p=4148&a=1003>

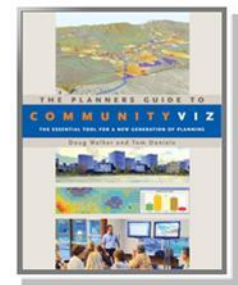


### **The Planners Guide to Community Viz**

*The Planners Guide to Community Viz* (APA Planners Press) features a case study of the MetroFuture regional model created by Data Services and an overview of how MAPC used Community Viz in a regional planning context. The book features numerous photos of MetroFuture events, maps, and a quote from Holly St. Clair.

*The Planners Guide to Community Viz*

<http://placeways.com/communityviz/gallery/book.php>

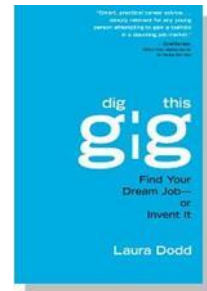


### **Dig This Gig**

*Dig this Gig: Find Your Dream Job—or Invent It* (Citadel) features Data Services Senior Analyst Mariana Arcaya describing her career path so far and what it is like to work at MAPC (it's all positive, of course!)

*Dig This Gig*

<http://www.digthisgig.com/>



### **The Metropolitan Area Planning Council releases preliminary findings on Metro Boston's State of Equity at a Council meeting**

The State of Equity is the first in MAPC's Regional Indicators program, which establishes a baseline for our equity-related indicators and will track the region's progress towards the MetroFuture goals. The regional indicators website is the repository of all the data behind the report presented in an accessible, interactive format. A report identifying key policy and programmatic recommendations to "bend the trends" towards greater regional equity will be released later in 2011, and MAPC is reaching out to a wide variety of stakeholders to translate data findings into policy. The project was mentioned in PolicyLink's "Prosperity 2050: Is Equity the Superior Growth Model?" report with the Center for American Progress

*The State of Equity in Metro Boston Indicators Report*

<http://www.regionalindicators.org/equity/>

### **MAPC assists the Mystic River Watershed Association with Environmental Atlas**

Data Services will assist Mystic River Watershed Association (MyRWA) in migrating their data repository from an Excel spreadsheet model to a database-oriented one (with Microsoft Access). The project covers translation of MyRWA's data collection procedures (mainly volunteer driven) into a modern database schema and electronic forms, migrating MyRWA's legacy datasets, integration of GIS tools and updating the existing Environmental Electronic Atlas (an online map that Data Services developed in 2009).

*Mystic River Environmental Atlas*

<http://mysticriver.org/atlas-maps/>

### **MAPC assists in the release of ACS and 2010 Census redistricting data**

MAPC Data Services provided data and technical assistance for March's 2010 Census release. Leading up to the release Holly St. Clair presenting around the region on the ACS and 2010 Census releases, helping municipalities to understand the difference between the 2000 Census and the 2010 data. MAPC issued guidelines for municipalities and reporters around the use of ACS data and basic maps and tables for 2010 Redistricting Data release and worked with Boston Globe Reporters. On May 2nd MAPC and the Metro Mayor's coalition will be meeting with local mayors and town managers to discuss the new Census numbers, how to challenge them, and what funding sources and policy equations will be affected by them.

*MAPC Website*

<http://www.mapc.org/data-services/census>

## 2. What new activities are you working on?

### **Demonstrations (locally and remotely) of the open source platform Weave to a variety of organizations and public agencies.**

The Boston Indicators Project and MAPC are working collaboratively with the University of Massachusetts-Lowell and others in the region to recruit more public agencies to Weave as their principal data visualization platform. The Ma Department of Early Education and Care and Ma Department of Public Health have signed on, with the MA Department of Workforce Development and others a good bet.

### **New web-mapping project with Boston Parks Advocates piloting crowd sourcing of data about open space.**

MAPC Data Services and Boston Park Advocates (BPA) executed an MOU for creation of an online map that will provide easy access to detailed and up-to-date information about Boston's recreational outdoor facilities. The scope of the project includes aggregating and verifying publicly available green space data sets, amending the data with information from the Boston Parks department of the City of Boston and developing an interactive online map that will be published on BPA's website. This site will also coordinate with a new Boston Green app (Winners of Boston's HackFest 2011) which enables users upload their own parks data.

### **Regional Parcel Research.**

MassGIS and MAPC will be conducting interviews with local officials, research on web sites, collection and review of existing documents to create a description for each community of the process whereby new addresses are created and assigned, existing addresses get changed, and old addresses dropped. The main purposes of collecting this information are (1) to identify local datasets which may be used to improve a point address dataset created at a regional and (2) to identify local circumstances which will inform the design of workflows to ensure that a regional point address dataset in a GIS is kept up-to-date. MAPC is pursuing this work because a region wide parcel database is one of MetroFuture's "10 most wanted data sets."

## 3. New data and notable system or web site improvements.

**Joint (MAPC/Boston Indicators Project) design/development of the new MetroBoston DataCommon website.** Using only open source components and tools, including the Weave platform, our partnership (on the technical side Christian Spanring on MAPC's staff, with all involved in the functional design and look and feel) is developing a much more high-performance, dynamic and interactive website to serve Boston and the other 100 cities and towns in MAQPC's region.

### **Design and development of a new "evergreen" Boston Indicators Project website.**

Working with the Boston Foundation's web developer, the Boston Indicators Project site will offer many new social media features, up-to-date access to indicators data and Weave visualizations.

### **Public agency use of Weave and expanding access to new data sets**

In the process of Massachusetts' public agencies adopting/adapting Weave for their own use (the Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care, Department of Public Health and Department of Workforce Development) new data sources are becoming

available. For example, the Department of early Education and Care is geo-coding about 55,000 early educators by residence and educational attainment level. Those data are already available for Boston and several other cities.

4. What upcoming events/activities present an opportunity to showcase your work and NNIP?

**A month-long, multi-site hard launch of Weave in the fall of 2011, with a series of release events around the nation**

*Date:* Mid-October-mid-November 2011

## ***Camden***

CAMCONNECT

May 2011

1. What are your key accomplishments since October 2010?

### **Camden Health Care Utilization Analysis featured in Atul Gawande’s “The Hot Spotters” New Yorker Article**

In Partnership with the Camden Coalition of Healthcare Providers (CCHP), CamConnect manages the Camden Health Database, a 600,000 record administrative database that includes demographic, diagnoses, and financial information for all admissions and emergency room visits to the City’s three hospitals made by City residents. The data provide a picture of healthcare delivery in one of the poorest cities in the country. Dr. Gawande’s article detailed CCHP’s attempts to improve healthcare delivery and how data has been integral to the process of tailoring interventions.

### **The Impact of Higher Education and Health Care Institutions (“Eds & Meds”) on the City of Camden**

As anchor institutions, Camden’s eight higher education and health care institutions play a large role in the City’s revitalization. CamConnect recently partnered with these institutions to collect and analyze key human capital, physical capital, budget, and services metrics. The work culminated with a report detailing employment trends, analysis of the economic impact, and overall effect on the community. CamConnect will continue collecting and analyzing these metrics on a biannual basis.

2. What new activities are you working on?

### **REVAMP: Real Estate Vacancy & Abandonment Monitoring Project**

CamConnect is pursuing funding to begin Camden’s first regularly updated citywide survey of vacant and suspected vacant properties. Abandonment has long been one of Camden’s most visible symptoms of urban decline, and their pervasive presence has led to social fragmentation and a perpetual sense of hopelessness for residents and businesses alike. By combining geo-date from our survey with public and private administrative data, CamConnect hopes to establish a baseline for documenting and tracking the city’s abandonment problem and improve the city’s capacity for real property management. The data from the survey will be used to help both the city and CDC prioritize areas for future investment, determine the impact of financial investments and interventions already underway, and ultimately, to allow residents and organizations to better hold the city accountable.

# ***Chattanooga***

OCHS CENTER FOR METROPOLITAN STUDIES

May 2011

1. What are your key accomplishments since October 2010?

## **Released the 2010 State of Chattanooga Region Reports on Public Safety, Health Economy and Housing**

This report marks the third edition of the State of Chattanooga Report (SOCRR), which is released every two years. SOCRR provides data and analysis of a wide range of indicators at the MSA, County and Neighborhood level.

*State of Chattanooga Region Report*

<http://www.ochscenter.org/regionreport.php>

## **Ochs Center website updated with new neighborhood maps and data**

Ochs is continuing to improve the access to neighborhood level data in Hamilton County through its website. The maps have now been updated with data from the 2010 State of Chattanooga Region Report.

*Neighborhood Map*

<http://www.ochscenter.org/neighborhoodmap.php>

2. What new activities are you working on?

## **Assessment of the Mental Health Crisis Intervention Team Program for the Hamilton County Department of Human Services**

The Ochs Center has contracted with the Hamilton County Department of Human Services to evaluate the first year of the Crisis Intervention Team Program, which is focused training law enforcement to respond properly to call involving mental health patients.

## **Collection and assessment of neighborhood data for local community development nonprofit, Community Impact**

The Ochs Center is working with Community Impact to measure community development indicators in thirteen distressed neighborhoods. The indicators include crime rate, homeownership, vacant properties, foreclosures, property values, and voter registration.

## **Assessment of health conditions in Tennessee Metropolitan Areas for BlueCross BlueShield of Tennessee**

Ochs is using information from the Tennessee Health Department, the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance Survey, County Health Rankings, and other sources to determine the major health conditions in 5 of the major metropolitan areas of Tennessee.

# **Chicago**

METROPOLITAN CHICAGO INFORMATION CENTER (MCIC)

May 2011

1. What are your key accomplishments since October 2010?

## **Small-Area Estimates of Uninsured**

Developed methodology to estimate the number uninsured by county and ZIP code and model the impacts of health insurance reform using PUMS data. Hospitals and hospital associations in Arizona, California, Colorado and Ohio purchased the information for their respective states after reviewing the methodology. Several other hospital associations are interested but are waiting to see if the law is upheld in court.

## **MCIC Project Prize**

At the MCIC 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary event, there was a competition for non profits to submit a project scope for a small data related project for which MCIC could help clean and decipher the data. With more than 25 entrants it was difficult to narrow the field to 3 semi finalists. At the ceremony, all three projects were chosen (with additional fundraising), and reports, maps, and insight were provided to each semi-finalists on their respective project.

## **MacArthur New Communities Program Report.**

Completed year 2 of a 4 year grant to report on the changes in the communities covered in the New Communities Programs. Gathered data, performed quality control checks, and formatted data for analysis by the NCP team. Researched alternative or additional measures for monitoring change. We provided data and technical support to MDRC. We also worked on crime analysis and changed therein in the selected community areas.

This year, MCIC will begin to provide technical assistance and/or training to the agencies that lead the New Communities Program work on the ground in order to expand the usefulness of the data which MCIC collects.

2. What new activities are you working on?

## **Apps for Chicago**

Through a collaborative arrangement with the MacArthur Foundation, the Chicago Community Trust, Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP), the City of Chicago, and Cook County, we are spearheading a competition that will build applications that use city, county and CMAP data to help communities become better informed. After MCIC cleans the data, application designers will have access to the data collected by various government and quasi-government agencies about their areas. Additionally, this work encourages the City of Chicago to publicize its data, furthering the open data movement in Chicago.

## **Fair Housing CHA**

MCIC is working as a subcontractor to the Chicago Lawyers Committee on a project to help determine compliance with fair housing in the Chicago Housing Authority. MCIC is surveying voucher holders and CHA residents regarding their understanding of fair housing

rights in order to improve the CHA's programming and education related to fair housing issues.

### **Sprague Foundation Chicago Health Atlas**

MCIC and two partners hope to receive funding from the Sprague foundation to help develop the technology and data infrastructure for a web based Chicago health atlas. MCIC and its partners will work to build an atlas of de-identified electronic health records, demographic data, targeted health intervention strategies, and other public health and healthcare services data. This project will provide policy makers, health practitioners, community advocates, and the public at large with unparalleled insight into the health challenges facing their communities and the best strategies for mitigating these challenges.

### **CMAP – Metropulse.org**

The Chicago region's regional planning entity, the Chicago Metropolitan Planning Agency, has developed a website called metropulse that contains regional data. To make the data more useful to users, MCIC is aggregating 2005-2009 ACS estimates to Chicago community areas (neighborhoods) and designing metadata.

### **Redistricting Tool for 5 Midwest States**

MCIC has received funding to refine newly developed software in combination with voter and census demographic data for people in the 5 states to experiment with redistricting possibilities in their state. This is a web-based mapping tool displaying 2010 Census data for redistricting.

### **Retail Food Environment, City of Chicago**

MCIC is in the early planning stages to design an index for the retail food environment in Chicago. MCIC will consider population density, all current food establishments, transportation and walk access to determine areas of the City that require enhancements to the food retail environment. MCIC is undertaking this work via a partnership with the City of Chicago and the Consortium to Lower Obesity in Chicago's Children.

3. What upcoming events/activities present an opportunity to showcase your work and NNIP?

### **McKnight Foundation and CURA**

MCIC received a two year grant from the McKnight Foundation to work with the Center for Regional and Urban Affairs (CURA) to launch a National Neighborhood Indicators Partnership pilot project to help inform the development of a national shared community indicators system.



# Chicago

CHICAGO METROPOLITAN AGENCY FOR PLANNING (CMAP)

May 2011

1. What are your key accomplishments since October 2010?

**CMAP's Metropulse website was launched in November 2010**

As part of the GoTo2040 comprehensive regional plan release, CMAP and the Chicago Community Trust developed an online system of key indicators for tracking regional quality of life over time in the seven counties of metropolitan Chicago.

<http://www.metropulsechicago.org>

2. What new activities are you working on?

**CMAP will soon open its Metropulse API for public use, and will participate in MCIC's app contest by providing tech support for users of the API.**

The Metropulse website is 100% web-service driven. Since we are already maintaining these web services, it will be relatively easy to make them openly available. With the exception of a few proprietary data sets, all 20,000 data points will be open for public use. Participants in the upcoming apps contest sponsored by MCIC

*API documentation*

<http://data.cmap.illinois.gov/API.aspx>

**Mobile App Release Underway based on the Metropulse Chicago website.**

A stripped-down version of CMAP's MetropulseChicago.org website will be released as an iPhone app this summer. Users can view data for any of the Metropulse data categories, at 3 geographic levels. The user can specify a geographic location for the data display, or simply choose to view data for their current location. The iPhone app is driven by the same API that underlies the MetropulseChicago.org website, so system maintenance is efficient – we maintain one API for both systems (web and mobile).

3. Have you acquired new data other than routine updates? Have you completed any notable system or web site improvements?

**Data registry for CMAP's online systems is available online.**

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*Data registry for CMAP's online data systems*

<http://data.cmap.illinois.gov/sysmaint/MetadataList.aspx>

4. What upcoming events/activities present an opportunity to showcase your work and NNIP?

**Sustainable Communities grant (HUD) implementation**

CMAP will soon begin implementing its Sustainable Communities grant (HUD) by providing technical assistance for municipal planners across our region. CMAP's online data systems will serve as background information to guide local planning and development processes at the municipal level.

