

NNIP

Partner Reports

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NATIONAL NEIGHBORHOOD INDICATORS PARTNERSHIP
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NNIP Partner Report Topic Directory, Spring 2009										
	Atlanta	Baltimore	Boston	Camden	Chattanooga	Chicago	Cleveland	Columbus	Dallas	
Comprehensive Indicators			X		X					
Regional neighborhood indicators	x	x			x				x	
City-wide neighborhood indicators		x			x				x	
Demographic Analysis	x	x	x		x					
Demographics/population estimates	x	x			x					
Births/deaths		x			x				x	
Migration		x			x					
Immigration/naturalization					x					
Neighborhood Analysis			x		x					
Neighborhood market trends		x			x		x			
Neighborhood typology		x			x					
Property conditions		x			x				x	
In-depth individual neighborhood analysis			x		x					
Neighborhood Economic Development					x					
Workforce/employment	x	x			x					
Social Compact drilldown		x								
Retail development/grocery stores		x			x					
Impact of new/potential development			x							
Housing	x	x	x		x					
Mortgage lending/foreclosures	x	x	x		x		x			
HOPE VI, subsidized housing										
Affordable housing issues					x				x	
Homelessness							x			
Children/Education		x	x		x					
Child wellbeing	x						x			
Early childhood/school readiness	x				x		x			
Schools and teachers	x	x			x					
Student mobility		x								
Literacy (adult or child)					x					
Student achievement (levels/gaps)	x	x			x					
Health and Safety	x				x					
Health conditions/disparities					x				x	
Hospitalizations			x		x				x	
Health care costs/budgets					x				x	
Weight and obesity					x					
Crime conditions/trends		x			x					
Prisoner reentry					x				x	
Social and Financial Services					x					
Services needs assessment					x					
EITC, financial training/services										
Public Assistance (welfare; food stamps)					x					
Arts and Culture			x		x					
Government Operations					x					
Budget and taxes					x					
Performance measurement					x					
Other (please list):										Gender/

NNIP Partner Report Topic Directory, Spring									
		Denver	Des Moines	Grand Rapids	Hartford	Indianapolis	LA	Louisville	Memphis
Comprehensive Indicators						x			x
Regional neighborhood indicators					x				x
City-wide neighborhood indicators	x				x				x
Demographic Analysis									x
Demographics/population estimates	x								x
Births/deaths						x			x
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Neighborhood Analysis									x
Neighborhood market trends						x			x
Neighborhood typology	x								x
Property conditions					x				x
In-depth individual neighborhood analysis						x			x
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NNIP Partner Report Topic Directory, Spring									
		Miami	Milwaukee	Twin Cities	Nashville	New Haven	New Orleans	NYC	Oakland
Comprehensive Indicators						x			
	Regional neighborhood indicators			x		x			
	City-wide neighborhood indicators		x	x		x		x	
Demographic Analysis			x						
	Demographics/population estimates				x			x	x
	Births/deaths								
	Migration							x	
	Immigration/naturalization							x	
Neighborhood Analysis						x			
	Neighborhood market trends			x				x	x
	Neighborhood typology				x			x	
	Property conditions		x	x	x	x		x	x
	In-depth individual neighborhood analysis	x				x		x	x
Neighborhood Economic Development						x		x	
	Workforce/employment			x		x		x	x
	Social Compact drilldown								x
	Retail development/grocery stores							x	x
	Impact of new/potential development				x			x	x
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	Mortgage lending/foreclosures		x	x	x	x		x	x
	HOPE VI, subsidized housing							x	
	Affordable housing issues		x	x	x			x	x
	Homelessness		x			x			x
Children/Education								x	
	Child wellbeing							x	x
	Early childhood/school readiness	x	x						x
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Atlanta

ATLANTA NEIGHBORHOOD INDICATORS PROJECT

April 2009

1. Key Accomplishments Since November 2008.

- Completed a first phase of development of a new mapping/visualization web platform. (This platform is being presented at the Minneapolis NNIP meeting)
- Completed the first phase of the overall Neighborhood Nexus Website.
- Contracted with the Polis Center to help develop an operational plan for the continued functioning of Neighborhood Nexus that will include better-defined roles and responsibilities
- “Soft-launched” Neighborhood Nexus to a group of participants involved with an Early Childhood Learning forum. It was put on by a group of local organizations that were brought together by Neighborhood Nexus.

2. Important Reports and Data Presentations.

- Nearing completion of two “cross-site” reports – “Addressing the Foreclosure Crisis: Action-Oriented Research in Metropolitan Atlanta” and “School Readiness and Early Grade Success”
- Made numerous presentations about our research on patterns of local foreclosures
- Presented the findings of the School Readiness project to a group of local stakeholders

3. New Analysis/Program Efforts.

- Currently working on a community asset mapping project with a local community food bank and others, including United Way, to overlay point-level locations of community organizations and their service areas on top of demographic data, among other purposes.
- Working with the United Way to help determine “opportunity zones” – distinct areas where needs are most heavily concentrated.

4. New Data Acquisitions/Web Site Improvements.

- We have acquired census-tract level data public health – specifically, data pertaining to natality measures – births, adequacy of pre-natal care, birthweight.
- We also have acquired CRCT scores by individual school location for 2008 for grades first through eighth.
- Several other data sets are pending satisfactory completion of an MOA.

5. Upcoming Events/Activities to Showcase NNIP.

- The next event that Neighborhood Nexus is targeting for more of a “hard” launch is the Neighborhood Summit in September. This is an all day event that will include hundreds of community activists from a variety of non-profit disciplines.

Baltimore

BALTIMORE NEIGHBORHOOD INDICATORS ALLIANCE

April 2009

1. Key Accomplishments Since November 2008.

January 2009 – Study of Annapolis, Maryland

BNIA-JFI created a descriptive presentation of over 100 demographic, economic, employment, education, crime, environment, and community indicators for the City of Annapolis, Maryland from 1970 to 2008 for Homes for America. The Study of Annapolis, Maryland can be found at: <http://www.ubalt.edu/bnia/>

February 2009 – Vital Signs 5

BNIA-JFI produced Vital Signs 5 and the corresponding CSA profiles that track over 40 neighborhood indicators for Baltimore City. Vital Signs 5 can be found at: <http://www.ubalt.edu/bnia/>

2009 – Baltimore City Foreclosure Activity Website

BNIA-JFI has developed a Google map application for Baltimore City for the Baltimore Homeownership Preservation Coalition that lists and maps all residential properties that have a foreclosure filing. For each property, the address, foreclosure amount, and neighborhood are provided. The map can be found at: <http://www.ubalt.edu/bnia/maps.cfm>

2009 – Baltimore City Student Absenteeism Task Force

BNIA-JFI staff continues to provide its expertise in data, surveys, and GIS to the Baltimore City Public School System's efforts to reduce and understand chronic absenteeism. In addition, BNIA-JFI created both a neighborhood level analysis of chronically absent students and analyzed the distance from home to school for chronically absent students by grade level.

2. Important Reports and Data Presentations.

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March 2009 – State of the Downtown Report, 2008

BNIA-JFI created a database of all downtown employers and then surveyed them collecting employment data. BNIA-JFI then provided an analysis of downtown employers from 2007 to 2008 (firms, employment, and industry changes).

3. New Analysis/Program Efforts.

NNIP Cross Site Project – The Effect of Foreclosure on Children, Schools, and

Neighborhoods

This project will create a detailed picture of the number of children affected by foreclosure and create a comparison of the characteristics of their pre-foreclosure and post-foreclosure neighborhoods and schools.

Urban Institute/Harvard University/BNIA-JFI – Neighborhood Influences on the Risk of Sexual Violence for Adolescent Girls (proposal submitted to National Institutes of Justice and National Institutes of Health)

The goal of the research is to understand what dimensions of a neighborhood create a corrosive sexual environment (CSE) and how CSE contributes to the experience of sexual assault and extreme harassment.

Baltimore City Redline Neighborhood Workforce Analysis

BNIA-JFI has created a laborshed analysis for the neighborhoods for which the proposed Redline will travel through for the Baltimore City Department of Transportation.

Baltimore Community Foundation – Baltimore Community Experience Initiative

BNIA-JFI is working with the Baltimore Community Foundation to identify Baltimore City and Baltimore County neighborhoods in which to develop a new program to increase adult (persons aged 55 to 75) volunteerism. In addition, BNIA-JFI is providing socioeconomic/demographic data and mapping and will be assisting in the program evaluation.

Central Baltimore Partnership – Neighborhood data tracking and program evaluation

BNIA-JFI is creating several asset maps as well as providing quarterly data for four program areas in Central Baltimore (Public Safety, Sanitation, Code Enforcement, and Housing).

4. New Data Acquisitions/Web Site Improvements.

BNIA-JFI is currently in discussions with the following agencies to access administrative data:

- Maryland Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation – Notice of Intent to Foreclose data
- Maryland Department of Juvenile Services – intake and assignment data
- Baltimore City Fire Department – calls for service

5. Upcoming Events/Activities to Showcase NNIP.

NNIP Cross Site Project presentations

Presentation on the Baltimore DrillDown to Lambda Alpha.

Boston

BOSTON INDICATORS PROJECT

METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING COUNCIL METROBOSTON DATACOMMON

April 2009

1. Key Accomplishments Since November 2008.

On December 1st, 2008 MAPC published the [MetroFuture Implementation Strategies](#), short- and long-term action steps for planning, policy and spending changes at every level of government, along with steps that can be taken by the private sector and even by individual households across the region to implement the agency's comprehensive regional plan, MetroFuture. Of particular interest to other NNIP members, the second of 13 strategies, "[Democratize Information](#)," describes a series of steps related to data collection and management, the use of data to support decision making, and support for data intermediaries. These strategies were ratified by MAPC's governing council on December 2nd, 2009.

MAPC staff have continued work on the **Chinatown Human Development Overlay District (HD-OD)** project, including a variety of neighborhood-level analysis, mapping, and indicator creation using existing and new data sources. For this project, with our community partners, we will be collecting primary source data as well as analyzing administrative data from neighborhood service providers.

For the Chinatown HD-OD project we will develop **neighborhood indicators** to use in a community assessment and as a baseline for a neighborhood planning process. We continue to track **municipal-level indicators and data**, and are in the process of exploring developing **regional indicators** to evaluate the region's progress towards achieving our regional plan MetroFuture.

2. Important Reports and Data Presentations.

In addition to the MetroFuture Implementation Strategies, also in December 2008 MAPC published its **annual report and calendar**, featuring 12 maps illustrating key regional issues. This year's calendar includes maps illustrating foreclosures, subprime lending, recycling and composting rates, and asthma hospitalizations. The maps and descriptions are available on our [MetroBoston DataCommon regional map gallery](#).

3. New Analysis/Program Efforts.

MAPC has created a series of maps and reports **illustrating the local impact of a set of proposed public transportation cuts** for every state House and Senate District, and the circulation areas of local newspapers.

We have completed statistical analysis of the relationship between **school construction and student enrollment** for the Massachusetts School Building Authority.

MAPC staff are participating in the survey design, outreach, and data collection for a **statewide household travel survey**, the first such survey in the state in over 15 years.

The resulting data will be used for transportation modeling, as well as produce data on walking and bicycling for our transportation planning.

We are also preparing a **city-wide model of housing development** using Community Viz for City of Malden, to support an ongoing citywide planning process. MAPC prepared four alternative scenarios depicting the outcomes of different zoning regulations. Results of the modeling were presented at a public meeting in April 2009. At that meeting, participants used wireless keypad polling to give feedback about what they liked—and did not like—about each alternative scenario. MAPC used the results of this public meeting and a survey of municipal staff to develop specific recommendations for zoning requirements and permitting practices.

