



Mile High Transit Opportunity Collaborative

Equitable & Sustainable Community Development

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Who is MHTOC?

- **Mile High Transit Opportunity Collaborative:** a new partnership between foundations and nonprofits in the Denver region
- **Mission:** To ensure that the build-out of the Metro Denver regional transit system delivers equitable outcomes and access to opportunity for all people in the Mile High Region
- Modeled after the Bay Area's Great Communities Collaborative and the Twin Cities' Central Corridor Funders Collaborative
- Denver region experiencing large transit build out
- Focus on connections between transit, housing, jobs, education and health

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Making the Case through an Equity Atlas

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- “A well researched and carefully documented tool that will clearly demonstrate how access to the following needs are *inequitably* distributed across the Denver Metro region:”
 - Good jobs
 - Safe and affordable transportation
 - Safe, affordable, stable housing
 - Quality schools
 - Quality healthcare
 - Parks, nature, and exercise
 - Healthy Food



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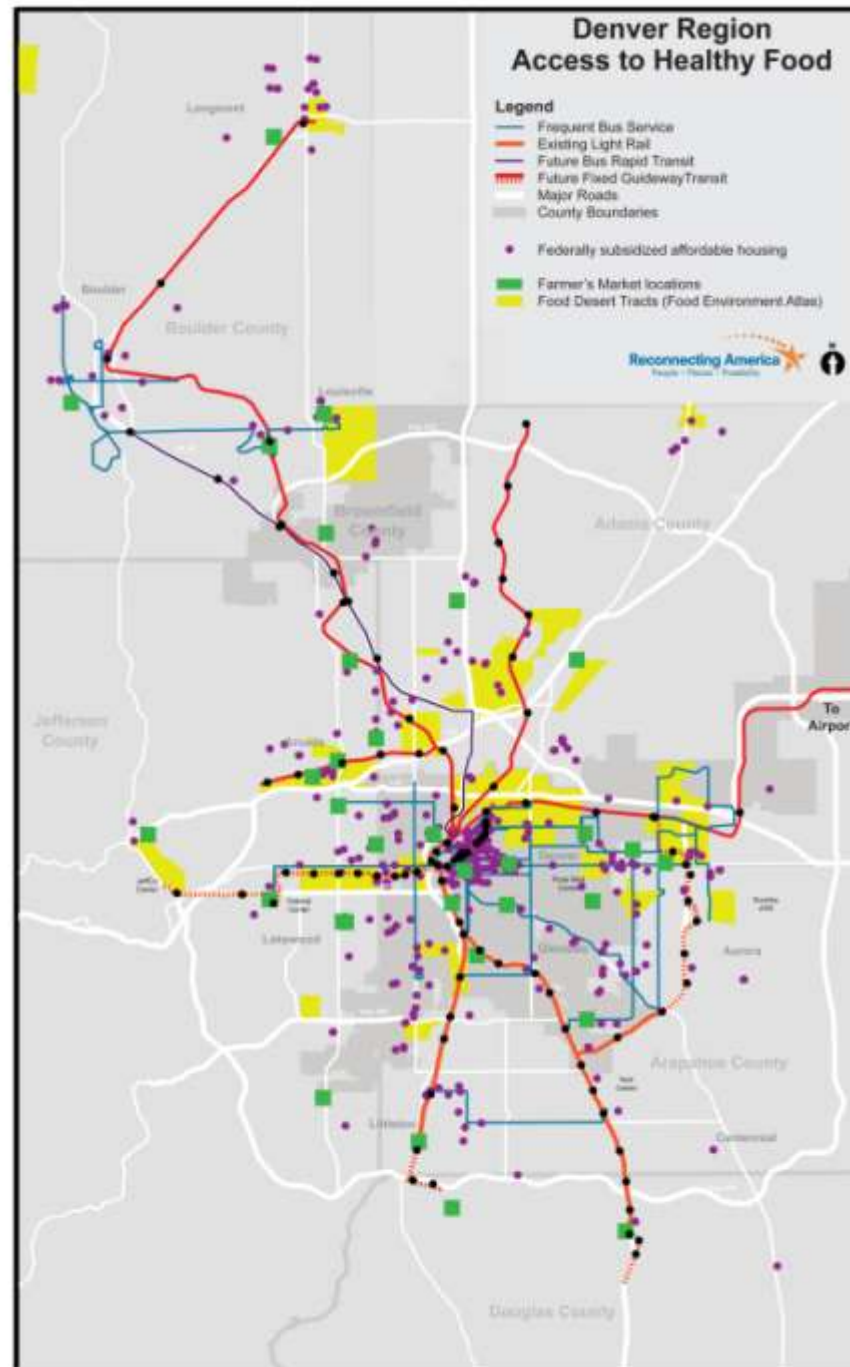
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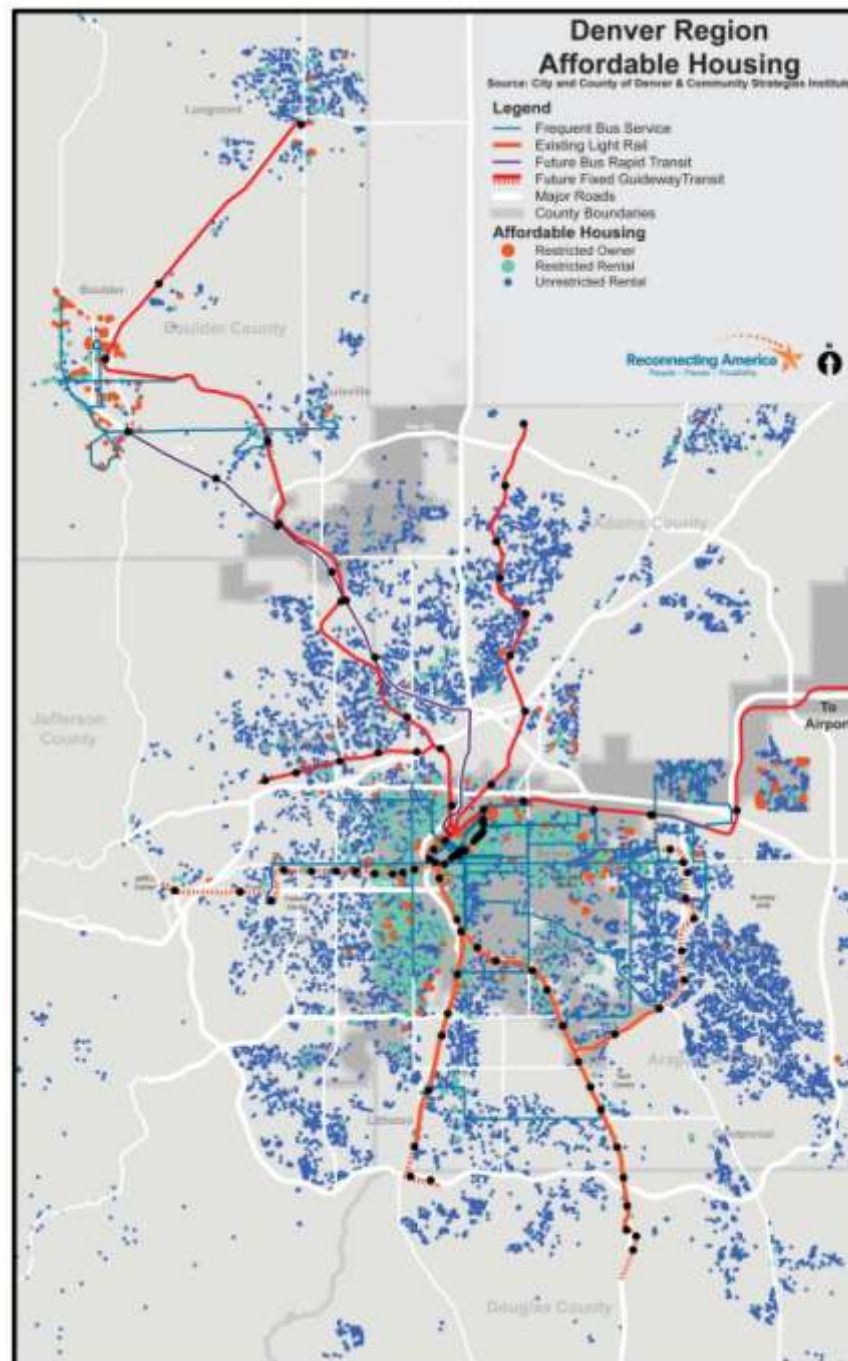
- The data, tools, and visual representations from the Equity Atlas will ultimately be used as:
 - Presentation content
 - Strategic communication materials
 - Inform stakeholders & public on improving equitable outcomes in Regional Transportation efforts
 - Establish a baseline set of equity indicators
 - Measure the progress and effectiveness of MHTOC's efforts