*Overview of CMAP's Sustainable Communities program*

[http://www.cmap.illinois.gov/c/document\\_library/get\\_file?uuid=98e7ad48-acd6-464b-8c0e-560b8d4e02b4&groupId=20583](http://www.cmap.illinois.gov/c/document_library/get_file?uuid=98e7ad48-acd6-464b-8c0e-560b8d4e02b4&groupId=20583)

## ***Cleveland***

CENTER ON URBAN POVERTY AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT,  
CASE WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY  
May 2011

### 1. What are your key accomplishments since October 2010?

#### **Promise Neighborhood**

Provided needs analysis and evaluation plan for a Cleveland's Promise Neighborhood application—which was ranked number 37; now conducting baseline data collection for planning committees.

#### **Human Services Restructuring Pilot**

Conducted evaluation of a training and technical assistance program for selected agencies to explore mergers and other strategic partnerships.

#### **Bank Walk Away Study**

A collaborative project with the law school to find out why foreclosures get dismissed or stalled and what can be done

[http://blog.case.edu/msass/2011/02/07/stalling\\_the\\_foreclosure\\_process\\_the\\_complexity\\_behind\\_bank\\_walkaways.html](http://blog.case.edu/msass/2011/02/07/stalling_the_foreclosure_process_the_complexity_behind_bank_walkaways.html)

#### **Special Needs Child Care**

Conducted study of technical assistance provided to child care teachers in support of their care for children with special needs, using data from parents, teachers, center directors, and TAs.

#### **Child data profiles**

Produced customized profiles on the well-being of children in 11 new County council districts, created by new charter for county government with new elected officials taking office in January 2011.

#### **Federal Reserve Board of Governor's/NEO CANDO/NEO CANDO Partner's Video**

A video was produced by the Federal Reserve Board of Governor's to highlight NEO CANDO and data in action with partners on the ground.

<http://www.federalreserve.gov/communitydev/stablecommunities.htm>

#### **Enterprise/NEO CANDO Case study**

Partnered with Enterprise Community Partner's to produce the case study, Market Data-Driven Stabilization, A Study of Cleveland's NEO CANDO data system.

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## ***Dallas***

INSTITUTE FOR URBAN POLICY RESEARCH (IUPR) AT UT DALLAS

May 2011

1. What are your key accomplishments since October 2010?

### **IUPR Releases Report on Neighborhood Conditions for Returning Parolees**

Funded by the Department of Justice through the City of Dallas and Safer Dallas, Better Dallas, the Institute for Urban Policy Research is staged to release a report exploring the quality of life in neighborhoods to which parolees return, including an examination of the differences between the neighborhoods to which parolees of different races return.

### **IUPR Holds Pilot Community Leadership Academy Seminar**

An outgrowth of the Citi Community Leadership Initiative, the Institute held a pilot session for the Community Leadership Academy, a program designed to bring University students, leaders, and non-profits together for learning and mutual development. During the inaugural session, graduate and undergraduate students were paired with non-profit organizations from the community, while professionals from the University's Development Office provided guidance on soliciting philanthropic gifts. At the end of the workshop, students worked with non-profits to prepare a letter of interest for local philanthropic organizations.

### **Urban Issues Workshop Completes First Semester Projects**

The Urban Issues Workshop, a pilot initiative of the Citi Community Leadership Initiative, is completing its first full semester's-worth of projects. The workshop pairs doctoral students in the social sciences with non-profit and community-based organizations to conduct research and evaluation activities that further their mission, all at little or no cost to the organizations. The first semester's projects ranged from the development of evaluation plans to broad literature reviews to advanced quantitative projects. Clients included, among others, CitySquare, Parkland Health and Hospital System, the Dallas-Fort Worth Hospital Council Research and Education Foundation, the Dallas Morning News, and the Inner-city Community Development Corporation.

2. What new activities are you working on?

### **IUPR Working in West Dallas on Cooperative Community Metrics**

The Institute has been engaged by the Dallas Faith Communities Coalition, a non-profit working in the West Dallas neighborhoods, to develop a set of common performance and outcome metrics for the non-profits participating in the Coalition's West Dallas Community Collaborative. In addition to employing the methodologies piloted by the Urban Institute and What Works, we will also be conducting a community quality of life survey, executed largely by community volunteers.

3. What upcoming events/activities present an opportunity to showcase your work and NNIP?

### **2011 Dallas Children at Risk Conference**

May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2011

Dallas, Texas

## **Denver**

THE PITON FOUNDATION

May 2011

1. What are your key accomplishments since October 2010?

### **Improving Effective Community Development**

Piton has become the technical assistance partner to assist the Community Development Partnership (CDP). The CDP is a collaborative between CDC's, banks and NPO's who are working to deploy NSP resources and become more strategic in how new community assets are developed.

### **Presentation: The Funders Network for Smart Growth**

Staff participated with other NNIP partners on a panel called "Putting Data Behind the Wheel." The panel discussed the important role that local data intermediaries play in community decision making and evaluation.

### **Presentation: Democratizing Data, Driving Social Change**

Staff partnered presented how the Data Initiative has evolved over time to become a better resource for communities and lessons learned along the way, and where the next evolution of the project is headed. The presentation then explored ways to leverage both changes in technology as well as more cutting edge methods of human centered design and participatory design techniques to truly innovate around the needs of a wide range of stakeholders.

### **New Staff Member: Jordan Wirfs-Brock**

Piton is excited to announce the addition of a new Data Curator, Jordan Wirfs-Brock. Jordan recently finished a master's in journalism at the University of Colorado at Boulder, where she focused on investigative journalism, data visualization and digital storytelling.

2. What new activities are you working on?

### **The Colorado Data Commons**

Piton partnered The Denver Foundation and I-News (an investigative news intermediary) to submit a Knight Foundation Community Information Challenge grant proposal to develop a new data commons to "unlock and untangle key socioeconomic datasets currently locked within public agency databases or in hard-to-use formats, providing one-stop access for journalists, policy-makers and citizens working to understand their communities."

### **CitizenAtlas**

Piton submitted a second Knight Foundation Community Information Challenge grant proposal to develop build a digital CitizenAtlas, which offers tools and techniques for community advocates to tell data-driven stories, leveraging untapped, on-the-ground knowledge and the growing availability of civic data, empowering them to create their own media-rich, interactive data narratives.

### **Regional Equity Atlas**

Through a new regional transit-oriented development collaborative, supported through the Ford Foundation's Metropolitan Opportunities Initiative, Piton is partnering with Reconnecting America to develop a regional equity atlas to raise awareness among a wide range of stakeholders about the current lack of access to opportunity for metro Denver's low-income residents. The atlas will also illuminate the opportunities for substantially improving the quality of life for these residents that the build out of FasTracks (Denver's light-rail expansion) provides, linking issues such as education, health, economy and environment to transit.

### **Data and Information to Improve Parent Decisions Project.**

Through the Communities For Public Education Reform (CPER) initiative, Piton is partnering with two community organizations, Metro Organizations for People, and Stand for Children to directly engage parents to learn how they are current making decisions about school choice and how to develop improved tools and process (using appropriate technology) to give them more complete and useful information

### **2010 Census Data Profiles**

Piton is working to develop a series 2010 Census SF1 data briefs describing population, race and age trends at the neighborhood level, across metropolitan Denver, as well as an interactive tool for viewing tract-level change.

## ***Des Moines***

CHILD AND FAMILY POLICY CENTER

May 2011

1. What are your key accomplishments since October 2010?

### **Food Pantry usage 2<sup>nd</sup> round of interview – longitudinal study**

DMARC conducted its second round of interviews in spring 2011 with food pantry participants to know more about where they access food, food pantry usage, healthy & secure food etc. The report will be available in summer 2011

2. What new activities are you working on?

### **Work continues on Diglowa data site**

A new look (new web design) is being given to the Diglowa data website for Central Iowa. Work is continuing on this front. New data such as health vital statistics may be uploaded to the site in the future. Beta site is yet to be released.

### **ETO software and Results scorecard software implementation is continuing**

ETO and Results scorecard is continuing to be implemented with United Way Partner agencies and State Empowerment agencies. Training, data entry and data collection is ongoing related to the software.



## ***Detroit***

COMMUNITY RESEARCH INSTITUTE, GRAND VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY  
May 2011

1. What are your key accomplishments since October 2010?

### **MAJOR REPORTS:**

#### **Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan Near East Side**

Profile of the near east side in Detroit. Data Driven Detroit is assisting with data analysis and mapping. D3 presented on the project in November 2010 and is developing a report which will help guide the Community Foundation's future investment.

#### **DrillDown Report**

D3 collaborated with Social Compact to analyze economic indicators of market size, strength, and stability for 54 neighborhoods in the Detroit DrillDown Report.

#### *Drilldown 2009*

<http://datadrivendetroit.org/projects/social-compact-drilldown/>

#### **Northend Neighborhood Snapshot**

Data Driven Detroit created a snapshot of key neighborhood indicators for Detroit's Northend neighborhood. This report provides the data and background for the neighborhood's Strategic Investment Plan and community-based planning processes.

#### **Kellogg Foundation Neighborhood Indicators**

D3 collected, analyzed, and mapped data to develop community asset, school test score, environmental hot spot, and child welfare indicators.

#### **Right Start 2011**

D3 built on Right Start 2010 to update profiles and mapping for the United Way's 39 subcommunities in Right Start 2011. The "Right Start in Detroit" report highlighted areas of the city in which newborns faced the greatest risk to their future developmental and educational success.

#### *Right Start 2011*

<http://datadrivendetroit.org/projects/right-start-in-detroit/>

#### **Kids Count in Michigan**

Partnering with the Michigan League for Human Services, D3 collected data on the progress of children in Michigan in 15 subject areas.

#### *Kids Count in Michigan Data Book 2010: The Education Connection*

<http://datadrivendetroit.org/wpcontent/uploads/2011/02/KC2010revised3Feb2011.pdf>

#### **Starfish Family Services Needs Assessment**

Starfish Family Services, headquartered in Inkster, Michigan, asked D3 to conduct an external evaluation of the most pressing needs of young children and families living in

poverty, as well as the services available to address those needs, in its 14-community Western Wayne County service area. D3 profiled the demographic and socioeconomic characteristics of the communities and identified the geographical areas of greatest stress. D3 presented the Needs Assessment at an Inkster town hall meeting and at a Poverty Forum convened by Starfish.

*Starfish Family Services Needs Assessment.*

<http://datadrivendetroit.org/projects/starfish-family-services-needs-assessment/>

### **One D Scorecard**

D3 was contracted by One D to produce a scorecard of over 100 indicators across five key priority areas-Economic Prosperity, Educational Preparedness, Quality of Life, Race Relations, and Regional Transit. This report has and will continue to increase access to key information, foster informed civic dialogue, track progress on shared regional goals, and report change within the indicators. D3 has assumed primary responsibility regarding the One D Scorecard going forward.

*One D Scorecard*

<http://datadrivendetroit.org/projects/oned-scorecard/>

## **MAJOR PRESENTATIONS**

### **Generations of Promise, speech to suburban and urban high school students at Focus:HOPE**

Kurt spoke about the demographic and economic history of Detroit and the region, challenging the students to engage and collaborate on regional issues.

### **Grassroots Grantmakers**

Kurt presented to a national group sponsored by The Skillman Foundation on the history and current issues of Detroit to kick off a three day conference that was held in Detroit.

### **Detroit Athletic Club Community Outreach Group**

Kurt spoke about Detroit, current initiatives, and how citizens can become engaged.

### **National Vacant Properties Conference in Cleveland, Ohio**

Kurt spoke about D3 and the Detroit Residential Parcel Survey.

### **Detroit Orientation Institute**

Kurt has been part of the Orientation Program for over ten years. The session is designed for corporate, university, and media folks new to the Detroit area.

### **Michigan Planning Association Conference**

Kurt spoke about planning practices and the importance of data.

### **Leaders from Portland, Oregon**

Sponsored by DTE and Wayne State University, Kurt spoke to public officials and private organizations to learn about Detroit and current initiatives.

**From Redlining to White Flight**

Kurt spoke on the importance of regionalism for the Michigan Roundtable. He included issues about racial trends and the segregation history in Detroit.

**Arise Detroit Neighborhoods**

Kurt spoke to Detroit based organizations around volunteerism. He addressed neighborhood residences across the city regarding trends in Detroit.

**Starfish Family Services Poverty Forum**

Kurt discussed issues around poverty and the Starfish Needs Assessment Report created by D3.

**Leadership Oakland**

Kurt spoke about Oakland County related data and the importance of regionalism were discussed.

**Leadership Macomb**

Kurt spoke about Macomb County related data and the importance of regionalism were discussed.

**Funders Network National Conference**

Kurt was part of a panel with other NNIP partners, Matt Berry from Denver, Michael Rich from Atlanta. They spoke about how foundations need to work with their local data partners.

**Advocates and Leaders for Police and Community Trust (ALPACT)**

Kurt spoke about changing demographics, public safety, government consolidation, and impact on police/community trust. The event was held at the U.S. Attorney's office.

## 2. What new activities are you working on?

**Community Research Institute**

Interactive web mapping collaboration between two NNIP partners on data and mapping tools.

**Skillman System of Support Organizations (SOSO)**

D3 is working with The Skillman Foundation and youth development organizations to analyze spatializing data. The data will allow community organizations to determine where gaps in coverage of youth development programs are and where they need to focus resources with the six Skillman Good Neighborhoods.

**Detroit Public Library Strategic Planning**

D3 assisted in spatializing libraries across Detroit.

**Environmental Indicators**

D3 was awarded a grant from The Erb Family Foundation to collect environmental data in Detroit. D3 is partnering with various environmental community groups for data collection and sharing purposes. Indicators include recycling facilities, community gardens (asset mapping), and other relevant environmental data. The data will be used to help improve environmental quality and improve transparency surrounding environmental indicators.

**Living Cities: Integration Initiative**

Living Cities resources will help Detroit leverage extensive local and national philanthropic and federal government support, increase focused investment along the Corridor, provide capital to a frozen market, and critical projects to move forward. Funding will support the initiative's work to stabilize neighborhoods adjacent to the Corridor. Data Driven Detroit has been asked to collaborate and will be primarily supporting data systems change.

Collaboration between The University Cultural Center Association (UCCA), The Kresge Foundation, and The Skillman Foundation are coordinating the effort in partnership with Michigan State Housing Development Authority, the City of Detroit, NCB Capital Impact, Vanguard Community Development Corporation and major anchor institutions, including the Detroit Medical Center, Henry Ford Health System, and Wayne State University.

**Southeast Michigan Caucus**

Jim Townsend from the 26<sup>th</sup> district in Michigan is working to create an assembly that is focused on the regional economy and is trying to become a data driven caucus, based on the information, to come to an agreement on what indicators are important and relate to policy. D3 is assisting with data support to look into a regional approach opposed to a solitary approach to planning.

**Proposal 2**

The Ford foundation funded Michigan public relations firm and a diversity advocacy group to examine the impact of the 2006 affirmative action ban on minority representation in public education, contracting, and public employment. D3 collected baseline data for all available years on minority representation specifically among physicians, school personal, law enforcement personal, government employees, government contracts, public university admissions for undergraduates and professional school students. D3 is currently compiling a report with analysis and visuals illustrating how minority representation has changed from this baseline.