We have completed some exploratory analysis of **Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT)** data published by MassGIS to estimate the impact of a proposed gas tax increase and evaluate travel patterns.

We submitted to the U.S. Census Bureau our input as part of the **Participant Statistical Areas Program (PSAP)** for three counties of Massachusetts. This program involved collaborating with local GIS and planning staff to adjust the boundaries of Census Tracts, Block Groups, and Census Designated Places. Since the location and boundaries of Block Groups with minority and low income populations are part of the criteria for Community Development Block Grants and other state and federal programs, the PSAP program involved special outreach in some areas.

We have begun planning for our biannual **one-day conference, Data Day 2009**, which brings together local government officials and nonprofits to discuss the use of data to create policy and drive community change at the local level. This year we plan training sessions on online data and mapping resources, how to prepare for Census 2010, and how local groups have used data.

4. New Data Acquisitions/Web Site Improvements.

We have obtained a **new dataset on household VMT from MassGIS**, the state geographic information agency. It contains information about population, employment, and estimated VMT per household calculated from 16 million inspection records from the state Registry of Motor Vehicles. The data is presented through statewide grid with cells 250 meters on a side. We have used the data to estimate the relative gas tax burden of various parts of the state.

In April we completed **six local affiliates to our regional data and mapping portal** the MetroBoston DataCommon. These websites provide additional neighborhood and local data for six neighborhoods and municipalities in metropolitan Boston. The affiliate sites are the Boston neighborhoods of Allston Brighton, Chinatown, Codman Square, and Jamaica Plain, and the municipalities of Hanover and Somerville.

We are continuing to work with the nationwide consortium partners and UMass Lowell software development team to develop the **OpenIndicators data visualization tool**. The group released the first version of the software for testing in April.

5. Upcoming Events/Activities to Showcase NNIP.

Together with other partners from around the country MAPC continues to work to develop the **Open Indicators software platform** to visualize data with developers from the University of Massachusetts – Lowell. This tool will allow visitors to chart and map data layers, creating custom maps of data.

Funded by MacArthur's Digital Media Learning Grant, MAPC is a partner in the **Participatory Chinatown project**, which seeks to transform the planning practices shaping Boston's Chinatown from disjointed transactions between developers and the community to an ongoing conversation guided by the process of participatory learning. Participants sit side-by-side in physical space and simultaneously co-inhabit a 3D virtual space where they engage in rapid prototyping and testing of urban design proposals. Participatory Chinatown is a collaborative effort of the Asian Community Development Corporation (ACDC), Emerson College, and MAPC. Specifically, MAPC will be conducting the 3-D modeling of the Chinatown, providing technical assistance about how to best work this technology into the Chinatown Master Planning process as well as evaluating the effectiveness of the technique in achieving more meaningful input from meeting participants. The project, using an open source alternative to the popular multiplayer 3-D game Second Life called Wonderland, will apply cutting edge technology as a participatory decision support tools.

Camden

CAMCONNECT

April 2009

3. New Analysis/Program Efforts.

- Working with our local CDC umbrella group on a vacant & abandoned property data collection (survey, administrative, code enforcement, etc) and policy strategy.
- Updating a report on the state of Camden's municipal budget including new analysis of property values and ownership patterns
- Estimating the effectiveness of the countywide cancer screening program and quantifying the impact of barriers to care (what percentage of the eligible population is being missed?)
- Trying to implement an annual Eds & Meds impact report (real estate investment, employment and salary, clients served).
- Geocoding and analyzing spatial longitudinal patient level hospital admissions and diagnosis data
- Trying to find and map mortgage delinquency data at a sub-county geography
- Gathering data to support an (as yet unfunded) local implementation of the Social Compact DrillDown.

4. New Data Acquisitions/Web Site Improvements.

- Creating a general citywide property development database
- Creating a database and map of traffic count data and trying to encourage the city to resume a regular program of traffic counts
- Building an online, searchable data catalog

Chattanooga

OCHS CENTER FOR METROPOLITAN STUDIES

April 2009

1. Key Accomplishments Since November 2008.

- Ochs Center releases 2008 State of Chattanooga Region Report series with separate reports on Early Childhood, Environment, Education, Crime, Health, Housing, Economy, and Demographics Ochs Center presents data on school finance to Citizens Advisory Panel examining Hamilton County Department of Education budget.
- New Ochs Center study assesses local food production and consumption; fuels movement on food economy.
- Ochs Center co-sponsors second year of George T. Hunter Lecture Series with speakers Doris Kearns Goodwin and John Merrow.

2. Important Reports and Data Presentations.

All reports and presentations are available at www.ochscenter.org

Major reports:

2008 State of Chattanooga Region Report series

(<http://ochscenter.org/regionreport.php>)

A Preliminary Analysis of Food Production and Consumption in the Chattanooga Foodshed (November 2008) (<http://crabtreefarms.org/buylocal/bfbl.html>)

Economic Impacts and Financing of the Proposed Coal-Fired Power Plant in Early County (March 2009) (<http://ochscenter.org/reports.php>)

Presentations:

Putting Hamilton County School Finance Into Context, Hamilton County School Board (<http://ochscenter.org/education.php>)

Presentations to City Council on Crime, Demographics and Economic Development

Presentation to La Paz de Dios on Demographics of the Latino Community

Speech to East Brainerd Chamber of Commerce

Poster Presentation, American Evaluation Association, Denver

Fiscal Impacts of Land Use and Development in Hamilton County, Urban Affairs Association, Chicago

3. New Analysis/Program Efforts.

The Ochs Center is working to develop the *Blueprint for Tennessee Prosperity*, a statewide effort to focus State government policy on the importance of metropolitan areas as economic engines.

The Ochs Center is also working to develop the Chattanooga Regional Food Initiative, which would include a community food assessment and strategic planning process focused on food access and quality issues.

The Ochs Center has received additional funding to support continued work on school readiness and early grade success issues in Hamilton County. In May, we will survey all parents registering children for kindergarten and in June, we will host a policy forum in this area.

The State has awarded the Ochs Center a three year contract to evaluate a pilot program to provide prenatal services to low income mothers. The Ochs Center is also conducting program evaluations of a local marriage initiative, an anti-obesity program and a community revitalization project.

With funding from the Rockefeller Family Fund, the Ochs Center is analyzing the economic impact of coal-fired power plants and examining the economic impact of energy efficiency.

4. New Data Acquisitions/Web Site Improvements.

The Ochs Center website now includes an interactive neighborhood map, updated to include information from the 2008 SOCRR report. The map links to data profiles for 36 subregions in the Chattanooga area.

5. Upcoming Events/Activities to Showcase NNIP.

Hamilton County Children's Policy Forum, June 20, 2009

Cleveland

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

April 2009

1. Key Accomplishments Since November 2008.

- Completed second round of child observations (n=200) for study of effects of universal prekindergarten (UPK) pilot program as part of the Centers work studying Cuyahoga County's early childhood programming
- Commenced enrollment of families into a study of the effects of home visiting services on the home environment for children under three
- Release of report ***Beyond REO: Property transfers at extremely distressed prices*** (Copies can be downloaded at <http://neocando.case.edu>)
- Implemented a foreclosure risk identification system that is being used countywide through many programs.
- Prepared proposals for NSP funding data systems to support neighborhood revitalization.

2. Important Reports and Data Presentations.

- Reports:

Coulton, C., Fischer, R., Hardy, P., & Lulich, N. (2008). Cuyahoga County 2008 Child Well-Being & Tracking Update. Cleveland, OH: Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences, Case Western Reserve University. December.

Coulton, C., Schramm, M., & Hirsh, A. (2008) *Beyond REO: Property Transfers at Extremely Distressed Prices in Cuyahoga County, 2005-2008*. Cleveland, OH: Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences, Case Western Reserve University. December.

Fischer, R. L. (2009). The role of intermediaries and the Faith-Based and Community Initiative: Learning from the Rural Pilot Project. Chapter 5 in Evaluation of the Rural Domestic Violence and Child Victimization Grant Program Special Initiative: Faith-Based and Community Organization Pilot Program. Sudbury, MA: Advocates for Human Potential. Report to the U.S. Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women. March.

- Research briefs:

Peisner-Feinberg, E., Bryant, D., Fischer, R., & Grayson, L. (2009). Quality matters - Assessing the quality of early care settings in Cuyahoga County. Briefly

Stated, 09(02). Cleveland, OH: Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences, Case Western Reserve University. January.

Fischer, R. (2009). Lord knows...but what do we know about the effectiveness of faith-based services. Briefly Stated, 09(01). Cleveland, OH: Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences, Case Western Reserve University. January.

- Presentations:

Coulton, Claudia (2009). Beyond REO: Properties Transferred at Extremely Distressed Prices, Midwest Economics Association, Cleveland, March.

Manchester, J., Perweiler, E., Howe, J. L., Murray, P., Engle, M., Karuza, J., Weiss, J., Fischer, R. L., & Rosich, R. (2009). Exploring the logic of health literacy training and evaluation: Measuring secondary and tertiary effects in geriatric education. Association for Gerontology in Higher Education. San Antonio, TX. February.

Fischer, R. L. (2008). In god we trust – all others bring data: Assessing the state of research on faith-based and community programming. Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action Annual Meeting. Philadelphia, PA. November.

Yung, B., Fischer, R. L., Leahy, P., Perkins, F., Sharma, M., Clasen, C., & Deason, L. (2008). Collaborative evaluation policy development with a state office of minority health. American Evaluation Association Annual Meeting. Denver, CO. November.

Fischer, R. L., Bryant, D., Peisner-Feinberg, E., & Grayson L. (2008). Assessing the quality of early care for preschool-aged children in an urban setting. American Evaluation Association Annual Meeting. Denver, CO. November.

Schramm, M. (2009). Beyond REO: Property transfers at extremely distressed prices at the 2009 Urban Affairs Association 2009 Annual meeting. March.

Schramm, M. (2009) NEO CANDO: Using data for foreclosure prevention, intervention and reclamation to the North Texas Housing Summit. January (Invited to speak by Dallas NNIP Partner)

Schramm, M. (2009). A look at the Cleveland Foreclosure Crisis to the Seventeenth Judicial Conference of the Eighth Judicial District of Ohio. April.

Schramm, M., et al. (2009). The Center on Urban Poverty and Community Development engages the foreclosure crisis to ShowCase 2009. April .

- Publications:
Coulton, C.J. & Irwin, M. (2009). Parental and community correlates of participation in out-of-school activities among children living in low income neighborhoods. *Children and Youth Services Review*, 31, 300-308.

Spilsbury, J., Korbin, J, & Coulton, C. (2009). Mapping children's neighborhood perceptions: Implications for child indicators. *Child Indicators Research*.

3. New Analysis/Program Efforts.

- The Center will be beginning a study of the effects of a wave of 50 Catholic church closures on the urban neighborhoods where they are located in Cleveland; the initial effort includes mapping of communities and a survey of approximately 200 women religious in active ministry in these areas.
- Working with the City of Cleveland's Operation Prevent Initiative to develop an interface within NEO CANDO to specifically track REO and post REO property for purposes of code enforcement. This work will also include a data collection interface designed as a communication mechanism between the City and community development corporations to track vacant property, code enforcement complaints from CDCs, and CDC projects. (details of the project are still being hashed out)
- A report working in collaboration with the Cleveland Federal Reserve Bank that tells the Cleveland Foreclosure story tying together data and findings from prevision foreclosure reports (Foreclosure and Beyond, Pathways to Foreclosure, and Beyond REO). The report is intended for a national audience and will feature sidebars of organizations and programs that have responded to the crisis.
- The Cuyahoga County Foreclosure Prevention Program is using the Poverty Center's database on people with at-risk mortgages to send letters to over 30,000 people in Cuyahoga County. The letters encourage the people to contact 211 (First Call for Help) and invite them to come to a housing fair with foreclosure counseling agencies on-hand. There will be around 17 housing fairs scheduled geographically throughout the city and county. As of April 24, the county has had 3 of these events and over 400 people have attended. Select CDCs are also using the data to canvass neighborhoods with information on counseling resources and target doorknocking to people in the data.
- Working on a paper comparing people doubled-up in major cities throughout the United States to get a better understanding of precursors to homelessness.
- Working on a proposal (with Baltimore and Chicago) for at 3-City panel study of families in foreclosed houses.