**Art Serve Michigan (ASM)**

D3 provided mapping and analysis services for ASM of the Cultural Data Project database comparing Michigan Council for the Arts and Cultural Affairs (MCACA) grantees for public policy initiatives to preserve funding for cultural related activities/organizations. D3 is also assisting with producing a marketing tool for cultural associations in Michigan through ASM.

**Wayne County Apportionment Commission**

D3 is the technical assistant drawing the plans that will establish the new Wayne County Commissioner's district.

**Cultural Alliance of Southeastern Michigan (CASM)**

Cultural survey for CASM member organizations to help cultivate relationships between the member organization and the community.

**Technical Assistance to the Archdiocese of Detroit**

The Catholic Archdiocese of Detroit has embarked upon a process to react to past changes in parishioner membership and to plan sustainable future parishes and services. D3 continues to provide neighborhood indicators and mapping services to the AOD to illustrate the city-wide context for these decisions.

### *The Catholic Archdiocese of Detroit*

<http://datadrivendetroit.org/projects/the-catholic-archdiocese-of-detroit/>

### **Graham Environmental Sustainability Institute**

Data Driven Detroit and the Graham Sustainability Institute have partnered to initiate the Detroit Sustainability Indicators Project. The project aims to gather and assess data on relevant sustainability related topics (environmental, economic and social), with the intent of mapping these data and making the findings available to the public, and to create a sustainability index for Detroit that will help inform policy and decision making and serve as a model for other urban areas working on sustainable redevelopment.

### **Lincoln Institute of Land Policy**

Working with Professor Gary Sands Ph.D. from Wayne State University and Professor Mark Skidmore Ph.D. from Michigan State University, D3 provided an analysis of property tax revenue and reform options in the city of Detroit.

### **Lower Eastside Action Plan (LEAP)**

A community-driven project designed to engage people in a process to transform vacant land and property into uses that improve the quality of life in Detroit neighborhoods and surrounding areas. D3 is a technical consultant to the steering committee made up of 8 community organizations. Data Driven Detroit facilitated the surveys, mapping, and training of community surveyors. D3 products include surveys surrounding all commercial and industrial parcels as well as attitudinal surveys.

### **Community Development Advocates of Detroit (CDAD) Neighborhood Strategic Framework**

CDAD's Strategic Framework uses a set of descriptive typologies to help residents visualize the future that they want for their neighborhood. Data Driven Detroit has utilized multiple indicators to categorize blocks, streets, and neighborhoods within the Strategic Framework categories. The typology also illustrates the relative attributes of different areas of the same type. D3 provides extensive support via data analysis, visualization tools, conceptual consulting, and preparation for community meetings. The typological analysis is first being tested in two pilots: with the Lower Eastside Action Plan and Springwells Village in Southwest Detroit. This research serves as an important tool in a genuinely participatory, community-based planning process.

Detroit Community Development

[www.detroitcommunitydevelopment.org](http://www.detroitcommunitydevelopment.org)

### **Detroit Industrial Parcel Survey**

D3 collaborated with the Initiative for a Competitive Inner City (ICIC) and Interface Studios to conduct an industrial parcel survey of the City of Detroit. D3 staff participated in the surveying process and supported the entire effort with parcel and land cover data.

### **Skillman Quantitative Indicators**

Commissioned by The Skillman Foundation, The purpose of the project is to develop, implement, and analyze a set of quantitative indicators for census tracts comprising the six Skillman Foundation's Good Neighborhoods-Good Schools Initiative (GN-GS) neighborhoods and for the remaining neighborhoods in the City of Detroit as a group, to gain a comparative, multi-dimensional portrait of the current and evolving neighborhood context

in which Detroit's children develop. D3 collaborated with Wayne State University Hillberry Professor of Urban Affairs, George Galster to assist with preparation of data used in the report.

### **M-1 Project: Woodward Corridor Benchmarking**

Detroit is developing light rail along the Woodward Corridor. Data Driven Detroit provides the M1 partners with neighborhood indicator analyses and mapping to support the planning process and to benchmark critical indicators.

### **Housing-related Technical Assistance**

Data Driven Detroit provides ongoing technical assistance to non-profit and governmental partners as they prioritize foreclosure intervention and target neighborhood stabilization efforts.

### **Senior Mobility Outreach**

Led by Detroit-based Transportation Riders United (TRU) and Area Agency for Aging 1-B, in partnership with the Regional Elder Mobility Alliance (REMA), the Senior Mobility Outreach project is designed to meet three objectives: 1) gather data about unmet senior mobility needs in four southeast Michigan communities; 2) inform and engage seniors and community leaders on the benefits of enhancing safe senior mobility; and 3) promote current and future transit options that can improve quality of life. Data Driven Detroit designed the questionnaire used to gather data about unmet senior mobility needs. D3 is providing analyses of the questionnaire data over the 18 months of the project, with the first analysis completed in December, 2010.

#### *Senior Mobility Outreach Project*

<http://datadrivendetroit.org/projects/senior-mobility-outreach-project/>

#### **Headline:** State of the Child 2011

**Description:** Additional data has been requested to update the 2010 State of the Child report. This new copy will provide the latest information on the population 0 to 18 years in the City of Detroit across a broad set of indicators. The additional research will serve as a basis for a deeper understanding of how to best support Detroit's children and as a benchmark against to measure gains in the future. An Annual Report Card to the Community is still proposed as a secondary outcome of this project.

#### **Headline:** Michigan Department of Community Health: Phase II Capacity Building Grant

**Description:** In 2010, the National Kidney Foundation Michigan (NKFM) was awarded a grant to address health disparities in the African American community in Inkster. During Phase I of the grant in 2010, NKFM mobilized and engaged diverse organizations and Inkster community residents to form the *Inkster Partnership for a Healthier Community* (IPHC). The Phase II project, in 2011 and 2012, builds on the IPHC work of Phase I, and employs a three-pronged approach to reach equitable health outcomes for African Americans. D3 is the project evaluator for Phase II.

### **Area Agency on Aging (AAA) 1-B Wait-list**

D3 is collaborating with AAA 1-B to document outcomes for individuals placed on AAA wait lists for in-home care services. The study will compare outcomes for those who receive services with those who do not, measuring outcomes such as nursing home placement, mortality, independence, quality of life, and health care utilization. The findings will help

assess the value of AAA services by quantifying their effect and will help establish predictors for home and community-based long term care outcomes.

### **15x15**

Initiative to encourage 15,000 young professionals to move to the Midtown area of Detroit by 2014. D3 a data partner surrounding the project.

15x15

<http://www.hudson-webber.org/missionvision/15x15-initiative>

3. Have you acquired new data other than routine updates? Have you completed any notable system or web site improvements?

### **Skillman Excellent Schools Database**

Supporting The Skillman Foundation through analysis and mapping of data regarding the presence and status of all Detroit schools.

### **Toxic Release Inventory 1988-2009**

Toxic Release data was cleaned and processed at tract level for the state of Michigan.

### **CoreLogic**

Housing, sales ownership, and foreclosure data processed by D3 that was provided by CoreLogic.

### **Census Data 2010 Preparation**

Adjusting 2010 demographic information to coincide with Census 2000 geographies. Allowing for longitudinal analysis of the same areas.

### **Census 2010**

Organizing 2010 decennial census data release to increase its utility in spatial analysis. <http://datadrivendetroit.org/data-mapping/>

### **Detroit Residential Parcel Survey Interactive Mapping Website**

Natural outgrowth of phase one of the DRP survey, this website becomes the public dissemination platform.

*Detroit Residential Parcel Survey Interactive Map*

[www.detroitparcelsurvey.org](http://www.detroitparcelsurvey.org)

### **Data Driven Pages**

Current Detroit neighborhood files have been combined with overlay files for predetermined neighborhood boundaries, either covering the entire city (Detroit PDD Master Plan/United Way/Cluster Maps) or having non-contiguous boundaries of only certain areas (Cityscape). This is made into a “mapbook”, a stack of printed PDFs that can include every area of the city. This will be used to get citizen feedback on precise, user-driven boundaries on how people define where they live and work.

**Crime Data**

Processing and spatialize to analyze crime patterns across the city. We received this data from the City of Detroit.

**Qualified Voter File**

Obtained voting records from the Michigan Secretary of State in order to spatialize and determine areas of high voter turnout.

**Detroit Energy Data**

Obtained information regarding home energy usage from DTE data.

**Liquor Licenses**

Acquired the official State database of all registered liquor licenses by county (Detroit/Grand Rapids/Battle Creek CSAs).

**Brownfields/Leaking Underground Storage Tank Sites/Stationary Sites**

From EPA/MDEQ websites to support various Detroit based neighborhood indicator projects.

**Grocery Store Data in Detroit**

Used proprietary data and other sources to create a comprehensive list of grocery stores in Detroit.

**Food Industries Data**

From the Michigan Department of Agriculture, food licensing data.

**Local Employment Dynamics 2002-2009**

Allows for analysis of local employment, and workforce characteristics, commute sheds, and labor sheds.

**Wayne County Treasurer**

Tax foreclosure data

4. What upcoming events/activities present an opportunity to showcase your work and NNIP?

**National Neighborhood Indicators Partnership Conference: Detroit, Michigan**

The NNIP Spring 2011 Conference will be held in Detroit. Data Driven Detroit is hosting the event.

May 11-13, 2011

Detroit, Michigan



## ***Grand Rapids***

COMMUNITY RESEARCH INSTITUTE, GRAND VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY

May 2011

1. What are your key accomplishments since October 2010?

### **Early Childhood Indicators for the Kent County Great Start Collaborative, Kent Count, MI. (Baseline Data Report)**

This report provides the results of baseline analysis for several Kent County early childhood indicators. These indicators were chosen as part of a process beginning in May 2010 to develop measures important to improving the lives of young children in our community. Four workgroups of community members came together to develop indicators around four broad categories: physical and behavioral health, early care and education, parent education, and family support. Assisted by the Community Research Institute (CRI), these workgroups presented their recommendations to Kent County's Great Start Collaborative (GSC) in August. First Steps and the GSC then prioritized the recommended indicators in the fall of 2010 and commissioned CRI to begin developing these baseline indicators.

<http://cridata.org>

### **CRI completed the latest residential foreclosures numbers for Kent County and Grand Rapids neighborhoods (2004 – 2011 Q1)**

On May 19, CRI will present to the Kent County Foreclosure Response group the latest trends on residential foreclosures using local administrative records from the Kent County Bureau of Equalization. Latest trends shows that although the City of Grand Rapids nearly counts for half of all residential foreclosures in the county (8,813 of 18,636 since 2004), total number of foreclosed homes in Kent County suburbs surpassed that of the city of Grand Rapids in the last few reporting quarters.

*Foreclosure Response: Foreclosure Response connects residents with community resources and advocates for change to stop foreclosures in Kent County.*

[http://foreclosureresponse.org/?page\\_id=74](http://foreclosureresponse.org/?page_id=74) (posted right after the presentation on **May 19, 2011.**)

### **Mi-School.net – A project of the Grand Valley Charter School Office**

Mi-School.net allows stakeholders to explore the Michigan education system through interactive maps and reports. Traditional, charter, and private school performance data is integrated with community-level population, crime, economic, and health data by shading maps and filtering school performance.

*Mi-School: Bringing school and community data together*

<http://mi-school.net>

### **CRI and the 2010 Census Redistricting data files and briefs**

On March 22, the U.S. Census Bureau released the 2010 redistricting data numbers for Michigan. The data includes summaries of population totals, race and Hispanic origin, housing totals and vacancies for multiple geographies within the state. As part of our core mission to increase and facilitate timely access to federal, state and local data, CRI

produced 2010 redistricting data reports for all Grand Rapids and the City of Muskegon neighborhoods as well for cities, villages, townships and counties throughout Michigan. The reports also provide 1990 and 2000 numbers. CRI also produced the first of a series of Census related data briefs planned for this summer. CRI also received several inquiries from local media on population changes and trends in West Michigan.

*URL Title: 2010 Census*

<http://cridata.org/census2010sample.aspx?type=4&loc=26081>  
<http://cridata.org/dataitem.aspx?id=419>

### **CRI released “A Cycle of Change: Automotive Industry” report**

This exploratory study investigates the impact of the recent recession on West Michigan autoworkers, their families, and their communities. A Cycle of Change describes the impact of the auto industry sector contraction on the West Michigan community, presents descriptive data about West Michigan autoworkers, and explains how the West Michigan region is positioned to face recovery. While the auto industry’s struggles have had far-reaching consequences for the state of Michigan, this report focuses on the effects of the automotive industry contraction on Grand Rapids and the surrounding counties. We conclude by highlighting the projected future of West Michigan’s automotive industry, along with predictions about the coming recovery.

*A Cycle of Change: A brief profile of the Automotive Industry in West Michigan, 2007 - 2010*

<http://cridata.org/dataitem.aspx?ID=418>

2. What new activities are you working on?

### **Healthy Homes – Grand Rapids Housing Inspection Mapping Project**

The purpose of this project is to explore the relationships between selected housing inspection practices and a variety of socio-economic and housing factors. The results of the study will help support on-going conversations between housing and advocacy groups and city officials on issues related to quality of rental housing units and policies in Grand Rapids.

*Report and maps will be posted on the Healthy Homes Coalition of West Michigan and the CRI website*

<http://healthyhomescoalition.org/>  
<http://cridata.org>

### **South East Michigan Community Profiles**

*In partnership with Data Driven Detroit (D3)*, CRI is developing community profiles for various South East Michigan communities including Master Plan Neighborhoods, cities, townships and counties. This project is foundational to a larger vision of creating a statewide local data system between D3 and CRI. Both organizations have committed to share data, staff expertise and work in partnership to secure access to other statewide data sets and projects.

### **TALENT 2025 Dashboard**

This dashboard will become TALENT 2025’s “go to” data source for the monitoring of ongoing improvement efforts around two major goals; (1) to achieve 60% post-secondary

attainment in the 25 years of age or older West Michigan workforce by 2025 and (2) to achieve 30% attainment of 4 year college degrees or beyond in the 25 years of age workforce by 2024. The primary audience for this project is 50 CEO's of companies in West Michigan with interest in early childhood, K-12, Higher Education and Adult Workforce issues.

#### **TALENT 2025**

<http://www.cridata.org/talent2025/> (*alpha*)

#### **Voices for Action Network Website**

In partnership with Western Michigan University's Lewis Walker Institute, CRI is creating a web-based poverty information and social networking system. The web-based system will include both (a) statistical information on poverty-related quality of life measures and (b) qualitative information – stories of people's triumphs as well as opportunities lost because of poverty. The site will also facilitate communication and social networking among citizens involved in Voices for Action statewide.

3. Have you acquired new data other than routine updates? Have you completed any notable system or web site improvements?

#### **Believe to Become Initiative - Tableau Server for Data Visualization**

CRI acquired and setup Tableau Server for the Believe to Become Initiative. This new platform will allow project stakeholders to use CRI data services through Tableau's interactive reports and data visualization tools.