4. New Data Acquisitions/Web Site Improvements.

- We have been given permission by the Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court to use an automated screen-scraper to extract more information on Foreclosure Filings. This is helping us to distinguish between mortgage foreclosures and tax foreclosures. It will also allow us to calculate an indicator of foreclosure abandonment.
- The Poverty Center is currently developing a neighborhood assets interface within NEO CANDO. Early assets include: schools, parks, libraries, hospitals, police and fire stations.
- Have obtained First American Title Data for Cuyahoga County on mortgage adjustments that occur between July 2008 and December 2010.

Dallas

INSTITUTE FOR URBAN POLICY RESEARCH (IUPR) AT UT DALLAS

April 2009

1. Key Accomplishments Since November 2008.

- The Institute has convened a series of dialogue events focusing on important issues facing North Texas.
 - We hosted acclaimed author and poet Asha Bandele at two receptions and readings in the region.
 - We hosted an partnered to host the “Young, Beautiful, and HIV Positive” information forum on living with HIV/AIDS.
 - Our traditional dialogue series offerings included
- Our web-based community indicators site, dfwIDEA, is now in a limited beta phase, with users regularly working on existing functionality. When launched, the system will replace both Analyze Dallas and Dallas Indicators.

2. Important Reports and Data Presentations.

- Our work continues with the Dallas Morning News, who is focusing a multi-year editorial series on the disparities in quality of life between Dallas’s northern and southern sectors. The Institute is the News’s research partner in the endeavor, and our work will be featured in a multi-page editorial spread in June.
- We presented key findings from our State of North Texas Housing report at the annual North Texas Housing Summit. At the meeting we also presented on our partnership with a number of North Texas stakeholders, including the mayors of Fort Worth, Dallas, and Arlington, to begin moving toward a regional housing plan.
- In conjunction with our work the regional housing plan, the Institute partnered with the North Texas Housing Coalition, the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, and the university’s Institute for Public Affairs to host Dallas’s first Mayors’ Summit on Regional Housing.

3. New Analysis/Program Efforts.

- We are partnering with the Dallas Museum of Nature and Science to create an exhibit featuring dfwIDEA, our online interactive community indicators system. The exhibit will be featured as part of the exit experience for a new international exhibit on electronic information.
- We’re working with the North Central Texas Council of Governments and their Vision North Texas program to provide data and analyses of regional housing planning choices.
- We’re working with a consortium of non-profit and government organizations to evaluate their collaborative approach to prisoner re-entry issues, names DOORS (Dallas One-stop Optimized Reentry Services).

4. New Data Acquisitions/Web Site Improvements.

- Hospital Discharge Data
We’ve acquired several years of hospital discharge information, which lists at the zip code level, for every inpatient visit to the hospital, various information about

diagnoses, method of payment, costs of service, medical procedures, etc., along with demographic information about the patient.

5. Upcoming Events/Activities to Showcase NNIP.

- Opening of the dfwIDEA exhibit at the Museum of Nature and Science, end of June.

Denver

THE PITON FOUNDATION

April 2009

1. Key Accomplishments Since November 2008.

- *College Access and Success: A Study of Denver Public Schools' Graduates*
The Piton Foundation recently completed a study of Denver Public School graduates' college access and success. A first-of-its kind study tracking graduates of DPS after high school shows that only 56% enrolled in college and even less earned a degree. The findings were worse for Hispanic students and those from low-income families, who make up the majority of DPS graduates.

2. Important Reports and Data Presentations.

- *Colorado's 2008 Education Reforms: Will they achieve the Colorado Promise?*
In this report, commissioned by The Piton Foundation, national education experts review Colorado's education landscape and comment on how the state is doing and where it needs to go on education reform. Their comments are presented in seven major education themes: accountability and data use; at-risk students; early childhood education; innovation initiatives and charters; school finance; standards, assessment and alignment; and professional training and development.
- *The Status of Minorities and Women in Colorado's Higher Education Institutions*
This report was commissioned by The Piton Foundation to assess Colorado's higher education system in the areas of student enrollment and faculty hiring of minorities and women. The report describes findings related to a ballot initiative that proposed amendment of the state constitution to ban government-sponsored race and gender preferences in the state. The research points to two main areas of greatest impact in other states where identical anti-affirmative action initiatives passed (in California, Washington, and Michigan): student enrollment and faculty hiring.

Note: All publications can be accessed on our website at www.piton.org

3. New Analysis/Program Efforts.

- *Piton is working with foundations and non-profits to develop a Social Sector Landscape tool.*
The objective of this tool will be to provide decision makers with valuable information on 1) services delivered by non-profits, 2) demographic characteristics about the regions they serve, and 3) giving patterns associated with services being delivered to the community.

- *Piton is working with local partners to develop a housing affordability early warning system.*
Through funding from the MacArthur Foundation, Piton is working with the Urban Land Conservancy, Enterprise, and the Denver Office of Economic Development to develop an early warning system to detect properties and more generally areas around transit hubs that are in jeopardy of losing affordability.
- *Piton continues to work with local organizations on neighborhood Vital Signs Project*
Piton is working with a local community organizing group as part of a team to build a web-based tool called Vital Signs to assist local neighborhood groups in presenting, collecting and analyzing data for community defined indicators.
- *Colorado School Choice Web Application.*
Piton is partnering with Channel 9 News (local NBC affiliate) to develop a new website that will allow parents to evaluate local schools based on several criteria (performance, demographics, etc) to make more informed decisions on where to send their children. This is an exciting opportunity to work with a major local news agency and could open the door for more joint projects in the future.
- *Piton is attending a meeting of Emerging Research Consortia in Chicago in mid-May.*
Staff from Piton, Denver Public Schools and the University of Colorado at Denver's Center for Education Policy Analysis are attending a meeting of Emerging Research Consortia in mid-May, hosted by the Consortium on Chicago School Research (CCSR). The goal for the meeting of urban education research organizations is to discuss the practical issues and possible agenda of cross-city research on K-12 and post-secondary outcomes and success.

4. New Data Acquisitions/Web Site Improvements.

Piton has not acquired new data, but has been working to broaden the geographic coverage of existing data sets.

5. Upcoming Events/Activities to Showcase NNIP.

None come to mind.

Hartford

HARTFORD INFO, HARTFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY

April 2009

1. Key Accomplishments Since November 2008.

- a. We have launched a beta version of interactive mapping.
- b. We have hosted eight community programs (events for the community).
- c. We posted data about residential foreclosures by neighborhood, and about voting participation.

2. Important Reports and Data Presentations.

We have hosted three community programs, with expert panels, specifically aimed at bringing the community together and presenting data and the documents to bear on issues that confront the community:

- a) The first was: “HartfordInfo Today: Where There's Crisis There's Opportunity: The Impact of the Current Financial Climate on Hartford and the Region”
- b) The second was: “HartfordInfo Today: Raising the Bar: Preparing Hartford's High School Students to Succeed”
- c) The Foreclosure Crisis: What Does It Mean for Hartford and the Region?

Videos of these are available on our website as they become available.

We also host the Hartford Community Data Collaborative semi-annual meetings where those interested in data from government, non-profit, and educational sectors come together to discuss results and initiatives in the Greater Hartford area. Our last meeting included a presentation by the Hartford Department of Health and Human Services on Lead Poisoning Risk using GIS analysis.

3. New Analysis/Program Efforts.

We host many community programs. Upcoming programs concern “The Drug War,” City Charter revision public forum, and a forum on voting participation. Also, we have participated with an initiative coordinated by the city to collect data on how nonprofit providers are faring in fulfilling basic human needs – food, shelter, etc. in Hartford.

4. New Data Acquisitions/Web Site Improvements.

- a) Foreclosure data
- b) Voting participation data

5. Upcoming Events/Activities to Showcase NNIP.

- a) The Drug War: Is Anyone Winning? (5/7/09)
- b) Immigrants and the Power of the Vote (5/5/09)
- c) Charter Revision Public Hearing (5/13/09)

Indianapolis

THE POLIS CENTER

April 2009

1. Key Accomplishments Since November 2008.

- Indianapolis Quality of Life Website Launch (www.inqualityoflife.org). Through a partnership between 4 centers at IUPUI, this website combines the data & information resources (including SAVI) of the 4 centers to present the quality of life in Indianapolis. It provides current credible indicators, research and other information that identifies important dimensions of public health and how Indianapolis is doing compared to the nation, the state, and other similar communities across the nation.
- Held Annual Conference – “Survivor Organizations: Managing Change, Maximizing Impact”. Through a new partnership with the Nonprofit Solutions Initiative, we provided a 2-day event, which included three keynote speakers and 18 workshops to help organizations understand how to handle change within their organizations, how to maximize the impact they have on the community during these tough economic times, and how data can help them plan, measure, and demonstrate their community and organizational needs and impact.
- YMCA of Central Indiana continues to use SAVI information for its on-going strategic planning process.
- Developed a marketing plan and branding strategy to promote SAVI and its potential benefit to organizations.
- Developed a new advisory board made up of 20 executives of key organizations in the community – a significant change from an oversight committee made up primarily of funders.

2. Important Reports and Data Presentations.

Presentations:

- Indianapolis Star – we presented SAVI to chief editors at the major Indianapolis newspaper and will next present to the entire editorial staff. This presents opportunity for SAVI to be cited in articles and to become a data and analysis resource to the editors.
- City of Indianapolis Office of Neighborhood Services – we presented SAVI to the neighborhood liaisons in the Office of Neighborhood Services. Previously referred to as township administrators, neighborhood liaisons serve as a bridge between citizens and city government and provide assistance to neighborhoods and businesses.

3. New Analysis/Program Efforts.

- Member of P-20 Council – this council was developed with campus and community representation to coordinate IUPUI’s initiatives with Preschool-12 schools and other

community organizations. SAVI is now a member of the council to support the data and analysis needs of the 5 subcommittees (Prepare Children for School, Support Students In and Out of School, Help Students Succeed Academically, Encourage and Enable Students to Enroll in College, Encourage and Enable Students to Graduate and Enter A Career).

- Section 8/Public Housing – Visiting Nurse Service – Analysis: Working with Indiana Housing Authority to geocode Section 8 housing and link to birth records with the ultimate goal of determining the need for a visiting nurse service for pregnant women who reside in general public housing and section eight housing.

Public Health Initiatives:

- Defining a Geospatial/Contextual core for a cross-site, Center for Community-Wide Cancer Health Action Research (Partners: Albert Einstein College of Medicine (Lead); IUB School of Health, Physical Education, and Recreation; IU School of Nursing; and The Polis Center-IUPUI).
- Partnering with the Indiana Clinical and Translational Sciences Institute (CTSI) to investigate role of contextual information for community health engagement research.
- Submitted a proposal to the NIH Program “Research to Action: Community Exposure to Environmental Contaminants” proposing to use SAVI as tool for participatory GIS – including to involve community in collection and interpretation of data re: environmental risk and in planning of environmental interventions. Partners: Children’s Health Services Research, IU Center for Env Health, Improving Kid’s Environment (IKE), and The Polis Center.

4. New Data Acquisitions/Web Site Improvements.

New Data Acquired

- Hospital Discharge data (2000 – 2006). Hospital-level data with information on number of patients, cost, days admitted, payment type (Medicare, private insurance, etc.) and diagnosis.

New Data Published on www.savi.org

- Primary Care Service Area data. Nationwide database related to health care availability and utilization.
- U.S. Census Bureau Small Area Health Insurance Estimates. County-level estimates on number of people with health insurance coverage broken out by gender, age, and poverty level.

New Data Agreements

- With Indiana Housing Authority to acquire Section 8 Housing Data

New Website Updates

- We are undergoing a significant redesign of our website to address speed and usability. The new site will be launched Fall 2009.

Memphis

MEMPHIS CBANA-INFOWORKS

April 2009

1. Key Accomplishments Since November 2008.

- On-screen contribution to PBS series “NOW” with David Brancaccio. On foreclosure and impact on cities. Highlights Memphis/CBANA data capacity and uses of data toward disparate impact lawsuit against selected lenders.
 - Working with legal team on analysis of HMDA and local public records to test provisions of lawsuit arguments.
- Research assistance for city-county wide Neighborhood Stabilization Taskforce and individual organizations working on NSP proposals.
- Research and best practices support for Department of Justice grant to Shelby County for law enforcement and community-based crime prevention (Safeways) demonstration project in southeast Memphis; Phase II proposal submitted to ARRA-Byrne April 2009.
- Website established for our city-wide property survey, Neighborhood-by-Neighbor: <http://memphisneighborhoodsurvey.org>
- Includes data portal created <http://dataportal.memphisneighborhoodsurvey.org>
 - Property inventory presented by neighborhood, zip code, census tract and block, as well as city-wide aggregates.
 - Data downloads and static maps available by neighborhood.
 - Improved ‘filters’ allow users to select properties by geography, condition or other attributes.

2. Important Reports and Data Presentations.

- *Neighborhood Risks and Neighborhood Assets: Mobilizing Collaborative Resources for Kids and Families*. Executive-style summary (designed for wide distribution and “call to action”) of findings from *It Takes a Village: A Working Report on Community and Neighborhood Assets and Indicators for Early Childhood Well-Being and School Readiness in Memphis and Shelby County, Tennessee*. (An analysis of neighborhood risks and neighborhood assets in Memphis and Shelby County, submitted to the Annie E. Casey Foundation and The Urban Institute in conjunction with a cross-site research and action project. October 2008.)
- *Presentations:*
 - Neighborhood Stabilization Basics for Grassroots Grantmakers. A webinar for national Grassroots Grantsmakers association. December 2008.
 - Presentations on neighborhood change and housing policy for range of civic/business groups: League of Women Voters, Memphis-Shelby Apartment Managers Association, Leadership Memphis, College of Arts and Sciences Great Conversations, Kiwanis, Rotary.

3. New Analysis/Program Efforts.

- Phase I funding in place and work underway for web-based indicators system: InfoWorks Memphis (“drill down” component of more comprehensive project, the Information Commons, which will include Memphis dashboard for “comparison up” with designated peer/benchmark cities.) Phase I includes:
 - Comprehensive set of community/neighborhood assets for parcel-based mapping
 - General Demographics
 - Indicators for Families and Children
 - Indicators for Neighborhoods and Housing
 - Indicators for Crime and Community Safety
- The annual Lending Study for the Community Development Council has evolved to summarize *all* relevant real estate data for application to “neighborhood housing markets” and future NSP proposals and activities.
- Community Profiles for city-wide community center catchment areas; profiles template being developed for use for several inter-related city-wide initiatives

4. New Data Acquisitions/Web Site Improvements.

- State health department detailed birth and death records have been linked for more detailed trend analysis of infant mortality and other birth outcomes (for Shelby County Infant Mortality Initiative and the Mid-South Collaborative to Prevent Adolescent Pregnancy).
- Memphis Light, Gas & Water (public utilities) service and disconnect lists, for use with vacancy and neighborhood turnover estimates.

5. Upcoming Events/Activities to Showcase NNIP.

“Neighborhood Risks and Neighborhood Assets: Mobilizing Collaborative Resources for Kids and Families.” May 20 event links NNIP with Annie E. Casey and local strategy for “reaching families where they live.”

Miami

THE CHILDREN'S TRUST

April 2009

1. Key Accomplishments Since November 2008.

- Continued with the development of our asset mapping tool for our interactive GIS mapping website, ***KidStats and Maps***, 'officially' launched last September. The asset mapping tool allows registered users to upload their own community asset point data to be displayed on the map interface of ***KidStats and Maps***. Users can set access permissions, attributes and fields to be displayed through this exciting new data upload tool. The website for ***KidStats and Maps*** is <http://maps.thechildrenstrust.org>

2. Important Reports and Data Presentations.

- Published The Children's Trust's FY 2007-08 Annual Report to the Board of County Commissioners of Miami-Dade County
http://www.thechildrenstrust.org/images/stories/inside_trust/research/evaluation/BCC-0708-FINAL-022409.pdf
- Presented and demonstrated the community asset mapping feature of ***KidStats and Maps*** at the inaugural conference of the Girls Coalition of Miami-Dade, of which The Children's Trust is a founding member.

3. New Analysis/Program Efforts.

- Phase II development for ***KidStats and Maps*** to add new features and capabilities
- Youth violence mapping project, integrating multiple layers of information at the block group level and community asset point data, to inform policy and practice throughout our community, and particularly our youth violence prevention providers – targeting 3 neighborhoods as pilot at present with expectation to expand throughout county
- Continued work on school readiness and transition from pre-k to school

4. New Data Acquisitions/Web Site Improvements.

- Notable web site change is the addition of the asset mapping tool to ***KidStats and Maps*** as identified in #1.

5. Upcoming Events/Activities to Showcase NNIP.

- None at present

Milwaukee

NONPROFIT CENTER OF MILWAUKEE

November 2008

1. Key Accomplishments Since November 2008.

- During the past 6 months, the Nonprofit Center served 35 unique agencies and completed 103 projects ranging from a simple demographic request to a complex client outcomes analysis. Over 120 hours of service were provided to Community Development Block Grant funded organizations through a contingency account established by the Block Grant Administration. The Nonprofit Center of Milwaukee's Data Center Program could not have accomplished this work and more without the assistance of 4 interns who volunteered over 700 hours to assist in the completion of these projects.
- We completed a major project to collect data in an effort to analyze the experience of homebuyers participating in counseling services offered by Select Milwaukee a local NeighborWorks affiliate. This involved matching several years worth of clients to property and foreclosure records in an effort to determine outcomes several years after purchase. (Unfortunately, partially manual review of archived records was required.)
- The Milwaukee Public Schools Head Start program built upon a Comprehensive Community Assessment we created for them in 2007. That report went beyond national Head Start Assessment Standards by profiling each neighborhood served by a Head Start program. We have extended the template for assessing neighborhoods served by a Head Start program by using the process for several locations contemplated for new programs by Milwaukee Public Schools.
- We delivered a complete package of neighborhood data to the Center for Resilient Cities as baseline material for a major neighborhood initiative in one of Milwaukee's Northside Neighborhoods.
- Michael and Todd have been heavily involved in several influential committees related to housing and race issues in Milwaukee as well as several other presentations to the Milwaukee Community that showcase the power of Neighborhood level data for analysis of key issues.

2. Important Reports and Data Presentations.

See above accomplishments, plus:

Workshops presented within the Nonprofit Center of Milwaukee's Training Series:

Our workshops are a part of our organizational mission to provide general training to our member organizations.

Presentations:

- Michael Barndt Presented “Exploring the Dimensions of Foreclosures in the Context of Neighborhood Housing Markets” by Michael, Todd Clausen and Jeff Arp at the annual Conference of the Urban Affairs Association.
- Todd led a half-day workshop for the Stritch University African American Leadership Program in early May on the use of data and GIS in pushing for community change, including developing outcomes and indicators.
- Todd led a half day workshop for local Admission Possible Staff on current and historic Settlement Patterns in Milwaukee to help them understand the issues facing residents of the neighborhoods they will be working in. Admission Possible is an eight-year-old nonprofit organization based in St. Paul, Minnesota dedicated to helping promising low-income high school students earn admission to college.
- Todd was guest lecturer for a Marquette University Law class presenting on race and issues related to housing, mortgage lending and foreclosure in Milwaukee neighborhoods.
- Todd was guest lecturer for University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Urban Planning Class presenting on the Neighborhood Effects of Foreclosure.
- Todd presented updated to Literacy Statistics (persons Below Basic Prose Literacy from 2003 NAAL) at the Greater Milwaukee Literacy Coalition’s Annual Conference.
- Michael was guest lecturer for University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee GIS classes presenting on Neighborhood Indicator Systems and Spatial Analysis techniques.

Committee Work

- Michael and Todd were both members of the City of Milwaukee Mayor’s Foreclosure Task Force, developing the City’s plan for the use of \$10 million from the Neighborhood Stabilization Program.
- Todd is a member of the Data Workgroup as well as the Housing Workgroup for the Milwaukee County Continuum of Care which is in the process of developing Milwaukee County’s Ten Year Plan to end homelessness
- Michael Barndt was appointed as a member of a re-instated City of Milwaukee Equal Rights Commission. A new charge to the Commission calls for a “Report Card” on the city – covering not only the traditional “rights” issues but also the extent that the city meets broad city mission outcomes including – “Building safe and healthy neighborhoods”, “Promoting racial, social and economic equity for all citizens” and others.
- Todd was invited to join the Milwaukee County Social Development Commission’s Antiracism Committee which is currently planning a series of public hearings on the Issue of Black Male joblessness in Milwaukee – second highest rate in the country.

3. New Analysis/Program Efforts.

Our major focus is currently on our LISC Sustainable Communities Project, but this work is driving advances in other areas of our work.

4. New Data Acquisitions/Web Site Improvements.

- We have been working on developing our database of Building and Occupancy permits, and are now able to update these data sets on a monthly data. We now have construction and occupancy permit data back to 2005.
- Crime data trend work has been limited by a break in available data in 2004 into 2005 and a shift to the new NIBRS classification system. Reliance on three year averaging for stable indicators has meant that detailed trend analysis has only recently restarted.
- The Nonprofit Center has developed a broad initiative to support local nonprofit organizations facing challenges raised by the economic recession. The Data Center program is conducting surveys to “take the pulse” of local nonprofit experiences. And the Data Center has built a new website based on the Ning platform to support sharing information and encouraging local discussion about creative solutions. This work has included – identifying the differential effects of various funding streams upon local organizations, recognizing new patterns in the use of volunteers with professional credentials and encouraging organizations to monitor changes in the challenges their members or clients are facing.
- We created a website to support the Milwaukee County Continuum of Care Ten Year Plan to End Homelessness with a comprehensive bibliography of articles and web-resources related to homelessness.
- Finally, Milwaukee has been exploring Social Media, and has created a Facebook group initially to keep up with former interns and other interested persons – we have no future direction planned at this point.
- As a part of our LISC Sustainable Communities work we have been developing more comprehensive housing trend templates.
- We are working on automating many of our standard reports starting with automatically creating Census geography files from ArcMap starting from target area street boundaries as a precursor to our automated Crystal Reports and Excel macro report template system.
- We are also in the very early stages of building a new web site based on some open source mapping components and OpenLayers as well as Google Maps and Google Charts.