#### **CRI Improvements around ETL (Extract, Transform, Load) processes**

In an effort to increase efficiencies around data management tasks, CRI is automating data transfers and various ETL routines between selected data providers and CRI. As a result, these improvements will allow CRI to increase the frequency of data transfers while minimizing staff time. Specifically, CRI finished automating data transfers and ETL processes between Kent County Bureau of Equalization and CRI and is currently working on automating Grand Rapids Public School data transfers. Next, it will focus on Grand Rapids Police Data.

#### **New Data Acquisition**

Grand Rapids Public Schools (student level information): demographics, attendance, academic performance

4. What upcoming events/activities present an opportunity to showcase your work and NNIP?

#### **Johnson Center National Summit on Family Philanthropy**

May 19 – 20, 2011

*Grand Rapids, Michigan*

<http://familysummit.wordpress.com/>

## ***Hartford***

HARTFORD INFO, HARTFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY  
May 2011

1. What are your key accomplishments since October 2010?

### **Hosted the Economic Security, National Issues Forum**

This public forum addressed the question: As the nation slowly recovers from its worst recession in decades, it is a good time to ask, "How can we best take charge of the future so families can feel reasonably secure, parents can help their children prosper, and everyone can move toward a financially stable retirement?"

### **Hosted a program on Minor Political Parties in Connecticut**

This community discussion about minor political parties explained how and why they form, the mechanics of running candidates, and the challenges they face. Connecticut Secretary of State Denise Merrill, representatives of Connecticut's minor parties, and the State Elections Enforcement Commission participated in the panel.

### **Hosted the panel discussion: HartfordInfo Today: 2011 - A Really Big Year for Hartford**

A panel discussion about economic development, which brought together documents and information with informed panelists on issues of importance to Hartford and the Region.

*Today: 2011 - A Really Big Year for Hartford Video*

[http://www.hartfordinfo.org/issues/wsd/Videos/wsd\\_12\\_08\\_2010.asp](http://www.hartfordinfo.org/issues/wsd/Videos/wsd_12_08_2010.asp)

### **Hosted Interstate 84 Viaduct Study Community Summit**

The viaduct that supports I-84 as it passes through Hartford is at the end of its useful life. The community, along with the State Department of Transportation, came together to discuss plans for replacing it as shown in this video

*Interstate 84 Viaduct Study Community Summit Video*

[http://www.hartfordinfo.org/issues/wsd/Videos/wsd\\_10\\_27\\_2010.asp](http://www.hartfordinfo.org/issues/wsd/Videos/wsd_10_27_2010.asp)

### **Updated Hartford Neighborhood Snapshots with 2010 Reapportionment Data from the U.S. Census**

A statistical profile of each Hartford Neighborhood based on the 2010 Census data is presented here on one spreadsheet for easy comparison. Data is currently available at this time on total population, as well as race, ethnicity, voting age, and number of housing units. We will update the data as it becomes available.

*Neighborhood Snapshots 2010*

[http://www.hartfordinfo.org/Snapshots/Statistics/Neighborhood\\_snapshots\\_2010.asp](http://www.hartfordinfo.org/Snapshots/Statistics/Neighborhood_snapshots_2010.asp)

2. What upcoming events/activities present an opportunity to showcase your work and NNIP?

**Making a Difference: The Bullied Response**

We will be hosting a discussion about two projects that support positive options for dealing with bullying: It Gets Better and Make It Better. The panel includes youth, educators, and others, and will be followed by an audience conversation.

May 3, 2011

*Hartford, CT*

**Campaign Forums**

We will be hosting several forums in June, July and August 2011 in preparation for primary municipal elections.

June 8, July 28, August 24, August 30, 2011, and September 7

*Hartford, CT*

[http://www.hartfordinfo.org/hartford\\_upcoming\\_events.asp](http://www.hartfordinfo.org/hartford_upcoming_events.asp)

## **Indianapolis**

THE POLIS CENTER

May 2011

1. What are your key accomplishments since October 2010?

### **SAVI Publishes a new web interface**

Almost two years in the making, we have published the new interface of the SAVI Community Information System. The system incorporates many improvements that make the site faster, more intuitive, and more powerful. Specific improvements include the integration of Google Maps for faster rendering of maps, a more intuitive interface for selecting and creating community profiles, and more detailed community asset data. We will soon be implementing a marketing campaign to promote the new website and will begin training classes to educate users on the benefits and how-to's of the new SAVI.

*SAVI Community Information System*

[www.savi.org](http://www.savi.org)

### **SAVI Publishes 34 new indicators related to building permit data**

SAVI published new building permit data for 2000-2009. This represents SAVI's first publication of building permit data. Data include new construction and demolition permits for residential buildings and new constructions and additions for commercial buildings. Data are available for Marion County by many geographies including census tracts, blockgroups, school corporations, ZIP Codes and townships.

### **SAVI Develops 5-year Strategic Plan.**

During the summer of 2010 we began a strategic planning process with the SAVI Advisory Board. The results of this work include a refined vision and mission statement for SAVI to better clarify its role in an increasingly data-centric world; an impact model to define SAVI's outcomes and intended impact; a conceptual model to better define the primary components, outcomes, and priorities of SAVI; and a 5-year strategic plan with strategic and operational goals and objectives. SAVI's refined mission is "to help organizations and individuals make informed decisions by 1) providing reliable data about communities; 2) creating actionable information; 3) developing tools for data analysis; and 4) building capacity, especially for nonprofit and community-based organizations, to use data effectively." Its vision is to "be the authoritative source for data and information about Central Indiana communities and be a national model to improve decision making and create more effective programs, services, and communities."

### **SAVI Supports Data-Driven Decision-Making: Early Intervention and Prevention Initiative (EIP)**

Marion County Commission on Youth, Inc. coordinates the strategic planning and service delivery of the EIP initiative, which involves hundreds of youth and family service providers, data providers, and funders. The goal of EIP is to reduce the number of children entering the county's child welfare and juvenile justice systems by improving the coordination of youth services in Marion County. SAVI is involved in this effort in a number of ways. First,

its director serves on the EIP Steering Committee, Central Database Implementation Team, and the Co-location and Self-Sufficiency Implementation Team.

Second, MCCOY is using SAVI to support the decision-making process of the Co-location and Self-Sufficiency Implementation Team. This team is tasked with identifying potential youth and family services to co-locate in areas of greatest need of services. We recommended indicators to define need and used those to create a needs index, created maps to identify neighborhoods most at risk, generated asset maps to identify locations of existing services, and conducted a gap analysis to determine areas most in need of services.

And third, Polis is working with MCCOY and several data providers to develop a central data portal that integrates data from several databases on programs and services. The purpose of this portal is to improve access to programs and services that serve children and families in Marion County. SAVI data will be part of the integration, and more importantly, we will be integrating data in a distributed manner. The data will not be stored in a central database. Rather, it will link the data directly from the data providers for search and access by the end-users.

## 2. What new activities are you working on?

### **Improving usability of community information systems through natural language queries**

The purpose of this project is to address a major challenge in the use of community information systems (specifically the SAVI Community Information System) by developing a new approach to information discovery. The greatest challenge of SAVI and similar systems is making the data and information contained within them easily searchable by a variety of audiences (or user groups). The challenge still remains for an easy way for users to discover the data to answer his/her specific question. This project seeks to overcome this challenge by developing a way for users simply to type a natural language question and find the relevant data and information to answer their question without having to navigate a set of tools or understand a pre-defined data structure.

The proof of concept will test the applicability of Natural Language Processing (NLP) to translate user questions into meaning search results. It focuses on the technological framework and basic methodologies that will be used in the end-goal system. Each aim of this proof of concept builds or tests a piece of the information architecture and data discovery process. This is the foundation of the improved user interaction with the community information system and is a key step to reaching the larger goals of this project. **This work will be transportable to other community information systems, and we may be seeking partners for future proposals to test this in other systems. Please contact us if interested (skandris@iupui.edu).**

3. Have you acquired new data other than routine updates? Have you completed any notable system or web site improvements?

**SAVI secures permission to receive continuing juvenile justice data.**

For years, SAVI received juvenile justice data from the Marion County Superior Court until a policy change required us to seek permission from the Indiana Supreme Court, Division of Supreme Court Administration. The procedure for obtaining permission is formal and requires the consent of a committee of Supreme Court justices. With this newly-granted permission we will soon be receiving 2009 and 2010 juvenile justice data.

4. What upcoming events/activities present an opportunity to showcase your work and NNIP?

**2011 Nonprofit Capacity Building Conference**

SAVI and 6 other partners (IUPUI Solution Center, IN Attorney General's Office, United Way Nonprofit Training Center, IU Center on Philanthropy, CTSI's Community Health Engagement Program (CHEP), and IN Grant Makers Alliance) will host a capacity building conference for executives, program staff, and consultants in the nonprofit and philanthropic sectors; neighborhood and civic leaders; planners; evaluators; and grant writers. The purpose of the conference is to provide opportunities to network, interact, and learn from peers and experts new strategies for improving the way you do business, provide services, and make decisions.

September 28th, 2011

Indianapolis, IN

<http://www.savi.org/conference/>



## ***Kansas City***

THE CENTER FOR ECONOMIC INFORMATION, UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI-KANSAS CITY  
THE MID-AMERICA REGIONAL COUNCIL  
May 2011

### 1. What are your key accomplishments since October 2010?

#### **CityScope/MetroScope 2.0**

CityScope is the web-based service which provides public access to CEI's neighborhood indicator program data and mapping. It debuted in spring 2002 as a prototype running on 1st-generation map server software from ESRI, with publication of CEI's original housing conditions survey for the City of KCMo. Offline since August 2010 for a major upgrade in both function and content, version 2.0 finally went live last week. The new version is designed to provide sub-metropolitan area profiling, mapping, and database extraction services for demographic, social, housing, and economic indicator data at two distinct geographic scales: local/neighborhood (CityScope) and regional (MetroScope). Local scale services are available with the April 2011 debut; regional services are planned for summer/fall of 2011.

*Center for Economic Information*

<http://cei.umkc.edu/>

#### **Metropolitan Economic Opportunity (Poverty) Study (Phase II)**

Research collaboration between CEI and the Metropolitan Regional Council (MARC), sponsored by the Civic Council of Greater Kansas City. Project is now in the final stages of Phase II. See October 2010 report for a history of this project. We have just completed re-specification and estimation of a multi-level, 3-stage, block-recursive, simultaneous equations model for household income, utilizing ACS PUMS data for the 50 largest US metropolitan areas. Model's performance in estimation of individual income appears to be very strong, and its complex structure provides the potential for quantification and evaluation of poverty policy options at place (PUMA), household, and individual levels. The model's potential could be significantly enhanced with incorporation of local data sources for characterization of critical place conditions for which data are not available in ACS PUMS, such as health and crime. We believe this kind of enhancement to the model represents a significant opportunity for collaboration among NNIP partners.

### 2. What new activities are you working on?

#### **Creating Sustainable Places Initiative**

Under the leadership of MARC (convening member of the CWIN collaborative, which is the effective organizational entity constituting KC's NNIP partnership) Kansas City was an awardee in the first round of the joint HUD/EPA Sustainable Communities grant program. Implementation of the grant is going forward in metropolitan Kansas City as the Creating Sustainable Places initiative. CWIN is written into the initiative as the entity with responsibility for development of the integral sustainability indicators component which is a grant requirement. MARC and CEI are leading the CWIN committee charged with this responsibility. Indicator specification is expected to be accomplished within 6 months. At its

initial meeting the committee formally adopted the NNIP Shared Indicators framework as the context for CSP indicator program development.

*Creating Sustainable Places: a strategy for Regional Sustainability*

<http://www.marc.org/sustainableplaces/>

### **Open Indicators Consortium**

Negotiations are in the final stages between MARC and the OIC for buying in to the Open Indicators Consortium. Support for the buy-in will be provided in part by funds from the CSP initiative (see above). CWIN anticipates the integral use of Weave in development of the CSP sustainability indicators program and in enhancement of the functionality of CityScope/MetroScope.

## ***Louisville***

### COMMUNITY RESOURCE NETWORK

May 2011

1. What are your key accomplishments since October 2010?

#### **California Neighborhood “Place Matters” Data Collection and Mapping**

Collected data in a study area within the California neighborhood using property evaluation forms that our team created. We noted condition of housing, vacant housing and vacant lots. We mapped the study area in ArcMap and layered our observed data with data sets we already had. The map is presented in PDF format to show the many layers of data that has been collected. So far, this map has been presented to California community groups and partners of the organization. Our next step for this mapping project will be to collect qualitative data from residents living in the study area and then present the map to them. Feedback from the residents will then determine our next steps. Because of the interest received from our presentations of this data, we are planning on doing this same project in sections of Shawnee and Park Hill neighborhoods in Louisville.

2. What new activities are you working on?

#### **Community-Based Participatory Research Training**

Our team and partners are receiving training from Harmony Garden of Cincinnati on community-based participatory research. Our team will use this training to encourage residents to take an active role in identifying issues facing their communities. Our goal is to have a research team that is compiled of residents from the neighborhoods in which we work. Ideally, this team would collect data, analyze the data, and then report the findings to the members in their community.

#### **Redistricting of Louisville Council Districts**

Involved in community conversations about redistricting of the 26 council districts in Louisville. This will be the first time since 2003 (city-county merger) that the districts will be redrawn. We are trying to get as many residents involved since this will determine how they will be represented in local government.

3. Have you acquired new data other than routine updates? Have you completed any notable system or web site improvements?

#### **New Database**

We have been developing a new database with the help of Cullen Coates from Quickbase. This database houses our Network Member information as well as donor cultivation data. The new database is built, but we are still making small adjustments to the system. The database will improve our data tracking methods and keep us more connected with our Network Members.

4. What upcoming events/activities present an opportunity to showcase your work and NNIP?

#### **Louisville Vacant, Abandoned, and Under Utilized Property Summit**

April 28, 2011, Louisville, KY

## ***Memphis***

MEMPHIS CBANA-INFOWORKS

May 2011

1. What are your key accomplishments since October 2010?

**CBANA and Community Development Council Present 2011 Lending and Foreclosure Study**

“Rethinking the Lending Landscape” to Council members, key elected officials, public agencies, non-profits, and the local mortgage banking community. May 2011.

<http://cbana.memphis.edu>

**Betts presents at Urban Affairs Conference New Orleans. March 2011.**

“Neighborhood Effects for HOPE VI Memphis: Who Are the Stakeholders and How Do They Benefit?”

**Betts presents key neighborhood indicators to Bill and Melinda Gates, Gates Foundation**

President Allan Golston, and Gates staff in support of their Teacher Effectiveness Initiative for Memphis City Schools. January 2011.

**CBANA presents “Foreclosure and Post-Foreclosure Forecasting for Shelby County”**

To Chandler Reports-Memphis Daily News’ Master Your Market: Quarterly Seminar on Shelby County Housing Market Trends. January 2011.

**CBANA partners with United Way to launch data training workshops**

Using Data to Drive Problem-solving in Memphis. Workshops include Uses and Limitations of the American Community Survey, Understanding and Tracking Housing and Neighborhood Indicators, and Risk and Asset Mapping for Place-Based Interventions. Spring 2011.