5. Upcoming Events/Activities to Showcase NNIP.

- In the past year we have continued a number of conversations, and built upon the Nonprofit Center’s more extensive commitment to housing analysis. We have also made some new connections in our community outreach efforts which have led to new partnerships.
- We continually stress our NNIP affiliation in our presentations both locally in workshops and in our interactions with government, and nationally when presenting at conferences. We currently have no events with broad exposure on our calendar, however it is likely that several opportunities will present as we go through the next two quarters.

- Wisconsin is one of several states engaging in a Governor's Poverty Initiative program. A statewide summit in May began the public planning process. Regional meetings this summer will consolidate that effort and work toward an indicator framework to measure progress.
- Local efforts to draw civic and business leadership into the Early Childhood discussion began with small steps this spring. Future efforts, usually woven into other events, will allow for additional use of local data – going beyond the basic business case to address program and neighborhood choices.

Minneapolis

CENTER FOR URBAN AND REGIONAL AFFAIRS, UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA
April 2009

1. Key Accomplishments Since November 2008.

Key accomplishments since November 2008 include continued foreclosure sheriff's sale and prevention data collection and mapping, the release of M3D version 3, LISC's Sustainable Communities works and our on-going support of community-based mapping requests.

CURA was responsible for quarterly and annual collection of foreclosure data from all 87 counties in the state and provided this data to HousingLink for inclusion in their annual report

http://www.housinglink.org/adobe/reports/MN_ForeclosureReport022609.pdf

We also map the foreclosure data provided by the Minnesota Home Ownership Center on foreclosure rates and preventions, and counseling efforts. These maps can be seen in their annual report linked below.

<http://www.hocmn.org/foreclosurecounselingreport.cfm>

M3D version 3 was made public in April of 2009 following many months of development and increased data collection to expand the Internet-based GIS application statewide.

<http://map.deed.state.mn.us/chameleon/M3D3.phtml>

We have also continued to work with local and national LISC offices on the Sustainable Communities initiative. Together we have identified and analyzed 4 target communities in the Twin Cities and are completing a comparison neighborhood analysis. This project is scheduled to continue throughout the year.

CURA research assistants have assisted with more than 20 community-based GIS, mapping or data requests, a sample of which are listed below.

- All Parks Alliance for Change
 - Geocoded mobile home park addresses
 - Verified geocoded locations with APAC staff using aerial photos and fixed errors
 - Compared park locations to planned road construction projects
- Corcoran Neighborhood Organization
 - Created Google map of neighborhood murals and published to organization's website
 - Geocoded business and home addresses of farmer's market vendors and mapped MN House and MN Senate districts to aid in legislative strategy
- McKnight Foundation

- Mapped their 2008 grantees in South Minneapolis with a tour route they were going on
- Hennepin County Community Engagement
 - Mapped school district boundaries with city boundaries in Hennepin County
 - Mapped school districts by rate of Spanish-speaking students
- Hope Community
 - Mapped City Council Ward boundaries with Park Commissioner District boundaries
 - Mapped capital and program investment in parks, comparing two neighborhoods

CURA staff teaches a spring semester geography course titled Urban GIS and Analysis. This course is a hands-on applied GIS class which requires students to complete neighborhood-level analysis and community-based group projects for a total of 60% of their grades. The community-based class projects are listed below and will soon be linked to the CURA projects website.

- Impacts of Twin Cities LISC and CDC Investment
- NW Hennepin Service Center GAP Analysis
- Prisoner Reentry Mapping Initiative
- SPARC Neighborhood Home Improvement Program Analysis
- Lyndale Neighborhood Clean Water Research
- Frogtown-Rondo Development Impact Analysis
- Kingfield Neighborhood Traffic Study
- Lake Street Latino Business Mapping

2. Important Reports and Data Presentations.

As noted above, CURA data collection and mapping efforts have provided critical information for both HousingLink's annual statewide foreclosure report and the Minnesota Home Ownership Center's annual report describing their prevention and counseling efforts.

CURA staff gave presentation on Community GIS efforts and included mention of connections to national efforts such as NNIP at the annual conference of the Association of American Geographers (March 24) and the CURA Housing Forum (April 17)

http://www.cura.umn.edu/Programs/Housing-Forum/2009/4-17-09_PPT.pdf

3. New Analysis/Program Efforts.

Starting this summer we will begin working with the National Center for Arts and Technology on a feasibility study of North Minneapolis as a potential site location for a NCAT affiliate. This project involves two phases of mapping (citywide and detailed neighborhood analysis) and some data collection of health and crime indicators.

4. New Data Acquisitions/Web Site Improvements.

As noted above, the release of Minnesota 3D version 3 was a notable web site improvement as we now are able to map Census LEHD data statewide and combine this data with dozens of other layers and create custom reports at various levels of geography from County to Block Group. Improved functionality allows for area selections by custom geographic area, multiple non-contiguous areas, and a paired analysis feature which allows the user to examine the relationship between home and work of just two specific areas.

We have recently acquired local income tax data from the State of Minnesota Department of Revenue. We have county and city level income tax data for the entire state plus block group level data within the seven-county metro area. The fields in the Income Tax data include number of tax returns files for each year 2003-2006, median MN taxable income 2003-2006 and median Federal Adjusted Gross Income 2003-2006. 2007 is currently being processed and is reportedly about 90% complete.

Nashville

NEIGHBORHOOD RESOURCE CENTER

April 2009

1. Key Accomplishments Since November 2008.

- a) In 2008, 46 requests for information were processed at Neighborhoods Resource Center. Of these, 18 information requests were provided to neighborhood associations, while 28 were provided to non-profit agencies, schools, and other institutions.
- b) NRC's core mission is to help residents form neighborhood organizations that work to shape the future of their own neighborhoods. We presently provide organizational support to 18 such organizations in challenged Nashville neighborhoods, with minor support to many more. These groups engage in building accountable relationships with police, changing government processes related to public safety and neighborhood condition, planning for better development with city agencies, advocating for needed services (such as grocery stores, etc), membership building, community clean-ups, etc.
- c) We have completely updated and redesigned www.GettingToWork.Net, a site created to help Middle Tennesseans find job opportunities, transportation, social service providers, etc. near the places where they live and work. MapServer technology was integrated into the website, creating an interactive map interface that allows users to zoom to an area of interest, and view businesses / institutions of interest, including: Job Training Centers, Licensed Child Care Facilities, Public Schools, Public Libraries, Public Housing Complexes, Public Health Clinics, Post Offices, and Grocery Stores.

Our most notable improvement to the site is its expansion to cover nine middle Tennessee counties (previously only displayed data for one county).

- d) We have collaborated with Meharry Medical College and Vanderbilt University to submit a proposal to the National Institutes of Health, focusing on neighborhoods and youth violence. Of special interest is the exploration of novel ways of defining neighborhoods and the testing of neighborhood risk and protective factors related to youth violence.
- e) NRC has helped to create the Tennessee Coalition for Responsible Lending, which is working to minimize predatory lending through state legislation, consumer education, and creation of alternative sources for small loans. TCRL is presently focusing on title loans and payday loans.
- f) Nashville's Chamber of Commerce and the Metro Action Commission together sponsored a Poverty Initiative that drew together 500 agency and business representatives. Seven task groups then met over many months to develop recommendations to our Mayor for reducing poverty in areas such as housing, food, child care, etc. An NRC staff member chaired the task group on Neighborhood Development, which created an outline of actions to strengthen neighborhood organizations so that anti-poverty efforts might be anchored to and shaped by neighborhood leadership.

2. Important Reports and Data Presentations.

- a) Presentation on GettingtoWork.Net – NRC has developed an educational presentation for social workers and other helping professionals in how to use this website to assist clients in using the city bus system to get to work and to child care and other needed services. The presentation has been given twice and will be used again in the near future. Promotional materials for the website are also being developed.
- b) Nashville Adult Literacy Council - NALC requested maps to depict areas of need for English as a Learned Language (ELL) programs. The maps were used by NALC board members in identifying the need for a new satellite center in Antioch.
- c) Oasis Community Impact! - NRC provided students at Stratford High School a series of maps showing the distribution of banks vs. predatory lenders. Students are working with state senators and house representatives to bring more traditional banking businesses to a stretch of Gallatin Road that has typically been plagued with pawn shops, title loan businesses, and payday lenders.
- d) RUN Neighborhood Association - The group requested 2007 crime incident maps and report for West Nashville. This information was used at a meeting with police and other stakeholders to discuss recent criminal activity in West Nashville.
- e) Conexion Americas - Maps were requested of customers served by Conexion Americas. Three maps were developed: Unduplicated count; Face to face interactions; All interactions. Maps will be used for fundraising purposes and to make board members aware of Conexion Americas's accomplishments during the previous year.
- f) Cumberland River Compact - A map of neighborhood organizations in Richland Creek Watershed was requested, as well as a list of contacts. CRC is working with Vanderbilt to launch a program in the Richland Creek watershed. The information NRC provided will be used to identify community leaders and neighborhood organizations to further the group's educational objectives.
- g) Nashville Wealth Building Alliance - NRC provided 13 maps showing the locations of customers receiving free tax assistance in relation to individual VITA sites, a poster-sized map summarizing information for all 13 sites, and summary reports analyzed by Metro Council District / TN House District / TN Senate District.
- h) Operation Stand Down / Organized Neighbors of Edgehill - An analysis of vacant and city-owned properties near the Edgehill neighborhood was requested. Operation Stand Down serves homeless veterans and is planning to relocate from its current office, which is also in Edgehill.
- i) Radnor Neighborhood Association used NRC information to convince Metro Government of the need to place an additional stop light in the Radnor Neighborhood so that residents have a viable outlet to Nolensville Pike.

- j) Lake Park Homeowner Association requested detailed street level maps to plan and carry out a community-wide neighborhood codes audit involving 10 volunteer participants.
- k) West Inglewood Neighbors used NRC information to outline boundaries for a new neighborhood association in Northeast Nashville, attended by Councilwoman Bennett and other decision makers.
- l) Several non-profit institutions (including TSU Center for Service Learning and Civic Engagement, West End United Methodist Church, and Affordable Housing Resources) have used demographic information provided by NRC to compete for local, state, federal, and private grants.

3. New Analysis/Program Efforts.

- a) We've submitted a grant proposal to Nashville Area Chamber of Commerce's RFP for a Community Needs Assessment regarding Adult Literacy. If funded for this work, we would do county-wide analysis, using 2007 American Community Survey data, and census tract analysis, using 2000 Census data. The locations of present clients and waiting lists for area literacy programs will be geocoded and density maps created. Finally, focus groups and resident surveys will be used to assess needs that go beyond the readily available statistics.
- b) NRC has collaborated with the Center for Community Studies at Peabody College of Vanderbilt University to focus on affordable housing models and gentrification problems. Recently, we organized a forum for affordable housing advocates and neighborhood leaders. The forum was led by a nationally known expert on shared equity cooperatives and other methods of "housing stewardship." This is a follow up to earlier work done by NRC with other Vanderbilt departments, attempting to measure gentrification in the Edgehill neighborhood.
- c) NRC has helped to form a loose coalition of neighborhood groups that are concerned about public safety issues and about neighborhood condition problems. These issues have included the lack of regulation of group homes, building better relationships with police, and improving the response of Environmental Court to neighborhood codes and health problems. NRC enlisted the Vanderbilt Economic Development Legal Clinic in analyzing Tennessee state law on group homes and in researching best practices nationwide. Neighborhood leaders are working with state representatives and with local department representatives to create registration processes for group homes and to improve coordination of the various agencies involved in regulation of these.

4. New Data Acquisitions/Web Site Improvements.

New Data Sets Acquired:

Parcel-Level Home Sales Data

Source: Davidson County Property Assessor, Metro Davidson County Planning Department

501C3 (Non-Profit) Organizations in Middle Tennessee

Source: www.taxexemptworld.com

Populated Places in Middle Tennessee

Source: USGS Geographic Name Information Server

Hydrology (Lakes and Streams)

Source: USGS

Notable Web Site Improvements:

In 2008, we updated our agency website (www.tnrc.net) and are now operating on the Drupal Content Management Software (CMS) platform. By upgrading to Drupal, it's significantly easier for us to update the site, adding maps and information reports as they are created.

Improvements to GettingToWork.Net – Already mentioned above.

5. Upcoming Events/Activities to Showcase NNIP.

We often mention our membership with NNIP at meetings and leadership training events when we discuss Information Services with local non-profit organizations and neighborhood groups. Furthermore, we've highlighted our NNIP affiliation in our collaborative work with universities, in grant applications, and in the reports sent to funders. In the future, we'll continue to mention our affiliation with NNIP, as it's a distinction we're extremely proud of.

New Haven

DATAHAVEN

April 2009

1. Key Accomplishments Since November 2008.

- Retained a 0.75 FTE Project Manager to expand DataHaven's capabilities and products.
- Continued participation in the Community Solutions Health Indicators Project, which provides neighborhood level health data for the City of New Haven and Yale University-related researchers. Launched initial versions of documents.
- Engaged with the Community Loan Fund to analyze city foreclosures data, launched website providing neighborhood and micro-level distribution of data. The users of the data are the Loan Fund, the City of New Haven Livable City Initiative and other interested parties.
- Worked with city on launch of city-wide "youth map," showing distribution of community services within the City of New Haven.
- Launched initial version of DataHaven Barometer, a monthly progress report on the social and economic health of the New Haven region.
- Explored and secured new funding from local foundations.
- Continued to maintain and update key indicators.
- Moved website to new host: www.ctdatahaven.org.

2. Important Reports and Data Presentations.

- Final draft of the New Haven Health Data Atlas and an Executive Summary "Creating a Healthy New Haven" document. This is a compendium of data relating to health and the social determinants of health, benchmarked against state and Healthy People 2010 comparisons. Topics covered include disease, obesity, employment, education, public safety, and community engagement levels.
- Youth Map interactive website, hosted by DataHaven.
- ROOF Project data website on foreclosures, hosted by DataHaven.
- DataHaven Barometer, a report containing monthly indicators. This tool is in ongoing development.

3. New Analysis/Program Efforts.

- DataHaven Blog, leveraging data collected by the ongoing efforts listed here for use in blog posts.
- Refining DataHaven Barometer by adding additional monthly data points.

4. New Data Acquisitions/Web Site Improvements.

- We have obtained monthly level data for the DataHaven Barometer project (see above). Data relates to foreclosures, social services (food stamp requests, homeless shelter use), employment rate, crime rate.

5. Upcoming Events/Activities to Showcase NNIP.

- Training events to be scheduled
- Ongoing DataHaven Blog postings
- Ongoing monthly releases of DataHaven Barometer.

New York

NEW YORK CITY HOUSING AND NEIGHBORHOOD INFORMATION SYSTEM,
NEW YORK UNIVERSITY
April 2009

1. Key Accomplishments Since November 2008.

- This February, the Furman Center brought together 200 leading policymakers, practitioners and housing and economic experts from around the country to reconsider the federal approach to housing policy for our first national conference, [*A Crisis is a Terrible Thing to Waste: Transforming America's Housing Policy*](#). The conference included a keynote address by HUD Secretary Shaun Donovan and a series of discussions evaluating various aspects of America's housing crisis, including how to reconstruct the mortgage finance system, bring new models for first-time homeownership to scale, link affordable rental housing with economic opportunities for families, and forge more effective connections between housing programs and transportation, environment and education policy.
- The Furman Center has been selected to work with New York's Housing Preservation and Development agency to develop a new database to track units at risk of expiring out of affordable housing programs in the city. We have been awarded a generous grant from the MacArthur Foundation to pursue this crucial project. The Preservation Data Project will have three main components: 1) a database of affordable rental housing throughout New York City, including detailed information on the properties and the dates that restrictions on the housing's rents will expire; 2) an "early warning" system designed to identify especially vulnerable properties at risk of opting out or failing out of subsidy programs that impose affordability restrictions; and 3) new analytic tools for assessing the potential to preserve the properties as affordable housing after the restrictions expire.
- In March, we released our annual *State of New York City's Housing and Neighborhoods* report. In an effort to provide some historical context to the recent downturn, we examined more than thirty years of sale price data to better understand how individual neighborhoods fared in the past two upturns and downturns. This edition of the report features several new measures of environmental sustainability and historic preservation, including indicators that track waste and recycling data, bicycle and public transportation usage, proximity to major air pollutants, and access to parks.

2. Important Reports and Data Presentations.

- ***Supportive Housing***: The Furman Center recently released a study on the neighborhood impacts of supportive housing developments. Contrary to what many opponents of supportive housing claim, our research found that the value of properties closest to supportive housing do not drop when the development opens, and see steady increases in the years that follow. The report was featured in an editorial in the *New York Times*, and developers and community groups from across the country tell us that they have relied on the study to rebut opposition to supportive housing.
- ***Public Housing and School Performance***: We also released a brief that featured our joint research with [*NYU's Institute for Education and Social Policy*](#) on the school

performance of youth living in NYCHA housing. We found a troubling performance gap; children living in NYCHA public housing developments perform less well on standardized math and reading tests than other students, even after controlling for the characteristics of the individual students and the schools they attend. The report's findings were featured in the *New York Times* and resulted in a recent City Council hearing on the performance gap.

- **Soft Sites:** New York City's capacity to grow depends in part upon whether land that is now under-utilized can be developed to its full zoning capacity. We don't know enough about what causes some property owners to develop their land to the fullest FAR (floor area ratio) permitted by the applicable zoning while others continue a current use even though development to full FAR appears to make economic sense. We are gathering data and constructing models to identify which sites in the city currently are developed under the maximum permitted FAR, and to evaluate the characteristics of the properties, their owners, and the neighborhoods in which they are located. So far, this study has produced two internal reports, *Underused Lots in New York City* and *Tear Downs and Land Values in New York City*. We expect to release the reports soon.
- The Furman Center consistently provides data and information to the NYC media. This has resulted in many press hits, including:
 - New York Magazine featured data from our analysis of housing market growth and recession over the past 30 years in [How to Pick a Neighborhood](#).
 - The New York Times covered our study analyzing the relationship between public housing and school quality and performance in [Children Who Live in Public Housing Suffer in School, Study Says](#).
 - This report was also featured in Planetizen: [Education Suffers in NY Projects](#).
 - [Editorial: Good Neighbors](#) An editorial in The New York Times features data from the Furman Center's study on supportive housing and property values.
 - [Supportive Housing Faces Down Routine Opposition](#) City Limits also covered the release of our study on Supportive Housing.
 - [Evictions Soar as Banks Foreclose on Landlords During Credit Crisis](#) New York Daily News cites Vicki Been and data from the Furman Center on renters impacted by the foreclosure crisis.
 - [Tenants Face Evictions Amidst Foreclosure Crisis](#) NY1 featured our analysis of renters impacted by the foreclosure crisis.
 - [New Report Finds Blacks, Latinos Hit Hard by Mortgage Crisis](#) NY1 also reported on Furman Center data showing that home mortgages had decreased among minorities in the city.
- The Furman Center continuously presents neighborhood data and findings throughout the New York community, including:
 - The Municipal Art Society of New York: Community Impacts of Foreclosures
 - The Municipal Art Society of New York: Jane Jacobs Forum 2008: Housing New Yorkers in the 21st-Century
 - Conference, with Columbia's Center for Homelessness Prevention Studies: How To House The Homeless
 - Regional Planning Association: Affordable Housing Challenges
 - Upper Manhattan Community Board Economic Summit

- Women of Color Policy Network: Critical Perspectives on Policy
- State Senate Office of Urban Policy and Planning: Affordable Housing Summit
- The Association of the Bar of the City of New York: The Residential Mortgage Foreclosure Crisis - Policy Solutions
- Women in Housing and Finance: Local Effects of the Foreclosure Crisis in NYC
- Women's City Club of New York: The Foreclosure Crisis: Impact On NYC Neighborhoods
- City Council Testimony on renters and foreclosures.
- City Council Testimony on NYCHA and children study.

3. New Analysis/Program Efforts.

- ***Transforming America's Housing Policy:*** As noted above, the Furman Center's Transforming America's Housing Policy (TAHP) conference brought together many of the nation's leading policy makers and housing and economic experts, and we are currently hard at work on a white paper that will synthesize and expand the policy recommendations that were discussed at the conference.
- ***Preservation Database Project:*** Also mentioned above, the Furman Center has been awarded a grant by the MacArthur Foundation to collaborate with HPD in the creation of a city-wide database of affordable housing units. We have already conducted listening sessions with the interagency working group overseeing our efforts and hired an affordable housing fellow. Over the course of the summer, we plan to create a design for storing preservation data and introduce a working prototype database.
- ***Rezoning & Housing Capacity:*** Under the leadership of Mayor Bloomberg, the Department of City Planning has initiated about 90 neighborhood rezonings, affecting more than 7,000 city blocks. These rezonings have increased the amount of permitted building density in neighborhoods the City deems underdeveloped, and decreased the permitted building capacity in neighborhoods the City believes cannot support additional development or should not be developed further in order to protect the neighborhood's character. The Furman Center is analyzing these rezonings to determine their net impact on the City's capacity for new development. We will also evaluate the characteristics of the neighborhoods in which rezonings are designed to spur more development versus those where existing neighborhood character is being preserved.
- ***Better Understanding Neighborhood Change:*** In recent work, the Furman Center has found that neighborhood economic gain has become more common among poor urban neighborhoods around the country, but no work exists that sheds light on either the underlying factors driving these changes, or their consequences. Popular accounts of neighborhood revitalization frequently use the term gentrification, which implies a particular form of change. Simply put, the conventional view of gentrification describes a process through which the influx of higher income, white households (usually childless) pushes up rents and attracts amenities that cater to more affluent residents. As these changes occur, and housing gets more expensive, the original poorer (minority) residents are pushed out of an increasingly white neighborhood. This stylized story is both undocumented and likely simplistic. We in fact know very little about the underlying dynamics of neighborhood economic transition. Through the use of unique, nationally-representative Census data, the Furman Center aims to shed light on both the residential decisions underlying neighborhood change as well as the consequences of such change.