**CBANA produces community needs assessment and neighborhood portfolios/asset mapping**

For Defending Childhood Initiative and National Forum on Youth Violence. Spring 2011.

**CBANA produces neighborhood portfolios**

For the Powerlines Community Network and the Shalom Project neighborhood outreach initiatives. Spring 2011.

<http://cbana.memphis.edu>

**CBANA designs dashboard and reports baseline data for Memphis Talent Dividend.**

<http://www.memphistalentdividend.com>

**CBANA designs dashboard and reports baseline data for Defending Childhood.**

<http://www.justice.gov/ag/defendingchildhood/>

**CBANA provides neighborhood level analysis for newly launched Business Improvement Group**

A coalition of business in southeast Memphis; emphasis on neighborhood change and stabilization.

2. What new activities are you working on?

Consulting on integrated Child and Family Indicators, to include client and program level data integrated with neighborhood data and rolled up to measure “collective impact.” With Shelby County Office for Early Childhood and Youth and its affiliated strategies: Defending Childhood; Early Success Coalition, and Teen Pregnancy and Parenting Support.

Safeways crime reduction and crime prevention strategy readied for city-wide replication and linkage with Defending Childhood and National Forum on Youth Violence Prevention

The data-driven Safeways community safety and crime prevention/quality of life strategy – reaching families where they live in low income apartment communities through site-based resident outreach, capacity-building, and services -- which CBANA pioneered with the Center for Community Criminology and Research and the Southeast Memphis CDC, is being packaged for city-wide replication and paired with broader collaborative efforts on behalf of children, youth, and families.

4. Have you acquired new data other than routine updates?

**More systematic access to tax arrears through partnership with Shelby County Trustee.**

5. What upcoming events/activities present an opportunity to showcase your work and NNIP?

**21st Annual CityMatCH Conference: JUSTICE. Advancing Health Equity, Working for Justice in All Communities,**  
September 17-20, 2011  
San Francisco, California.  
Workshop trainer on using data to understand health disparities.

## ***Miami***

THE CHILDREN'S TRUST

May 2011

1. What are your key accomplishments since October 2010?

### **New Enhancements to KidStats and Maps, The Children's Trust Interactive GIS mapping website**

Users can now generate, view and print a customized report featuring selected community indicators from the website's maps page. Users first select a primary indicator of interest then construct their geographic area of interest using the neighborhood creation tool; a report on indicators within that geographic area is generated. Also, registered users can now save/load previous maps and charts sessions. Thanks to Grand Rapids NNIP partner Johnson Center at Grand Valley State University for their programming work on this project!

*KidStats and Maps*

<http://maps.thechildrenstrust.org/Miami/index.jsp>

### **The Children's Trust Releases Funding Recommendations for NOFA 2011-01**

Proposed awards for programs to be funded by The Children's Trust's Notice of Funding Availability covering programs for out-of-school, early childhood, parenting and youth development were recently released. The Trust's approach to making funding recommendations continues to be transparent, fair and equitable. The funding recommendations culminate from a rigorous process and for the first time it was fully paperless. Using the newly implemented "WebGrants" on-line system advanced our capacity to analyze factors that better align these proposed awards with our strategic plan. In addition to raw application scores, we considered factors such as cost, past performance quality for previous Trust providers, geography (for example, areas with high child poverty or CRAs), duplication of similar services, supports for special populations or programs (such as Children with Disabilities and the Afro-centric CDF programs), evidence-based practices, and other programming elements.

*NOFA Funding Recommendations*

<http://www.thechildrenstrust.org/funding-applications>

### **Miami-Dade County's Quality Counts Program Participates in National Study**

Quality Counts, Miami-Dade County's quality rating improvement system (QRIS) for early care and education programs, is participating in two in-depth studies of state and local QRIS conducted by the Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation (OPRE) in the Administration for Children and Families, US Dept of Health and Human Services. The studies, led by Mathematica Policy Research and Child Trends, focus on 1) quality measurement in QRIS, which includes secondary data analysis of existing, and 2) examination of the role of QRIS in the development of an integrated early care and education system.

# **Milwaukee**

NONPROFIT CENTER OF MILWAUKEE

May 2011

1. What are your key accomplishments since October 2010?

### **Census 2010 and American Community Survey Report Templates**

Milwaukee staff have begun updating our report templates to integrate new data available from the 2010 Census and the 2005-2009 American Community Survey. These allow us to very quickly profile any neighborhood which can be built from Census geographies.

### **University Lectures, Webinars and Other Work**

Todd Clausen presented the April 7 Webinar for the Nonprofit Voter Engagement Network (NVEN) on how nonprofits can take advantage of the 2010 Census, along with Terri Ann Lowenthal, and promoted the NNIP Network for those who desired local support. Another Census Webinar was given for the Family Assistance Center for Education, Training & Support Upper Midwest Region. He also guest lectures for 3 GIS classes at University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee on Spatial Analysis and the use of community data, and 2 Marquette University Law School classes on Law and Social Change and Race and Place in Milwaukee. In addition, Milwaukee Staff presented 7 other workshops in the areas of the 2010 Census, community data and GIS, assisted 31 community organizations with data and information needs and provided 172 hours of service to Community Development Block Grant funded organizations. This could not have been done without the assistance of 2 interns who volunteered over 350 hours during the period.

2. What new activities are you working on?

### **American Community Survey – Reporting MOE**

Milwaukee Staff continue to struggle with the best methods of reporting error inherent in the 5 Year ACS in our reports created at a neighborhood level for community organizations. We continue to develop reporting templates as well as mapping methods for this new data.

3. Have you acquired new data other than routine updates? Have you completed any notable system or web site improvements?

### **Census 2010 Redistricting and 2005-2009 American Community Survey Data**

Milwaukee Staff have been busy processing these new data sets for use within our reporting template system.

4. What upcoming events/activities present an opportunity to showcase your work and NNIP?

We offer an ongoing series of workshops on the use of community data and continue our work with many planning efforts around the city of Milwaukee, particularly the LISC Sustainable Communities and more recently the Zilber Neighborhood Initiative a \$50 million multi-year neighborhood change initiative. We continually stress the work of NNIP and other partners in all that we do!

## ***Minneapolis-St. Paul***

CENTER FOR URBAN AND REGIONAL AFFAIRS, UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA  
May 2011

1. What are your key accomplishments since October 2010?

### **NRP Funding Loss and Property Tax Analysis**

CURA was asked by a group of neighborhood organizations to measure the impact of proposed cuts in their share of city funding. The cuts would be used to decrease a proposed 7.5% property tax hike down to 3.7%. Maps were created showing which neighborhoods were most affected as well as which sought to gain from the tax savings. In addition the amount of money lost by neighborhoods were overlayed on maps of poverty and race to show the effects on disadvantaged communities.

*Information and Resources About Proposed Changes to NRP*

<http://www.mcno.umn.edu/InformationandResourcesAboutProposedChangestoNRP.htm>

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### **Completed Community GIS Projects**

CURA staff and research assistants completed approximately 40 GIS projects in the last six months, serving over 30 different organizations. Projects ranged from less than an hour to more than 20 hours of work and were completed for students, faculty, non-profits and neighborhood organizations in the region.

### **Urban GIS Class Projects**

Students taking Geography 5564 partnered with community organizations in order to complete semester long group projects. Through an application processes and competitive bidding by students nine projects were selected from community organizations and non-profits. Our estimation is that student groups spend approximately 100 combined hours on the projects.

### **LED Transit Equity Project**

A brief report and series of maps were created to show the advantage and disadvantage certain neighborhoods have in access to employment based on their proximity to light rail transit. Neighborhoods on transit lines saw an increase in development and employment during the period from 2002-2008 while other areas of the city observed job low. Results of this study were presented at the 2011 LED Partnership Workshop in Washington D.C. in March.

*Making the Case for Transit*

<http://lehd.did.census.gov/led/library/workshops/2011/MatsonLEDworkshop3.9.11.pdf>

2. What new activities are you working on?

### **Vacant Properties Project**

With assistance from the Pohlad Family Foundation, CURA hired a graduate research assistant to help compile a comprehensive database of vacant properties in North



Minneapolis. Data comes from City registered vacant & boarded buildings, neighborhood windshield surveys, zero water usage data, USPS undeliverable addresses, foreclosures and developer held for rehab info. The second phase of this project will be developing strategies for addressing the various types of vacancy in order to help stabilize neighborhoods hardest hit by the aftermath of the foreclosure crisis.

### **Census and ACS Mapping**

As block level 2010 Census has started to be released our communities have shown great interest in how they've changed over the last 10 years. Much was made about Minneapolis' population holding steady yet block and neighborhood analysis show great gains in some areas and big losses in others. CURA is mapping change by race for all tracts in the county and highlighting the loss of minority populations to the suburbs.

### **Census Profiles Project**

We are working with a number of groups (Cities of Minneapolis/St. Paul, Wilder Research, United Way, McKnight) to develop a set of neighborhood profiles using the latest ACS and 2010 Census data. Geographic boundary change has been one issue as is the accuracy of ACS data at the neighborhood level. We continue to meet with the hopes of producing preliminary reports this summer.

3. Have you acquired new data other than routine updates? Have you completed any notable system or web site improvements?

### **Foreclosure Relocation Addresses**

From a proprietary database purchased from Excensus we have the post-foreclosure address of approximate 3,000 households of the 30,000 foreclosures in Hennepin County from 2005-2008. We are using this data to examine the geographic distribution and housing types of post-foreclosure households and are considering expanding the data to surrounding counties.

### **Zero Water Usage**

From the City of Minneapolis Utility Department we have received a database of pending water shutoffs and zero water usage houses. This data was obtained for the Vacant Properties Project and is seen as an indicator of vacancy or potential vacancy. At this time it is unclear how often we will receive updates.

### **Rental License Database**

A current database of all rental licenses in Minneapolis was obtained as part of the Vacant Properties project.

### **Copper Thefts from Vacant Buildings**

From the Minneapolis Police Department we have received data on theft of copper in vacant buildings from Jan 2010 through March 2011. There were more than 250 copper theft reported in the 4<sup>th</sup> police precinct alone during this time period. This data is also being used in the Vacant Properties Project.

## ***Nashville***

THE NEIGHBORHOODS RESOURCE CENTER

May 2011

1. What are your key accomplishments since October 2010?

### **GettingToWork.Net: Access to Jobs, Transit, and Services**

NRC continued to improve GettingtoWork.Net, a website showing job training and services needed by low-income job seeker and an interactive map showing the locations of services, child care, transit lines, groceries, etc.

Mapping interface improvements with Mappler used the Google Maps API and have a familiar “look and feel” to users. [See GettingToWork.COM for draft site, to be transferred to GettingToWork.NET.] Final improvements are awaiting notice of funding from Jobs Access and Reverse Commute program of the Federal Transit Administration.

The interface incorporates an ability to easily add text and images, allowing providers to update information and an ability to define users with specific types of access.

EXPANSION OF TARGET AUDIENCE: The “target audience” of the original site included case managers, social workers, pastors, community center directors, and others who would be assisting people in “getting to work.” The new Mappler interface is much easier to use and will broaden that target audience to anyone who uses the Internet.

*GettingToWork.Net*

<http://gettingtowork.net> and <http://gettingtowork.com>

### **Mapping Addresses of Inmates Ages 18-24 in Metro Nashville-Davidson County Jail**

NRC is a partner in the Transition from Jail to Community (TJC) project here in Nashville, sponsored by the Urban Institute. The Davidson County Sheriff’s Department has organized meetings of agencies and community contacts to help inmates better make the transition from jail to the community. However, there was no way to easily demonstrate the geographic concentration of need – which will help congregations and neighborhood organizations to become more involved.

Previously, NRC mapped addresses of the inmates in the Metro jail on one specific day by zip code, giving a beginning understanding of the need in different parts of the county. In this report period, NRC mapped the actual home addresses of inmates in the jail who were aged 18 to 23. NRC works with neighborhood groups that are concerned about youth violence and has partnered with Meharry Medical College to understand and prevent youth violence. Since juvenile crime data is very difficult to access, NRC mapped the home addresses of the 18 to 24 year olds as an indicator. The map was shared with agencies in the Transition from Jail to Community project as an example of ways that prevention and reentry work might be focused on geographic areas of need. Approximately 110 inmates leave jail each day, but are quickly replaced by new inmates – with many repeat offenders.

NRC has also begun holding meetings with congregations and neighborhood groups to explore their interest in inmates' successful transition from jail to community. Recently, NRC collaborated on a Second Chance reentry proposal with Matthew Walker Health Center to organize social services and mentoring for jail inmates returning to the North Nashville area. Other such collaborations are being explored.

**Assorted mapping of information for neighborhood groups and social service groups.**

NRC worked with neighborhood groups and various social services to map information that helps them better serve their constituents. This includes:

Mapping a local "food desert" neighborhood, the public transit lines serving that area, and the location of a major grocery store in an adjacent area. The map was used by a neighborhood organization to argue for route changes to enable residents without cars to reach the grocery.

Creating a property map of zoning and land use of an area near the Cumberland River, for use by a local merchants association in development plans.

2. What new activities are you working on?

**Comparisons of neighborhoods and challenges**

Analyzing and ranking neighborhoods according to crime, codes violations, voter participation, and distance of population from bus stops. Project is part of Nashville's Poverty Reduction Initiative, which is working with NRC in obtaining the needed data.

3. Have you acquired new data other than routine updates? Have you completed any notable system or web site improvements?

**GettingToWork.Net Improvements**

*(See above)*

4. What upcoming events/activities present an opportunity to showcase your work and NNIP?

**Targeting Youth Violence** - See above  
Nashville, TN

**Mapping Inmates in Metro Nashville-Davidson County Jail** - See above  
Nashville, TN

## ***New Haven***

DATAHAVEN

May 2011

1. What are your key accomplishments since October 2010?

### **Census 2010 Connecticut Update**

DataHaven created a Census 2010 resource page, which was widely accessed by state media and among our partners.

[http://ctdatahaven.org/know/index.php/2010\\_Census\\_Resources](http://ctdatahaven.org/know/index.php/2010_Census_Resources)

### **Briefing Report: Creating a Healthy and Safe City: The Impact of Violence in New Haven**

DataHaven co-authored a report reviewing impacts of violence and looking at social determinants of health in New Haven, Connecticut. As part of this project we are also analyzing an extensive set of incident level crime data from the New Haven Police Department.

[http://ctdatahaven.org/know/index.php/File:Creating\\_a\\_Healthy\\_and\\_Safe\\_City\\_2011\\_sml.pdf](http://ctdatahaven.org/know/index.php/File:Creating_a_Healthy_and_Safe_City_2011_sml.pdf)

2. What new activities are you working on?

### **Connecticut Data Partnership**

DataHaven is serving as the Data Manager for the Connecticut Data Partnership, a new public-private partnership at the state level that seeks to make better data available for state policymaking efforts. We have been building new database systems and collecting new data sets to support this effort.

### **Health Impact Assessment**

DataHaven is working with the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Clinical Scholars and City New Haven on a Health Impact Assessment (HIA) of the Route 34 boulevardization (“Downtown Crossing”) project, a major redevelopment funded through the DOT’s TIGER program. The project is one of the first, or the first, HIAs to be conducted in the state of Connecticut and is intended to serve as a model for future HIAs. DataHaven is providing indicator data and assisted in the writing of a grant to expand the scope of the HIA.

## ***New Orleans***

GREATER NEW ORLEANS COMMUNITY DATA CENTER

May 2011

1. What are your key accomplishments since October 2010?

### **Brief on population loss and vacant housing in New Orleans neighborhoods**

This brief examines 2010 census count data for New Orleans' neighborhoods. Included are data on total population, housing units and vacant housing units.

*Population Loss and Vacant Housing in New Orleans Neighborhoods*

<http://www.gnocdc.org/PopulationLossAndVacantHousing/index.html>

### **Brief on shifts in population and the loss of children in the New Orleans Metro**

This brief examines 2010 census count data for all of the cities, towns and parishes in the New Orleans Metro Area and identifies changes from past decades. Included are total population counts and child population counts.

*Shifts in Population and Loss of Children across the New Orleans Metro Area*

<http://www.gnocdc.org/ShiftsInPopulationAndLossOfChildrenAcrossTheNewOrleansMetroArea/index.html>

### **Brief on the loss of children from New Orleans neighborhoods.**

This brief examines 2010 census count data for New Orleans neighborhoods and identifies changes from past decades. Included are total population counts, child population counts, percent of total population that are children and child population density.

*The Loss of Children from New Orleans Neighborhoods*

<http://www.gnocdc.org/LossOfChildrenInNewOrleansNeighborhoods/index.html>

### **Brief on parish-level Census 2010 data for the New Orleans metro**

This brief examines 2010 census count data for New Orleans and the metro area, and identifies changes from past decades. Included are data on total population, age, race/ethnicity, number of housing units and occupancy status.

*What Census 2010 Reveals about Population and Housing in New Orleans and the Metro Area*

<http://www.gnocdc.org/Census2010/index.html>

### **HTML table of decennial Census population counts for parishes in the New Orleans metro**

Census population counts 1980–2010 for each of the 7 parishes in the New Orleans metro area.

*Census Population Counts*

[http://www.gnocdc.org/census\\_pop\\_counts.html](http://www.gnocdc.org/census_pop_counts.html)

### **The second edition of *Housing in the New Orleans Metro Annual Report***

This series is done in partnership with the Urban Institute and creates a common base of reliable information around housing and the recovery that is easy to use to support decision making at many levels. This year's report focuses on answering the following questions: How strong is your neighborhood's housing market? And how can limited resources be used to maximize blight reduction across New Orleans?

*Optimizing Blight Strategies: Deploying limited resources in different neighborhood housing markets*

<http://www.gnocdc.org/OptimizingBlightStrategies/index.html>

### **Convened key policy makers around the second edition of *Housing in the New Orleans Metro Annual Report*, “Optimizing Blight Strategies”**

In partnership with Urban Institute, we convened a group of key policy makers around the second edition of *Housing in the New Orleans Metro Annual Report*, “Optimizing Blight Strategies”. Speakers included Kathy Petit from the Urban Institute, Allan Mallach from the Center for Community Progress, and Allison Plyer from GNOCDC.

### **Presentations on the second edition of *Housing in the New Orleans Metro Annual Report*, “Optimizing Blight Strategies”**

Variations of this presentation were given by Allison Plyer to several groups including: Build Now, City Council Housing and Human Needs Committee, City Planning Commission and New Orleans Redevelopment Authority (NORA) staff, City of New Orleans BlightStat, Counselors of Real Estate, Greater New Orleans Housing Alliance, CureX Fellows, HUD Regional General Counsels

### **Presentations on the *New Orleans Index at Five***

Variations of this presentation were given by Allison Plyer to several groups including: T–HUD Appropriations committees, Urban Affairs Conference, National Research Council, Jewish Federation of North America, Unified Nonprofits, DOVIA, and Council of United Way Agencies

### **Presentations on the role of data in disaster recovery**

Variations of this presentation were given by Allison Plyer to groups at Harvard and Brandeis Universities.

## 2. What new activities are you working on?

### **The third edition of *Housing in the New Orleans Metro Annual Report***

This series is done in partnership with the Urban Institute and creates a common base of reliable information around housing and the recovery that is easy to use to support decision making at many levels.

### **A short brief or meme based on the second edition of *Housing in the New Orleans Metro Annual Report*, “Optimizing Blight Strategies”**

This publication would aim to supplement the series is done in partnership with the Urban Institute and creates a common base of reliable information around housing and the recovery that is easy to use to support decision making at many levels. The focus is connecting trends in jobs, population, and vacant housing units.

**Updating the data used in the *New Orleans Index at Five***

The New Orleans Index at Five provides a comprehensive examination of the region through 20 key indicators, URL Title: The New Orleans Index at Five

*2010 edition - Twenty Indicators Measuring Greater New Orleans' Progress Toward Prosperity*

<http://www.gnocdc.org/TheNewOrleansIndexAtFive/index.html>

**Planning for briefs and website updates utilizing the release of additional 2010 Census data this summer**

We have a number of ideas for briefs and website updates that will utilize the additional 2010 Census data that comes out this summer.

3. Have you acquired new data other than routine updates? Have you completed any notable system or web site improvements?

**Created a new system for taking in and responding to data questions and media requests**

This new system for taking in and responding to data questions and media requests utilizes google forms and a free application called FormEmailer.

*Questions*

<http://www.gnocdc.org/Questions/index.html>;

*Media Inquiries*

<http://www.gnocdc.org/media/index.html>

**Census 2010 redistricting data**

The Census 2010 redistricting data includes counts of total population, population under 18 years, population 18 years and over, population by race/ethnicity, counts of total housing units, vacant housing units, and occupied housing units.

*Population Loss and Vacant Housing in New Orleans Neighborhoods*

<http://www.gnocdc.org/PopulationLossAndVacantHousing/index.html>

*Shifts in Population and Loss of Children across the New Orleans Metro Area*

<http://www.gnocdc.org/ShiftsInPopulationAndLossOfChildrenAcrossTheNewOrleansMetroArea/index.html>

*The Loss of Children from New Orleans Neighborhoods*

<http://www.gnocdc.org/LossOfChildrenInNewOrleansNeighborhoods/index.html>

*What Census 2010 Reveals about Population and Housing in New Orleans and the Metro Area*

<http://www.gnocdc.org/Census2010/index.html>

*Census Population Counts*

[http://www.gnocdc.org/census\\_pop\\_counts.html](http://www.gnocdc.org/census_pop_counts.html)

**Boxwood Means Inc. data**

We utilized 2009 data from Boxwood Means Inc. data courtesy of PolicyMap for the second edition of *Housing in the New Orleans Metro Annual Report*, "Optimizing Blight Strategies"

*Optimizing Blight Strategies: Deploying limited resources in different neighborhood housing markets*

<http://www.gnocdc.org/OptimizingBlightStrategies/index.html>

**Road Home data**

Address-level data on the status of Road Home option one properties from the Louisiana Office of Community Development

**Code lien foreclosure data**

Address-level data on code lien foreclosures from the City of New Orleans.

**Sheriff sales data**

Address-level data on sheriff sales from the civilsheriff.org website.

**Assessor data**

Address-level data from the New Orleans Assessor's office that we obtained through a third party (Bureau of Governmental Research).



## ***New York***

NEW YORK CITY HOUSING AND NEIGHBORHOOD INFORMATION SYSTEM,  
NEW YORK UNIVERSITY  
May 2011

1. What are your key accomplishments since October 2010?

### **Furman Center Marks 15th Anniversary with Release of “15 Years of Research, Analysis and Insight”**

February, 2011: Over the past 15 years, the Furman Center has been committed to the highest standards of interdisciplinary empirical and legal research about housing, land use, real estate, and urban affairs. This report looks back at the Furman Center’s past research, events and reports in four focus areas: Housing Finance and Foreclosures, Affordable Housing, Land Use Regulation, and Neighborhood Change.

*“15 Years of Research, Analysis and Insight”*

[http://furmancenter.org/files/15Report\\_Small.pdf](http://furmancenter.org/files/15Report_Small.pdf)

### **Data Reports**

#### **Released Report: 2010 State of New York City's Housing and Neighborhoods**

The Furman Center released the 2010 edition of the State of New York City's Housing and Neighborhoods. In this annual report, the Furman Center compiles statistics on housing, demographics and quality of life indicators in the City, its five boroughs and 59 community districts. This year we examine the impact of foreclosures on New York City's multi-family rental stock, analyze where New Yorkers live and how they commute, and highlight the Furman Center's latest research on public and subsidized rental housing.

*April, 2011: State of New York City's Housing and Neighborhoods Report*

<http://furmancenter.org/research/sonychan/>

#### **Furman Center Releases New York City Quarterly Housing Report**

February 25, 2011: A new Furman Center analysis of fourth quarter housing indicators finds that home prices outside of Manhattan are still in decline, but foreclosures are down citywide. The [Quarterly Housing Update](#), which uses six key indicators of housing market performance from a variety of data sources, is the only New York City housing report to incorporate sales data, development indicators, and foreclosures. It also presents a repeat sales index for each borough to capture price appreciation while controlling for housing quality.

*New York City Quarterly Housing Report*

[http://furmancenter.org/files/publications/Q4\\_2\\_25\\_1.pdf](http://furmancenter.org/files/publications/Q4_2_25_1.pdf)

#### **Released Report: Mortgage Lending During the Great Recession: HMDA 2009**

Nov, 2010. While home purchase mortgage lending declined throughout the recession, new research released by the Furman Center finds that lending to low and moderate income homebuyers actually increased in 2009, as did the number of new mortgages backed by the

Federal Housing Administration (FHA) and Veteran's Administration (VA). The new data brief, *Mortgage Lending During the Great Recession: HMDA 2009*, finds that 16 percent of the 2009 New York City home purchase mortgages were FHA/VA-backed loans. By comparison, those type of loans accounted for less than one percent of home mortgage loans issued from 2005 to 2007.

*Mortgage Lending During the Great Recession: HMDA 2009*

[http://furmancenter.org/files/publications/HMDA\\_2009\\_data\\_brief.pdf](http://furmancenter.org/files/publications/HMDA_2009_data_brief.pdf)

### **16 Original Research Publications Released**

The Furman Center produced original research including investigating the impact of foreclosures on school performance and children's mobility, analysis of land use regulations, mortgage lending in New York City, pioneering households, and housing the homeless.

*Furman Center Research Publications*

<http://furmancenter.org/research/publications/>

### **Sharing Data**

#### **Presented at White House Conference on Housing Policy**

Ingrid Gould Ellen joined a panel of researchers, government officials and stakeholders to discuss the "Next Generation" of rental housing federal policies at a White House conference on Oct. 13, 2010. The conference addressed how housing policy could more effectively combat poverty, address social inequity issues, and create new incentives for wealth building in urban and rural America.

*White House Presentation*

[http://furmancenter.org/files/Ellen\\_White\\_House\\_PPT\\_presentation\\_101310.pdf](http://furmancenter.org/files/Ellen_White_House_PPT_presentation_101310.pdf)

#### **Hosted Roundtable Discussion with National Housing Finance Experts**

February 4, 2011: The Furman Center's Institute for Affordable Housing Policy hosted an invitation-only Roundtable, "Navigating Uncertain Waters: Mortgage Lending in the Wake of the Great Recession." The event convened leaders from the government, academic, non-profit and private sectors to address mortgage credit need and availability in the current uncertain marketplace. The roundtable included a robust conversation on how to measure borrower creditworthiness, a panel on the importance and appropriate valuation of collateral, and the appropriate role of government in the future mortgage industry. Keynote speaker Michael Barr discussed a framework for a reformed housing finance system.

#### **Moderated Foreclosure Panel at New York City Bar**

In March, 2011 Sarah Gerecke, Executive Director of the Furman Center, moderated a panel titled "[The Residential Foreclosure Crisis: Where Do We Go From Here?](#)" at the New York City Bar Association. The panel looked at policies that have been used to address the foreclosure crisis, such as the Home Affordable Modification Program, and also discussed what the future of mortgage lending and homeownership might look like. In addition to moderating, Sarah Gerecke presented on current foreclosure trends in New York City and how foreclosures affect renters, children and neighboring properties.

*Presentation for NYC Bar Association*

[http://furmancenter.org/files/Gerecke\\_ABCNY\\_032811.pdf](http://furmancenter.org/files/Gerecke_ABCNY_032811.pdf)

**Presented at New York Chapter APA Panel on the Foreclosure and Credit Crisis**

March, 2011: Ingrid Gould Ellen gave a presentation on the causes and consequences of the foreclosure crisis in New York City at a [panel discussion](#) titled “2011: The Growing Impact of the Subprime Mortgage and Credit Crisis on New York City,” hosted by the New York chapter of the American Planning Association. Professor Ellen talked about the continuing impacts of foreclosures on people and neighborhoods, as well as the number and neighborhoods most affected.

*APA Presentation*

[http://furmancenter.org/files/testimonies/Ellen\\_APA\\_presentation\\_032011.pdf](http://furmancenter.org/files/testimonies/Ellen_APA_presentation_032011.pdf)

**Presented at the HUD American Housing Survey User Conference**

March 8, 2011: Furman Center researchers presented two new studies highlighting creative ways to use AHS data at the inaugural U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development American Housing Survey (AHS) User Conference in Washington, DC. Keren Horn presented [“Urban ‘Pioneers’: Why do Higher Income Households Choose Lower Income Neighborhoods?”](#) which uses AHS data to study households who move into neighborhoods with lower incomes than their own in 1991-1995 and 2001-2004. Samuel Dastrup presented [“Household Energy Bills and Subsidized Housing”](#) which studies incentives that federal housing assistance programs create for whether tenants or landlords pay utility bills and for subsequent energy consumption.

*Presentations at HUD Conference*

[http://furmancenter.org/files/Ellen\\_Horn\\_ORegan\\_UrbanPioneers\\_HUD\\_03\\_08\\_11\\_v3.pdf](http://furmancenter.org/files/Ellen_Horn_ORegan_UrbanPioneers_HUD_03_08_11_v3.pdf); [http://furmancenter.org/files/DastrupMcDonnellReinaEnergyBills\\_HUD\\_nonotes.pdf](http://furmancenter.org/files/DastrupMcDonnellReinaEnergyBills_HUD_nonotes.pdf)

**Presented at FDIC Advisory Committee on Economic Inclusion’s Mortgage Subcommittee**

March, 2011: Furman Center Research Fellow Josiah Madar joined the FDIC’s Advisory Committee on Economic Inclusion’s Mortgage Subcommittee for a forum, “Restoring Responsible LMI Mortgage Lending” on Tuesday, March 1st, 2011. Josiah discussed mortgage lending trends, obstacles, and challenges for low and moderate income households on a panel moderated by Barbara Ryan, Deputy to the Vice Chairman of the FDIC.