- **Starbucks Comes to Harlem: Gentrification & Change in Retail Services:** During the prolonged economic expansion of the late 1990s and early 2000s, a number of formerly run-down central city neighborhoods in the largest U.S. metropolitan areas experienced significant gentrification. One such neighborhood that has received considerable attention is Harlem, which suffered from loss of population, high crime and general disinvestment for several decades. In the late 1990s, however, the neighborhood benefitted from several well-publicized positive investments. The Furman Center will examine the composition, entry, and exit of commercial outlets, and analyze how changing commercial characteristics have interacted with shifting residential populations in the Harlem area over the past two decades. We will examine these changes in the context of local investments and incentive programs for commercial properties and businesses, such as Business Improvement Districts, Enterprise Zones, rezonings and the Industrial and Commercial Incentive Program.
- **Foreclosure & School Performance:** Clearly, foreclosures are a major disruption for the families that may be up-rooted. In partnership with the Urban Institute and the Baltimore Neighborhoods Indicator Alliance, the Furman Center is studying how this disruption impacts the mobility and school performance of children from families facing foreclosure. By linking data on student performance from the NYC Department of Education to our data on foreclosures, we can examine whether children who live in properties that enter foreclosure are more likely – after the foreclosure notice is issued – to switch schools, to attend school less frequently, and/or to perform worse on tests.
- **Schools and Housing:** In cooperation with [NYU's Institute for Education and Social Policy](#), the Furman Center is assessing whether, and in what ways, publicly-financed housing investment, and investment in owner-occupied housing in particular, drives changes in local schools. The study analyzes whether the city's investments in new homeownership housing resulted in changes in the characteristics of students in the neighborhood schools, the characteristics of teachers, resource levels, and ultimately student performance, as measured by attendance and test scores.
- **Outcomes of Distressed Mortgage Borrowers:** Once a borrower falls behind on payments, a variety of possible outcomes can occur. Some delinquent borrowers catch up with mortgage payments and remain in their homes, either on their own or through a loan modification. Others refinance or sell the home and repay the loan before foreclosure proceedings are completed. And some borrowers are unable to prevent the foreclosure process from progressing to an auction of the home. For policymakers, the likelihood of these various outcomes has important consequences. Will the property remain vacant? Will a new owner maintain the building properly, and will tenure change from owner-occupied to renter-occupied? The probability of a distressed loan following each pathway likely will be correlated with observable and unobservable characteristics of the borrower, property, neighborhood, lender or loan terms. By combining datasets on foreclosure filings, loan terms, loan performance, initial borrower characteristics, as well as physical and neighborhood characteristics of distressed properties, we will examine which factors are correlated with the pathways and eventual outcomes of distressed loans in New York City.

4. New Data Acquisitions/Web Site Improvements.

- The Furman Center has recently updated our homepage with an improved design and easier to navigate format displaying our research and events: www.furmancenter.org.

- The Furman Center's city-wide housing data information system, NYCHANIS, has been completely overhauled for the first time since its launch in 2004. When launched, the new site will be more user-friendly, provide a search engine of available data, and allow users to share data and compare multiple indicators simultaneously.
- Every three years, the Furman Center acquires and organizes the US Census Housing Vacancy Survey, a data set compiled specifically for New York City. The data, released in March, have already been incorporated into our collection. We are in the process of producing indicators based on this data and making it accessible to the public.

5. Upcoming Events/Activities to Showcase NNIP.

- Our upcoming community presentations on the latest *State of the City* report and new NYCHANIS website will present an opportunity to showcase the NNIP.
- We continue to bring up the NNIP in presentations and informal conversations with our research partners, including presentations to the Office of Emergency Management and University Neighborhood Housing Partnership.
- At a conference at Princeton University called "City Planning, Civic Engagement and the Internet," we included NNIP in our presentation.
- Our neighborhood change research is a national research project that allows us to collaborate with other NNIP partners in various cities.

Oakland

URBAN STRATEGIES COUNCIL

April 2009

1. Key Accomplishments Since November 2008.

- Establishment of a Community Land Trust with several million dollars in committed funding to address foreclosure impacts and neighborhood stabilization
www.oakclt.org
- Awarded contract to provide full GIS/spatial analysis services to County of Santa Clara Health System
- Expanded our evaluation department

2. Important Reports and Data Presentations.

- Oakland 2008 Homicide report [link](#)
- Foreclosure mapping series [link](#)
- Video conference series on Community Benefits Agreements [link](#)

3. New Analysis/Program Efforts

- Network analysis of gaps in health service delivery and barriers to equitable service.
- Relationship between foreclosures and crime and youth education patterns
- Community policing analysis of implementation and data support systems
- Relationship between liquor stores and crime reporting at a neighborhood level
- Coordination of county wide reentry services database for public use
- Coordination of county wide income and asset development services database for public use
- Healthy Economic Development Project in Bayview Hunter Point Neighborhood of San Francisco
- Board engagement with community to identify board policy and budget priorities

4. New Data Acquisitions/Web Site Improvements.

- No uniquely new data this period

5. Upcoming Events/Activities to Showcase NNIP.

- Partnership with the Advancement Project to participate in a statewide advisory committee for the development of Healthy California web platform.

Philadelphia

TEMPLE UNIVERSITY, DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY AND URBAN STUDIES

April 2009

1. Key Accomplishments Since November 2008

- MPIP successfully launched and is now upgrading *MetroPhilaMapper*, the interactive mapping utility at MPIP (<http://mpip.temple.edu/mpip>).
- The 2009 community indicators report “Where We Stand: Community Indicators for Metropolitan Philadelphia, 2009” will be released in May, 2009
- MPIP launched a monthly newsletter in January, 2009, sent to all registered users and interested subscribers, that updates new data/reports, functionality changes on the MetroPhilaMapper site as they occur, as well as announcements of new training sessions.

2. Important Reports and Data Presentations.

- We are completing our 2009 report “Where We Stand: Community Indicators for Metropolitan Philadelphia”; it will be available in May, 2009.
- We have used indicator data in three presentations at the Urban Affairs Association; we have also done data presentations for the City of Philadelphia (Mayor’s Office of Community Services), the Greater Philadelphia Cultural Alliance, the university of Pennsylvania, the Abington Arts Alliance and the CamConnect community resources conference.

3. New Analysis/Program Efforts

- A. We continue to upgrade the MetroPhilaMapper program, adding data and improving functionality. Since its launch last fall, we have enrolled 582 registered users and over 1,000 guest users. Registered user reports have drawn from a wide variety of indicators, with the following list appearing on more than 50 reports generated by these users:
 - Number of individuals with income below the poverty level,
 - Number of non-Hispanic , Black/African American population,
 - Percentage of high school graduates attending college,
 - Percentage of the population aged twenty-five or older with a Bachelor’s degree or higher,
 - Amount spent by school district per pupil,
 - Violent crimes per 1,000 residents,
 - Percentage of households with income of \$100,000 or more,
 - Percentage of households that are low income,

- Percentage of households owning no car,
 - Number of students per school district,
 - Total number of households,
 - Average annual wages,
 - Percentage of population that is Hispanic/Latino,
 - Average Mortgage Loan,
 - Percentage of students eligible for free or reduced price lunch,
 - Percentage of the population that is Black/African-American,
 - Primary medical practitioners per 10,000 residents,
 - Average Math SAT score.
- B. We have also begun a demonstration project Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to serve crime data by municipality within the region, with the possibility of expanding this to the entire state.
- C. We have worked with faculty in Criminal Justice to develop an NIJ grant proposal to investigate the effects of community composition and conditions on crime rates, using the MPIP data set.
- D. We have had several exploratory meetings with representatives of another local neighborhood data effort to develop a collaborative venture regarding community indicators.

4. New Data Acquisitions/Web Site Improvements.

- We are in the beginning stages of a major web-site improvement that will make the underlying design template more flexible and more easily edited and updated.
- We will be rolling out new data display options on *MetroPhilaMapper* in the next month, allowing for 3 variable scatter plots and increased on-line tutorial help for site users.

5. Upcoming Events/Activities to Showcase NNIP.

There is nothing imminent; there is some possibility that if we are successful in our negotiation with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania regarding the serving of state-wide crime data that we will look to NNIP for strategic consideration regarding the application of public data to less urban settings.

Pittsburgh

PITTSBURGH NEIGHBORHOOD AND COMMUNITY INFORMATION SYSTEM (PNCIS)

April 2009

1. Key Accomplishments Since November 2008.

- Since November, we have focused on improving internal capacity to manage the Pittsburgh Neighborhood and Community Information System (PNCIS). In March, Bob Gradeck moved from Carnegie Mellon University to the University of Pittsburgh to bring all university-based PNCIS efforts in-house at Pitt. Bob has been involved with PNCIS since its inception.
- We have also focused on developing and strengthening relationships that have/will lead to acquiring new data and expanding the geographic scope of the PNCIS. To this end, we have had encouraging meetings with several state and local agencies, which are now paying off with access to growing numbers of data sets. By the end of summer, 2009, the PNCIS will incorporate data from at least one municipal government outside the City of Pittsburgh.
- Our outreach efforts also now present funding opportunities with researchers in the University of Pittsburgh's Center for Minority Health at the Graduate School of Public Health and the Asthma Center at the Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh. We are also in discussions with researchers at the VA. We have also received funding with the School of Social Work at the University of Pittsburgh to support the Homewood Children's Village, an effort modeled on the Harlem Children's Zone.

2. Important Reports and Data Presentations.

- Our major report developed since last fall contributed to facilities planning efforts of the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh. We analyzed cardholder data to better understand patterns of library use by neighborhood in context with neighborhood demographics and market conditions.
- The PNCIS also developed a brief presentation on foreclosure trends in Allegheny County, sharing it with housing counseling agencies and government officials.

3. New Analysis/Program Efforts.

- PNCIS is in several discussions linking its work to the Pittsburgh Public Schools. These include the district itself, a consortium of nonprofits and the district engaged in school safety issues, and the City, and related nonprofit organizations focused on neighborhood improvement. The work extends from early childhood efforts to high school achievement. The city and schools are interested in understanding the effects of neighborhood conditions and housing, broadly construed, on families' decisions to send their kids to the public schools here.
- We are also now providing information to housing counseling agencies and others working to respond to the foreclosure issue. The needs of these organizations are driving much of our data collection activity.

- The University of Pittsburgh's Center for Minority Health at the Graduate School of Public Health and the Asthma Center at the Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh have asked us to join them in submitting several research proposals. Our data will help strengthen the understanding of the relationship between the environment and health.
- We have also received funding with partners at the University of Pittsburgh's School of Social Work to support the Homewood Children's Village, an effort modeled on the Harlem Children's Zone. This effort will address a range of issues impacting children and families in Pittsburgh's Homewood neighborhood.
- As an outgrowth of the Pittsburgh neighborhood typology developed in 2008, we will be working with a host of partners in the development of vacant property management and disposition strategies. We also may be working to develop an abandoned property assessment with partners in Wilkinsburg, a community adjacent to the City of Pittsburgh.

4. New Data Acquisitions/Web Site Improvements.

Since November's meeting, we have obtained the following data,

- Library use, including circulation activity and computer use by branch and patron residence
- Real estate transactions
- REO property layer we developed by combining several data sets (monthly)

We also upgraded our ArcServer software in April, 2009, and plan to have a new interface available to our users by the middle of May. With these improvements, users will be able to perform basic neighborhood analysis, select and download information, produce mailing lists, and create annotated print maps.

5. Upcoming Events/Activities to Showcase NNIP.

Bi-weekly training sessions present an opportunity to showcase NNIP to our users, and we consistently make reference to NNIP in our dealings with local, state, and federal public officials. We also are expanding communications to our users through expanded web, email and print efforts.

Providence

THE PROVIDENCE PLAN

November 2008

1. Key Accomplishments Since November 2008.

Hired a full-time web application programmer. Secured some base funding to begin building a “Distressed Property Management System” that builds on new open source technologies as well as lessons learned from our *Urban Land Reform* project.

Received contract from RI Department of Education to build a central data “hub” linking data across five state agencies for the purpose of targeting intervention around violence and substance abuse in grades K-12.

Received major GIS Services contract with the RI Department of Health. Covers up to \$150k of work per year for five years. Initial areas of work include web applications around legally mandated public lists of properties with multiple lead poisonings, community indicator and mapping analysis on issues related to healthy weight, and detailed spatial analysis of legal and illegal tobacco vendors.

2. Important Reports and Data Presentations.

Submitted draft final report to RI Department of Health: “Teen Birth in Rhode Island”. They are coordination internally on dissemination and next steps in convening a policy forum.