**Presented at Municipal Art Society Summit for New York City**

Vicki Been joined a panel of experts and community leaders to discuss the “Demographics of a Changing New York” at the Municipal Art Society Summit for New York City on October 21, 2010. After a presentation on changing demographics in New York City, Vicki addressed how population trends affect the City’s challenges in terms of land use policy and economic development.

*Presentation to Municipal Arts Society*

[http://furmancenter.org/files/Been\\_MAS\\_presentation\\_Oct\\_2010.pdf](http://furmancenter.org/files/Been_MAS_presentation_Oct_2010.pdf)

2. What new activities are you working on?

**Current Research Projects**

NYU's Furman Center is carrying out research projects in housing finance and foreclosure, affordable housing, land use regulation, and neighborhood change. The Furman Center, together with NYU's Institute for Education Policy and several of our research partners, was [recently awarded a MacArthur Foundation grant](#) to study the impact of housing instability, caused by foreclosures, on children's performance in school. Some of our projects are also done in coordination with the [What Works Collaborative](#), a foundation-sponsored partnership of several research organizations.

[http://furmancenter.org/files/Furman\\_Center\\_Current\\_Projects\\_Spring\\_2011\\_FINAL.pdf](http://furmancenter.org/files/Furman_Center_Current_Projects_Spring_2011_FINAL.pdf)

**Subsidized Housing Information Data Tool: In Development**

NYU's Furman Center has compiled information on subsidized housing from across NYC. We are creating a tool to allow users to map information related to subsidized housing and many other neighborhood indicators as well as generate and download individualized reports. Expected website launch: June 2011.

3. Have you acquired new data other than routine updates? Have you completed any notable system or web site improvements?

**New Data from Zillow and Equifax**

Furman Center has received data on price estimates from Zillow and credit trends reports from Equifax.

4. What upcoming events/activities present an opportunity to showcase your work and NNIP?

**Presentation to Federal Community Affairs Research Conference**

April 29-29, 2011

Arlington, VA

<http://www.frbsf.org/community/conferences/2011ResearchConference/index.html>

**Presentation to American Real Estate and Urban Economics Association Mid-Year Meetings**

June 2-3, 2011

Washington, DC

<http://www.areuea.org/conferences/details.phtml?id=87>

**Presentation at Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland Policy Summit: Housing, Human Capital, Inequality**

June 9-10, 2011

Cleveland, OH

<http://www.clevelandfed.org/2011policysummit/index.cfm?DCS.nav=Local>

**Presentation at National Coalition for Asian Pacific American Community Development Conference**

June 20-22, 2011

Washington, DC

[http://nationalcapacd.org/index.php?national\\_capacd\\_12th\\_annual\\_convention\\_information](http://nationalcapacd.org/index.php?national_capacd_12th_annual_convention_information)

# ***Oakland***

URBAN STRATEGIES COUNCIL

May 2011

1. What are your key accomplishments since October 2010?

## **Acquired 17 homes for our Community Land Trust and sold our first home**

The Oakland Community Land Trust has continued to scale with new properties coming online each month. We sold our first home and continue to expand our rehab and outreach work to make more permanently affordable homeownership opportunities available as soon as possible.

*Oakland CLT*

[www.oakclt.org](http://www.oakclt.org)

## **African American Male Achievement Initiative (AAMAI)**

In partnership with the Oakland Unified School District, we launched the ambitious AAMAI to support black boys in our public school system and to reduce all gaps in outcomes for these boys. We are currently in a discovery phase documenting promising practices and building a data-driven set of programs and policies to support our goals of reducing disparities in educational outcomes for African-American males in Oakland.

*AAMAI*

<http://www.urbanstrategies.org/programs/schools/AAMAI.php>

## **Emerald Cities Collaborative**

Urban Strategies Council was selected as the host for the Oakland Emerald Cities Collaborative (OECC). This project will establish Oakland as a continuing leader in the growing movement to combat climate change and ensure that the green economy comes in the form of new opportunities for Oakland's residents and businesses.

*OECC*

<http://www.urbanstrategies.org/programs/econopp/emeraldcity.php>

## **Promise Neighborhoods Institute**

Urban Strategies Council was invited to take part in an expert panel in Washington D.C. to provide some practical examples of how the Promise Neighborhood grantees should be using data to inform their decision making and program evaluation. We also participated in their expert webinar series on segmentation and needs analysis.

*PNI*

<http://www.promiseneighborhoodsinstitute.org>

## **Nonprofit Technology Conference**

The Council presented at the international NTC in Washington D.C this year on a session entitled "The Future of the Map" in collaboration with folks from Ushahidi, CrowdMap and GeoCommons.

NTC

<http://forums.techsoup.org/cs/community/b/tsblog/archive/2011/03/31/11ntc-the-future-of-the-map.aspx>

### **Analysis of Loan Modification Outcomes in the Federal Home Affordable Modification Program in Four California Metropolitan Areas**

Commissioned by the California Reinvestment Coalition, the Council analyzed the first release of record-level data from the HAMP program, focusing on outcomes for borrowers in the San Francisco/Oakland, Fresno, Los Angeles, and Sacramento metro areas.

CRC

[www.calreinvest.org](http://www.calreinvest.org)

2. What new activities are you working on?

#### **InfoAlamedaCounty re-launch**

We have launched a private beta version of our innovative new web mapping and data analysis platform. This new system will allow us to not only deliver beautiful web maps via a browser based viewer but also to serve our data as a feed or as downloads to other desktop and web users. The new site effectively opens up our data warehouse for public access instead of building another isolated silo of government data.

*InfoAlamedaCounty.org*

[www.InfoAlamedaCounty.org](http://www.InfoAlamedaCounty.org)

#### **NSP Foreclosure Project Data Support**

We are working with Enterprise Community Partners to assess the current data systems and availability of data to support the work of HUD's Neighborhood Stabilization Program grantees in Northern California.

3. Have you acquired new data other than routine updates? Have you completed any notable system or web site improvements?

#### **CDCR Parolee Needs Assessments**

We signed the first ever community agreement with the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation as part of our Reentry Network to secure data on the assessed needs of parolees in Alameda County.

# Philadelphia

TEMPLE UNIVERSITY, DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY AND URBAN STUDIES  
May 2011

1. What are your key accomplishments since April 2010?

## **David Elesh on WHYY's Radio Times**

On September 9th, one of MPIP's principal investigators, David Elesh, spoke with [Radio Times](#) guest host Tracey Matisak about how the Philadelphia region is faring during the Great Recession.

*David Elesh on WHYY's Radio Times discussing the impact of Obama's economic proposals*

<http://why.org/cms/radiotimes/2010/09/09/obamas-new-economic-proposals/>

## **Policy Brief: Consolidating School Districts**

This policy brief examines the recent discussion of school district consolidation in both the states in our region.

*Consolidating School Districts*

[http://mpip.temple.edu/mpip/documents/Policy\\_Brief\\_Consolidating\\_School\\_Districts.pdf](http://mpip.temple.edu/mpip/documents/Policy_Brief_Consolidating_School_Districts.pdf)

## **Policy Brief: Growing Hunger**

This policy brief examines the rapid growth of the food stamp program, particularly in our region's suburban communities.

*Growing Hunger*

<http://mpip.temple.edu/index.php?q=node/4514>

## **Policy Brief: Federal Aid for Students**

This policy brief examines the region's ability to draw upon federal funds to help low-income students earn college degrees.

*Federal Aid for Students*

[http://mpip.temple.edu/mpip/documents/Policy\\_Brief\\_Aid\\_to\\_College\\_Students.pdf](http://mpip.temple.edu/mpip/documents/Policy_Brief_Aid_to_College_Students.pdf)

## **Public Mentioning**

MPIP's work has attracted significant attention in the past 6 months in a variety of press and media mentions, including coverage of the analysis of hunger and food stamp usage, MPIP's work with the Greater Philadelphia Cultural Alliance, and the PA budget in relation to economic concerns for the region.

Additionally, MPIP is working with Temple's School of Communications and Theater in their initiative to promote public affairs journalism; a project supported by the William Penn Foundation. The School of Communication and Theater has been awarded a major grant to develop and spin-off a venture project in new journalism that will build on a number of Philadelphia area assets that can provide greater depth and analytic capacity to local journalism. MPIP was one of the resources that are specifically cited in the award. It has just participated in the development of both a demonstration of the project's web-site and data

capacities, as well as a panel presentation of journalists and journalism students involved with redefining the role of journalism in the region's civic life.

3. Have you acquired new data other than routine updates? Have you completed any notable system or web site improvements?

**MPIP's Web-based Mapping Application, MetroPhilaMapper Now Includes State Legislative Boundaries**

MPIP's MetroPhilaMapper now includes the following indicators from the US Census, Internal Revenue Service and NJ and PA Departments of Labor. These indicators include: total number of jobs, total number of establishments, average annual wages, average adjusted gross income, percentage of returns with unemployment insurance income, number of returns receiving earned income tax credit, total population.



## **Pittsburgh**

### PITTSBURGH NEIGHBORHOOD AND COMMUNITY INFORMATION SYSTEM (PNCIS)

May 2011

1. What are your key accomplishments since April 2010?

#### **Housing Alliance of Pennsylvania report**

Estimating the Supply and Demand of Affordable Housing in Allegheny County, a report with the Housing Alliance of Pennsylvania for their project “Lessons from the Foreclosure Crisis: An Agenda for Rebuilding Pennsylvania’s Housing Market”

2. What new activities are you working on?

#### **Neighborhood Profiles**

We are putting together neighborhood and community profiles for the city of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County.

#### **Quality of Life Survey**

Developing a Quality of Life survey for Pittsburgh region with Pittsburgh Today, the indicators project begun by the late John Craig. Neighborhood quality, crime perception, social relations and other neighborhood information will be collected to be analyzed with PNCIS information.

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#### **Allegheny County vital statistics**

Allegheny County Public Health Department has released vital statistics for 2009 at Census tract level – maternal health, family status, race, birth and death records.

#### **Pittsburgh Public Schools student records**

Includes address, grade, lunch status, race, school, age for public, private and charter schools students – not for public access.

#### **Census 2010 and American Community Survey 2005-2009**

Census tract, block level data

#### *Census Data*

<http://www.ucsur.pitt.edu/the/pub.php?pl=284>

<http://www.ucsur.pitt.edu/the/pub.php?cl2=17>

4. What upcoming events/activities present an opportunity to showcase your work and NNIP?

#### **The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual PNCIS Users’ Conference**

This conference brings together PNCIS users in June to showcase work, discuss applications and learn about new datasets.

June 3, 2011  
Pittsburgh, PA  
<http://www.ucsur.pitt.edu/thepub.php>

**Pittsburgh Community Reinvestment Group**

Community Development Summit  
May 25, 2010  
Pittsburgh, PA

**Pennsylvania GIS conference**

Marcellus Shale leasing activity in Allegheny County  
May 25, 2010  
Harrisburg, PA

## **Portland**

INSTITUTE OF PORTLAND METROPOLITAN STUDIES, PORTLAND STATE UNIVERSITY  
May 2011

1. What are your key accomplishments since October 2010?

### **Regional indicators project holds community-wide event**

The Greater Portland Vancouver Indicators (GPVI) project is in the final stretch of defining regional indicators, building a “community data commons” web site, and developing a business plan that outlines the future of the project. We recently held an event at Portland State University featuring Manuel Pastor from USC and Russell Hancock from Joint Venture Silicon Valley. The event introduced the GPVI project to the public and included a panel of local leaders to speak to the importance of a shared set of indicators to guide and align policy across jurisdictions. We also presented a first draft of a set of regional indicators and began to create the story behind the data.

### **Interactive maps for the Metropolitan Knowledge Network launched**

We have piloted our interactive web mapping and database using recently released ACS census tract and Census 2010 data. We are working on a work flow that will post a new article using census or ACS data at least once per month.

<http://mkn.research.pdx.edu/>

2. What new activities are you working on?

### **Central City Vitality Report**

We are working with the Portland Development Commission on the Central City Vitality Report, which describes the state of the Central City using demographic, real estate, school enrollment, transit, crime, and hospitality and tourism data. We hope to complete similar profiles for other neighborhoods.

3. Have you acquired new data other than routine updates? Have you completed any notable system or web site improvements?

### **Transit Boardings**

Trimmed transit boardings for transit stops in central city. Still working on getting them on the site.

3. What upcoming events/activities present an opportunity to showcase your work and NNIP?

### **Grantmakers of Oregon and Southwest Washington**

June 16

Portland, Or

# ***Providence***

## THE PROVIDENCE PLAN

May 2011

### 1. What are your key accomplishments since October 2010?

#### **Census Redistricting Data Release**

Crunched block data to provide Providence Neighborhood and Ward interactive web graphics.

*Census Redistricting Data by Neighborhood*

<http://provplan.org/data-and-information/map-entry/census-2010-redistricting-data>

#### **Initial Lead Compliance/Exposure Analysis well-received**

Our preliminary analysis done for the Health Department reveals that only 27% of properties that should be compliant under the Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Act show any form of compliance at all. It also showed that while absentee-landlord properties have twice the exposure rate of owner-occupied, a significant amount of exposure is occurring on exempt (owner-occupied) properties. Lists of problem properties produced by the study are being used to guide carrot and stick approaches to remediation through the City of Providence and the Green and Healthy Homes Initiative.

#### **New Community/Neighborhood Profiles Site Nearing Completion**

Using funding from the RI Foundation we're building a completely open source platform for serving data across multiple domains and geographies. The site is built using Django and Postgres and designed to be easily replicable anywhere in the country. It will use data graphics similar to the redistricting data release above.

### 2. What new activities are you working on?

#### **Property Mapper site development begins again**

After a funding hiatus we finally secured additional resources from the Healthy Kids Collaborative to finish our open source property mapper platform and integrate Lead Compliance data.

*Property Mapper*

dpm.provplan.org

#### **ProvPlan receives \$298k HUD Lead Technical Studies Grant**

This grant will allow us to go in to great depth in examining the relationship between lead remediation compliance and child exposure. This grant will allow us to expand our analysis to three other urban communities in RI as well as attempt to better understand the relationship between foreclosures and lead exposure.

3. Have you acquired new data other than routine updates? Have you completed any notable system or web site improvements?

**New ProvPlan website launched**

Launched a completely redesigned organizational website

*ProvPlan*

<http://provplan.org/>

**Lead Compliance Data Feeds Established**

Created a site/web service that allows access to Health Lead Safe and Housing Resource Commission Certificate of Compliance data through a single source.

4. What upcoming events/activities present an opportunity to showcase your work and NNIP?

**Building a Healthy Housing Workforce**

RI Department of Health-sponsored conference and awards ceremony- Jim Lucht will be giving two presentations.

May 18, 2011

North Kingstown, RI

# ***Sacramento***

COMMUNITY SERVICES PLANNING COUNCIL

May 2011

1. What are your key accomplishments since October 2010?

**Trained representatives from 30 different organizations on the use of HealthyCity.org.**

HealthyCity.org is a webtool that brings together community indicator data, service assets, mapping technology, and interactive commentary to allow residents to examine and share information about their community.

*Healthy City Sacramento Region*

[www.healthycity.org/region/sacramento](http://www.healthycity.org/region/sacramento)

**Developed 2011 Sacramento County Children’s Report Card**

The Children’s Report Card presents 40+ indicators of childhood health and well being in Sacramento County. It is shared with policy makers, program planners and others to help guide policy and resource development.

*Sacramento County Children’s Report Card*

[www.childrensreportcard.org](http://www.childrensreportcard.org). (not publicly available until May 25, 2011)

**Sacramento County Homeless County**

CSPC’s Sacramento Steps Forward program coordinated the 2011 point-in-time homeless count. The count is used to gauge the extent and status of homelessness in the County.

*Sacramento Steps Forward*

<http://sacramentostepsforward.com/>

**Sacramento Regional Emergency Housing and Assistance Program**

The Emergency Food and Shelter Board (coordinated by CSPC) created Local Emergency Shelter Strategy Plans for five counties in the Sacramento Region, based on economic, homeless, and housing indicators. The strategies were used to prioritize targets for funding through the Emergency Housing and Assistance Program.

**Sacramento Coalition for Working Families – EITC Program**

CSPC coordinates the Sacramento Coalition for Working Families, which (among other things) promotes the Earned Income Tax Credit program and oversees the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program. The Coalition tries to connect target audiences with the programs, but that includes examining and identifying the neighborhoods where concentrations of likely eligibles will be highest.

*Sacramento Coalition for Working Families*

<http://www.sacworkingfamilies.org/>

2. What new activities are you working on?

**Hunger Hits Home**

Hunger Hits Home is a food security assessment and action planning project for Sacramento County, funded by the US Dept. of Agriculture and the Sierra Health Foundation. The assessment will collect input from consumers, providers, and also secondary data sources to gain a better understanding of the local extent, causes, and consequences of hunger in the area, and shape strategies to better use available resources.

*Hunger Hits Home*

[http://www.communitycouncil.org/level-3/shc\\_hitshome.html](http://www.communitycouncil.org/level-3/shc_hitshome.html)

**Sacramento County Alcohol and Drug Services Strategic Plan**

Community Services Planning Council is developing a three year strategic plan for Sacramento County's Alcohol and Drug Services program. The effort involves engaging diverse stakeholders, examining needs and assets, and developing operational goals. Through the project, we are learning more about differing needs across geographic areas and population types.

3. What upcoming events/activities present an opportunity to showcase your work and NNIP?

**HealthyCity.org trainings.**

We are continually training new organizations on the use of HealthyCity.org. The webtool is used as a backdrop, but trainings also incorporate discussions on how to interpret data and use data to tell the audience's community story and shape and advocate for policy change.

*Date:* Ongoing

*City, State:* A seven county region surrounding California's State Capital (Sacramento)

## ***San Antonio***

COMMUNITY INFORMATION NOW (CI:NOW)

May 2011

1. What are your key accomplishments since October 2010?

### **Interactive coverage of SA2020 planning workshop series in San Antonio**

NOWCastSA, a project of CI:NOW, produced seven live, interactive webcasts from September 2010 to March 2011 as hundreds of residents gathered to discuss and choose goals and priorities and envision San Antonio in the year 2020. The webcasts, each of which included a live, real-time chat, enabled at least 1,000 individuals to participate and comment on the process online, NOWCastSA archived and hosted video of all 20 hours of the events and produced several more hours of video interviews with residents and key participants and leaders. This allowed thousands of people to watch the complete video after the fact. NOWCastSA's role in opening the conversation and expanding civic engagement was commended in the SA2020 final report. NOWData, CI:Now's datacenter and data services provider, tentatively plans to provide data support for SA2020, including data collection, analysis, presentation, visualization, secure warehousing, and online hosting.

*Local Community Discussion to Decide the Future*

<http://www.nowcastsa.com/SA2020>

*SA2020 Final Report*

<http://www.sa2020.org/>

2. Have you acquired new data other than routine updates? Have you completed any notable system or web site improvements?

### **Data: Mental Health**

CI:Now's NOWData arm won a grant from Methodist Healthcare Ministries to conduct a second year of collection of mental health and substance abuse data. Data of interest include morbidity and co-morbidity, impact on other areas of community well-being, risk and protective factors, treatment system capacity and gaps, service utilization, and disparities in morbidity, access, and outcomes.

*Mental Health*

<http://www.cinow.info/Other/MentalHealth.aspx> (will change in summer 2010)

### **Data: Eastside Promise Neighborhood**

Led by the United Way of San Antonio and Bexar County, the Eastside (San Antonio) Promise Neighborhood Coalition won a planning grant from US DOE to "work together on a plan that expands the opportunities for all children and adults to succeed in or return to an education plan that prepares them for the workforce of the future". Together with Trinity University, CI:Now's NOWData arm is providing data-related support, including planning for a cross-agency longitudinal data system, collecting and analyzing baseline data, and developing the project dashboard. NOWCastSA



webcast the March 2011 neighborhood forum at which the baseline data were presented.

*Eastside Promise Neighborhood*

<http://www.cinow.info/Other/EastsidePromise.aspx> (will change in summer 2010)

**Data: Various**

CI:Now's NOWData arm is also working on and has partially published new data related to property vacancies, foreclosures, educational outcomes (including dropout), child fitness levels, and business patterns to include access to healthy foods. CI:Now also published multi-topic student and household survey data from the Comal County Assessment conducted in 2008.

*Community Information Now*

<http://www.cinow.info/data/default.aspx>,

<http://www.cinow.info/CrossTabs/GetCrossTabInfo.aspx>

**Website: Conversion and Redesign**

CI:Now's NOWData arm and NOWTech websites are in complete redesign and conversion to Drupal and Django for more robust functionality, ease of use and management, and granular content-level integration with NOWCastSA, which is already in Drupal. The new website is expected to launch in two stages in June and July 2011, preserving an improved .NET-based custom table tool and adding Weave and/or another data visualization tool. (NOWData's data explorer also underwent an interim redesign in February 2011.)

*Community Information Now*

<http://www.cinow.info>

## **Seattle**

PUBLIC HEALTH, SEATTLE & KING COUNTY

May 2011

1. What are your key accomplishments since October 2010?

### **King County Public Health joins Weave consortium**

We joined as a primary member in order to take advantage of this data visualization software for overall assessment work and sharing results of our Communities Count indicator report with the public. We are also developing an on-demand data analysis component using R, the statistical programming application paired with Weave. Our intent is to use Weave to completely re-develop our web-based data query system, VistaPHw, to provide more flexible analysis of vital records statistical files and surveys such as the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance Survey, sharing results via the Weave data visualization tools.

### **Communities Count featured in Government Accountability Office (GAO) Report on Key Indicator Systems**

Communities Count and Public Health data were featured in the key indicator system case study of King County WA AIMS High. For this report, a group of 20 comprehensive indicator systems from different jurisdictional levels and diverse locations were reviewed. In-depth case studies—including interviews with officials and stakeholders were conducted for seven these 20 systems. The criteria for selection as a case study system included comprehensiveness, longevity, outcome-oriented and involvement of a government entity as a partner or as a user of information from the system. Seven indicator systems were selected including King County WA.

*Key Indicator Systems: Experiences of Other National and Sub-national Systems Offer Insights for the United States GAO-11-396 March 31, 2011*

<http://www.gao.gov/Products/GAO-11-396>

### **Completing analyses of the Casey Foundation/Urban Institute /NORC Making Connections survey data for White Center.**

PHSKC has served as analyst and data source for this project since the first of three community surveys in 2003, and is now wrapping up comparison of the 2003, 2006 and 2009 community surveys. The White Center community seeks to promote healthy child development through its Family Economic Success/Neighborhood Job Pipeline, which PHSKC is helping to evaluate.

### **PHSKC has joined the White Center Promise Neighborhood Data Work Group**

White Center was not awarded a Promise Neighborhood Planning Grant in 2010 but was offered technical assistance by the Promise Neighborhood Institute and limited funding from local foundations for a planning year. The 2011-2012 year is a planning time for a local partnership to define strategies for an academic pipeline and sustainability, data and business plans. PHSKC will provide data support and participate in developing the continuum of services and scale and sustainability plan.

<http://www.wccda.org/resources/promise-neighborhoods/about-pn>

**Public Health co-leading King County government’s Equity and Social Justice work with Executive’s Office—developing measures of success**

In fall of 2010, an equity ordinance was passed that codifies the cross-county equity initiative and expands the work to include all separately elected offices and branches (courts, prosecuting attorney, sheriff’s office, elections, assessor, and the County Council). As a result, the work has evolved from a separate initiative to an integrated effort that is imbedded in the King County Strategic Plan (KCSP). The ordinance requires an annual report to King County elected leadership, employees and the public on ESJ measures and results.

We also have identified local data related to the 14 determinants of equity that are integrated into community indicator and strategic measures within the Strategic Plan.

<http://www.kingcounty.gov/equity>

2. What new activities are you working on?

**Nutrition labeling evaluation results are being shared:**

King County’s regulation requiring fast food and chain restaurants to display calorie and other nutritional information went into effect in 2009. To evaluate the impact of the regulation on patrons’ menu choices, Public Health carried out before-and-after- regulation surveys of restaurant patrons and, by random-digit-dial, King County adults. We also conducted focus groups of patrons and key informant interviews of major players to collect qualitative data on consumer reactions and to document how the regulation was passed. Preliminary results from one of two pre/post ordinance surveys: almost one in two patrons saw calorie information, according to self-report; 15 percent of patrons (about 128,000 people) reported they used the information in making menu choices. Results from a survey of patrons’ choices based on their actual itemized receipts collected as part of another random survey is being analyzed and will be presented soon.

**In support of King County government’s Equity and Social Justice Initiative, PHSKC analyzed data on Public Health new hires and applicants.**

The Public Health workforce is more racially and ethnically diverse than the County’s working age population, but Human Resources staff wanted to know whether this diversity is consistent across divisions and salary grades. We examined 3 years of HR data to support a critical analysis of the hiring process and its outcomes.

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*American Community Survey* small-area five-year estimates, including changes since the 2000 Census in poverty, education, linguistic isolation and immigration status have been shared in a series of maps in trainings and will shortly be added to our Community Health Indicators website. In addition, we have trained CBO and agency staff on use of ACS data in collaboration with a trainer from the Census.

## ***St. Louis***

REGIONAL HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ALLIANCE (RHCD A)

May 2011

1. What are your key accomplishments since October 2010?

### **Exploring American Community Survey Data About Your Service Area Group Training (March 2011)**

RHCD A holds four, free group trainings per year for area Community Development Corporations on a variety of topics. Our March 2011 Training focused on the American Community Survey, and specifically the 2005-2009 data. By a show of hands at the beginning of the training, none of the attendees had used 2005-2009 American Community Survey data before the training. Attendees learned where to access the data and received one-page custom reports for their service areas, which opened up a discussion about data accuracy and margins of error, how local knowledge can augment reported data, and what information local CDCs wished they had access to.

*RHCD A Group Training Schedule*

<http://www.rhcd a.com/joomla/index.php/cdc-capacity-building/group-training-schedule.html>

### **Google Group to Facilitate Group Training Discussions**

At the request of the CDCs who attend our group trainings, we have started a Google Group for to help local CDCs share information between trainings, and have been working at facilitating ongoing discussion.

*RHCD A Group Training Discussions Google Group*

<http://groups.google.com/group/rhcd a-gtd> (group is closed/private)

2. What new activities are you working on?

### **Assistance with the Formation of a St. Louis CDC Network**

We are assisting Todd Swanstrom and other staff at the University of Missouri-St. Louis in laying the groundwork for a St. Louis CDC Network that would be a space for CDCs to share knowledge and advocate for policy change.

### **St. Louis Regional Plan for Sustainable Development**

Three RHCD A staff members are serving on committees for the East West Gateway-led, HUD-Funded St. Louis Regional Plan for Sustainable Development, including the Technical Planning Committee, which will be collecting and disseminating data.

*East West Gateway Sustainable Development Grant*

<http://www.ewgateway.org/HUDGrant/hudgrant.htm>

## ***Washington D.C.***

NEIGHBORHOODINFO DC

May 2011

1. What are your key accomplishments since October 2010?

### **Washington, D.C. Metropolitan Area Foreclosure Monitor - Winter 2011**

A report by NeighborhoodInfo DC presenting quarterly data on foreclosures, mortgage delinquency, real estate owned (REO) properties, and the sales market in the D.C. metropolitan region

[http://www.neighborhoodinfodc.org/Foreclosure/Foreclosure\\_monitor.html](http://www.neighborhoodinfodc.org/Foreclosure/Foreclosure_monitor.html)

### **DC Promise Neighborhood Initiative**

Providing data and research support to the DC Promise Neighborhood Initiative (DCPNI) for a federal planning grant. We will continue to serve as the data/evaluation partner for DCPNI.

### **DC Kids Count**

Providing data and analysis support to the DC Kids Count grantee to the new Kids Count grantee (DC Action for Children). Released the first of a series of policy briefs based on the 2010 Census.

*A Tale of Three Cities: What the Census Says About the District and How We Must Respond*

<http://www.dcactionforchildren.org/sites/default/files/CensusBrief4-27-11%20FINAL.pdf>

### **2010 State of DC Neighborhoods**

A comprehensive data book on the current trends and conditions in the District of Columbia, its wards, and its neighborhoods being prepared for the DC Office of Planning.

### **2010 Portrait of Women and Girls in the Washington Metropolitan Area**

A comprehensive data book on the status of women and girls in the Washington, D.C., metropolitan region being prepared in collaboration with the Washington Area Women's Foundation and the Institute for Women's Policy Research.

*2010 Portrait of Women and Girls in the Washington Metropolitan Area*

[http://thewomensfoundation.org/wp-content/themes/wawf/images/Portrait\\_Project\\_2010\\_Complete\\_Report.pdf](http://thewomensfoundation.org/wp-content/themes/wawf/images/Portrait_Project_2010_Complete_Report.pdf)

### **Rising Foreclosures Overwhelm Washington Area Counseling Organizations**

This report discusses the results from surveys of housing counseling and legal service organizations and interviews with social service organizations in the Washington D.C. area. These organizations are working hard to help households in the region cope with the foreclosure crisis. Current counseling capacity is only sufficient to assist a small proportion of households who are behind on their mortgage payments or in foreclosure. In order to fully meet the needs of troubled homeowners and renters, funding for foreclosure prevention counseling needs to be increased and diversified. Improving relationships with servicers is essential to achieving better outcomes for counseled homeowners.

*Rising Foreclosures Overwhelm Washington, D.C. Area Counseling Organizations*  
<http://www.urban.org/publications/412232.html>

2. What new activities are you working on?

**DC Parkside Kenilworth Promise Neighborhood Initiative**

DCPNI won the US Department of Ed Promise Neighborhood planning grant and NIDC is starting to work as the data/evaluation partner. Currently in the strategic development planning phase and preparing for the implementation RFP that will be released in May or June 2011.

3. What upcoming events/activities present an opportunity to showcase your work and NNIP?

**Fair Housing Symposium**

Presented on panel discussing the latest census data and foreclosure trends.

Date: 4/26/2011

**Changes in the Demographics of Children in the District**

Presented on panel discussing the latest census data.

Date: 4/27/2011