Also published the report “The Low-Skilled Workforce in Rhode Island: Summary of Recent Analysis” which combined analysis of characteristics of GED test-takers with a study of the effect of GED attainment on wages and the results of two surveys.

<http://local.provplan.org/download/GEDfinal.pdf>

Ready to Learn Providence issued the study: The Impact of the Mortgage Crisis on Family Child Care Providers in Providence.

<http://www.r2lp.org/matriarch/documents/mortgages.pdf>

Presented an overview of our work around foreclosures and crime at a special research forum held by the National Institute of Justice May 31- April 1 in Charlotte, NC.

3. New Analysis/Program Efforts.

See #1 and below.

Released preliminary results of our ongoing detailed student mobility study for the Rhode Island Urban Education Task Force.

Submitted first year reports and data relative to our participation in LISC’s Sustainable Communities Initiative.

4. New Data Acquisitions/Web Site Improvements.

Received new, clean PALS assessment data from the Providence School Department (2004- Fall 2008).

Received very detailed data on legal and illegal tobacco vendors for eight Rhode Island cities.

Extracted 2005-2008 crime data for the city of Woonsocket, RI, representing our first foray into crime analysis outside the city of Providence.

5. Upcoming Events/Activities to Showcase NNIP.

May be an opportunity to showcase foreclosure work at the NIJ Crime Mapping Conference in New Orleans August 19-22, 2009.

Sacramento

COMMUNITY SERVICES PLANNING COUNCIL

April 2009

1. Key Accomplishments Since November 2008.

2-1-1 Sacramento, our information and referral program, is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. In the first year as 2-1-1 Sacramento we served more than 67,000 callers

2-1-1 Sacramento received 5,058 EITC and Income Tax related calls from people seeking tax assistance from VITA and TCE sites during the 2008 tax season. 2-1-1 Sacramento also booked tax assistance for 1,225 senior residents at events sponsored by AARP. Another 512 residents were served at Super Saturday and VITA Site events sponsored by the Coalition for Working Families and the IRS.

Visit our website at <http://www.211sacramento.org/>

Karen Sterken, one of our 2-1-1 specialists, also authors a monthly article that appears in Senior Magazine. The article is a Q&A covering the most frequently asked questions from senior residents, and includes a highlighted senior resource for the month.

Molly McCall, our new Vista Volunteer, is working on a new 2-1-1 Sacramento Newsletter that will soon be emailed to stakeholders throughout the Sacramento Region.

2. Important Reports and Data Presentations.

Data presentations were conducted at more than 15 events, and included parents, seniors, community stakeholders, and Sacramento County residents. More than 20,000 “new parent kits” with information and resources will be distributed to Families with Children ages 0-5 in 2009.

3. New Analysis/Program Efforts.

The Community Services Planning Council continues to work in conjunction with Sacramento County Office of Emergency Services on joint exercises to provide post disaster relief to Sacramento County residents, and to provide summer heat and poor air quality event information for Sacramento County residents.

The Planning Council is also an ongoing partner in the Self-Sufficiency Calculator. The Calculator is based on the Self-Sufficiency Standard, which measures how much income is needed for a family of a given composition – one person household to large family size – in a given place to adequately meet its basic needs without any public or private assistance

The Planning Council has two new Vista Volunteers working to support the Coalition for Working Families by providing financial literacy and asset building information, as well as tax assistance, to working families within Sacramento County.

4. New Data Acquisitions/Web Site Improvements.

The Planning Council continues to work in partnership with the County Office of Emergency Services. We are continuously expanding our database to include disaster preparedness resources in Sacramento County, with emphasis on the county's vulnerable populations.

Seattle

PUBLIC HEALTH, SEATTLE & KING COUNTY

April 2009

1. Key Accomplishments Since November 2008.

Residents of King County face increasing challenges: New Communities Count 2008 reports on improvements and problems - December 9, 2008.

The Communities Count 2008 Report examines trends in 38 indicators of well-being and includes sections on basic needs, social well-being, positive development through life stages, safety and health, community strength, natural and built environment, and arts and culture. Communities Count 2008 provides special in-depth analysis of the trade-offs people in King County are making between housing and transportation and the consequences on quality of life. The report also brings to light inequities by region, income, education and race/ethnicity.

King County Equity & Social Justice Initiative January 2009 Update released

One year ago King County launched the Equity & Social Justice Initiative. Today, there are many accomplishments to celebrate.

All executive departments in the county have taken concrete steps, based on last year's commitments, to address equity and social justice. For example, Natural Resources & Parks conducted a GIS-based equity assessment to identify and promote action on potential areas of disproportionality in the department's facility locations and service delivery. Development and Environmental Services has begun the process of rewriting the zoning code to encourage public benefit such as mixed-income housing, walkability and sustainability. Public Health has developed a translation policy and system. The Initiative has also established an interdepartmental team to champion this work.

As part of this Initiative, King County has committed to ensuring that promoting equity is intentionally considered in the development and implementation of key policies and programs and in funding decisions. To this end, an Equity Impact Review Tool has been developed, and departments have begun to use this tool in reviewing new and changing policies for equity impacts.

2. Important Reports and Data Presentations.

So far in 2009, over 25 data briefings on Communities Count 2008 have been made to community coalitions and service providers, city governments, funding agencies, policy makers and advocacy groups. An additional 11 have been scheduled for April and May. <http://www.communitiescount.org/>

King County Equity and Social Justice Initiative January 2009 Update report was released.

This Update Report provides select Initiative highlights from 2008 for policy development and decision-making, delivery of county services, internal education and communication, and community partnerships. <http://your.kingcounty.gov/exec/equity/EquityJan2009.pdf>

Health Safety Net Provision: we prepared a report examining how health services are delivered in the overall health safety net for low income and uninsured residents via the Public Health, Seattle & King County (PHSKC) clinics and other safety net providers. The report identifies complementary roles and compares population demographics, health risk factors, health outcomes, the adult uninsured population and Medicaid

coverage. These variables were mapped by Health Planning Areas (neighborhood proxy) to inform a discussion on how services are currently delivered and efficiencies or changes that could be recommended. The data were also presented to the King County Board of Health.

3. New Analysis/Program Efforts.

We are designing a report on recession-linked indicators that can be updated frequently and reported with very little lag time. We have reviewed an extensive list of potential indicators and identified similar work that is being undertaken by other agencies. New information, primarily related to basic needs, will appear on the Communities Count website by May 1, 2009. This will include both updated data and new data. Indicators selected so far: Adequate food (food bank usage); Family Friendly Employment Benefits; Bankruptcies; Home Foreclosures; Unemployment; Median Income by School District; Affordable Housing.

We have begun analysis of foreclosures in King County, focusing on the White Center neighborhood and looking at the rest of the County as well. We have done some comparison work in neighboring Pierce County, where rates are much higher. We get Notice of Trustee Sale (NTS) data from the County Recorder's office each month, map it and have identified tracts in which foreclosures clustered. 94% of property foreclosures are residential, and we are using property records to distinguish single- and multi-family housing. The next step is to estimate the proportion of foreclosures that involve rental property, and the numbers of households involved in economically-vulnerable neighborhoods.

4. New Data Acquisitions/Web Site Improvements.

In addition to monthly files of parcel-level NTS data from the County Recorder, we have acquired the Neighborhood Stabilization Project tract-level estimates of foreclosures, the quarterly US Postal Service data on residential addresses and vacancies, and the LISC model data on foreclosure risk. We are mapping these data and those from HMDA, using King County GIS tract and parcel files. We also have acquired the 2005-2007 Public Use Micro Sample (PUMS) data from the American Community Survey.

5. Upcoming Events/Activities to Showcase NNIP.

Showcase NNIP work on housing foreclosures with Seattle-King County Asset Building Coalition (recently funded by Living Cities).

Washington D.C.

NEIGHBORHOODINFO DC

November 2008

1. Key Accomplishments Since November 2008.

- NIDC is the go-to source for foreclosure information and housing market trends in the District of Columbia.
- NIDC developed statistical models to estimate future District of Columbia Public School enrollments. We were able to create a transparent, systematic, and rigorous method of forecasting DCPS student enrollment that impacts DCPS and school budgets.
- NIDC continues to provide comprehensive data indicators about the status of children and youth in the District.

2. Important Reports and Data Presentations.

Reports

- In April 2009, we released the report, *Foreclosures and Renters in Washington, D.C.* This report looked at the impact of foreclosures on renters in the District, especially in the lowest-income areas east of the Anacostia River.
- In December 2008, we released the *2008 Kids Count Fact Book*, a comprehensive data source for indicators of child well-being in the District of Columbia.
- We are about to release, *On the Road to Adulthood: A Databook About Teenagers and Young Adults in the District*. This is a comprehensive report covering a wide range of data indicators about teenagers (12-17 years old) and young adults (18-24 years old), profiles of nonprofit organizations serving them, and “voices” of teenagers and young adults describing their experiences.
- We are about to release the Spring 2009 issue of the web-based *Housing Monitor* report. It covers the trends in the home sales market as well as foreclosures in the city.
- We participated in the DC EITC campaign that provides free tax services and asset-building services to low-income D.C. families earning \$35,000 or less. Metro staff acted as tax preparation volunteers and NIDC is in the process of producing a report analyzing the clients that the campaign served.

Presentations

- Peter Tatian presented the Housing Monitor report focusing on foreclosures in the District of Columbia in May 2009. The presentation covered basic housing market and foreclosure trends. Three panelists responded to the report and presentation, D.C. Department of Housing and Community Development, Housing Counseling Services, and Chase Bank. After the presentation and panel discussion, the audience broke into small groups to discuss methods for better outreach of services to families caught up in the foreclosure crisis, ways to mitigate concentration of foreclosures on neighborhoods, and ways to assist renters whose units are being foreclosed on.
- NIDC and the Brookings Institution presented to the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments their new research partnership and focus on regional issues.

- In December 2008, we presented the *2008 Kids Count Fact Book* report.
- Peter Tatian was a discussant on two of Kojo Nnamdi radio talk shows (DC's local NPR radio station): Facing the Mortgage Crisis (April 2009) and The Regional Real Estate Roller Coaster (February 2009).

3. New Analysis/Program Efforts.

- We are developing new tools for tracking the foreclosure crisis in the District and determine methods of applying those tools to the District's suburban areas.
- NIDC recently received funding from the Open Society Institute (along with the Baltimore Neighborhood Indicators Alliance and New York University's Furman Center for Real Estate and Urban Policy) to analyze the affect of foreclosures on public school students.
- We are currently analyzing housing market and foreclosure trends for the upcoming Housing in the Nation's Capital report.
- We recently received funding to conduct a databook tracking the indicators for Latinos in the District of Columbia.
- We are about to present trends of women-headed families in the Washington, DC region, which includes population and demographics, federal subsidy receipt, subsidized child care, and enrollment in public schools including aftercare at the Washington Area Women's Foundation's 2009 Community Briefing.
- We are wrapping up a handbook about evaluating the success of youth-serving nonprofits.
- We are continuing to work on developing our statistical models to estimate future District of Columbia Public School enrollments for budgeting purposes.

4. New Data Acquisitions/Web Site Improvements.

- We have not acquired any new data sets. However, we had enhanced our ability to work with foreclosure data.

5. Upcoming Events/Activities to Showcase NNIP.

- NIDC recently received funding from the Open Society Institute (along with the Baltimore Neighborhood Indicators Alliance and New York University's Furman Center for Real Estate and Urban Policy) to analyze the affect of foreclosures on public school students. NIDC plans on having two presentations and participate in a cross-site presentation, which gives us an opportunity to showcase NNIP.