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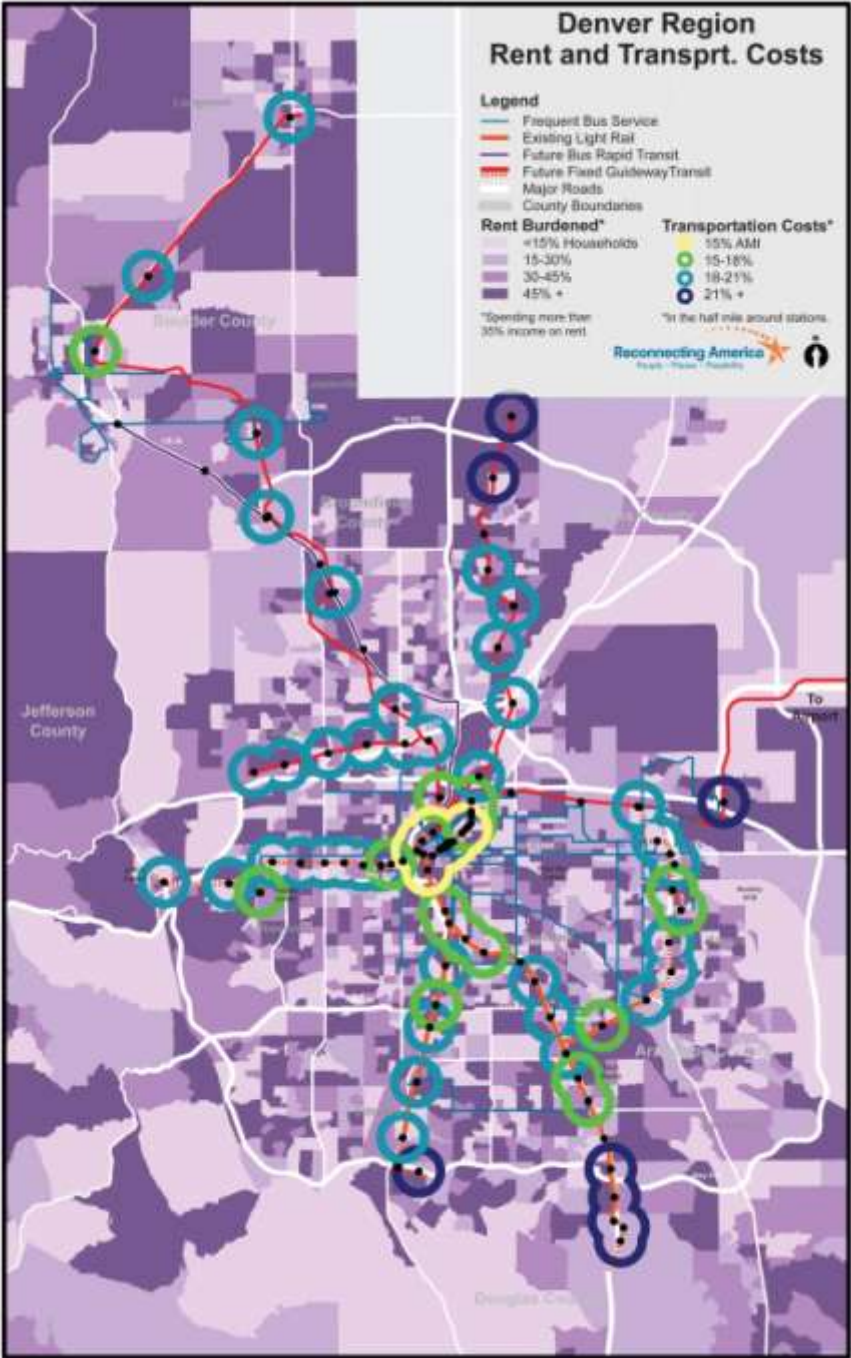
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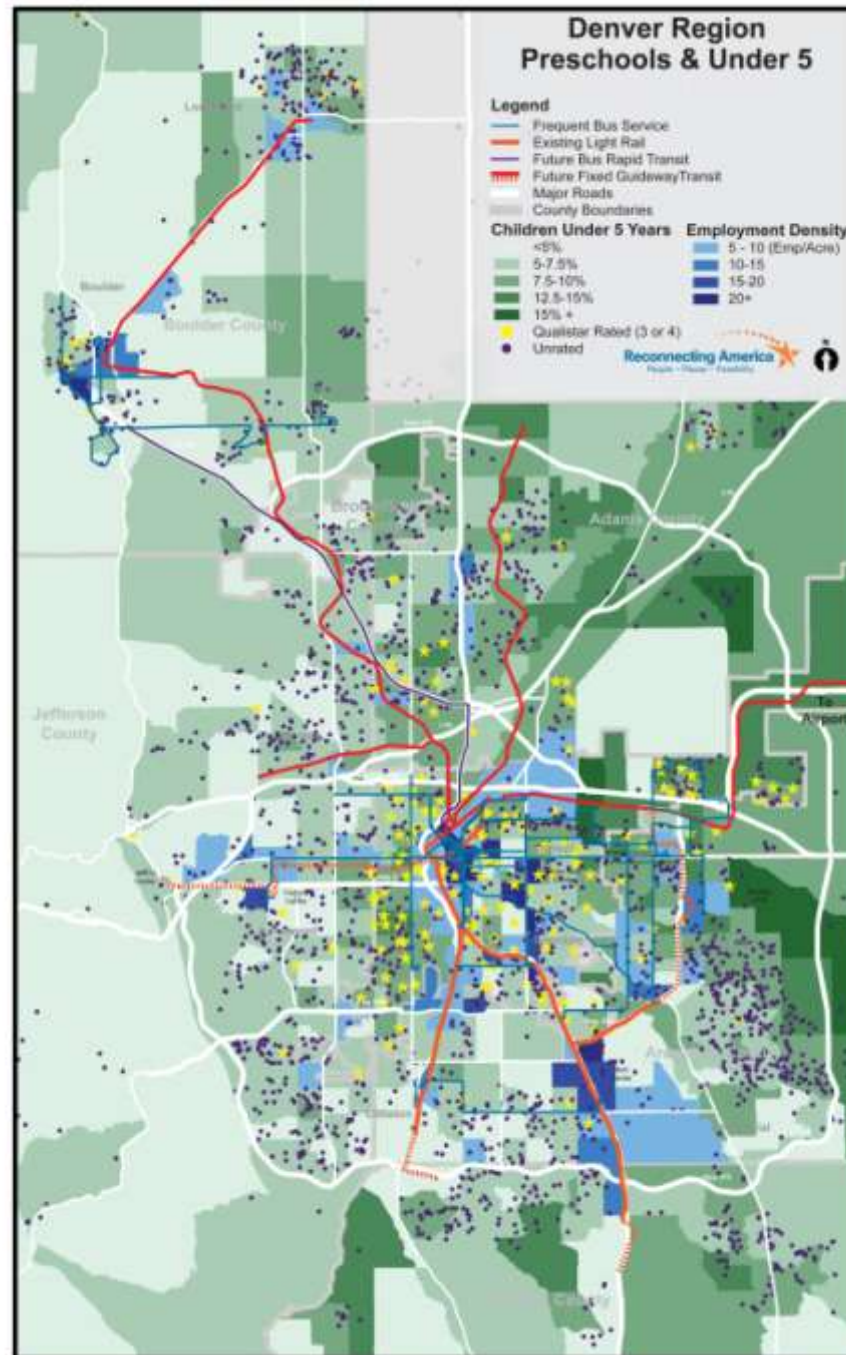


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Activities that will follow the Equity Atlas

- Convening for regional stakeholders - Spring 2012
- SCRPG funded Phase 2:
 - Web based interactive tool for all indicators
 - More detailed data: senior and student housing, grocery stores, disease incidence, air quality
 - More detailed transportation mapping: feeder bus routes, last mile connections
 - Community amenities mapping
- Develop urban form typology to gauge overall transit orientation and guide investments

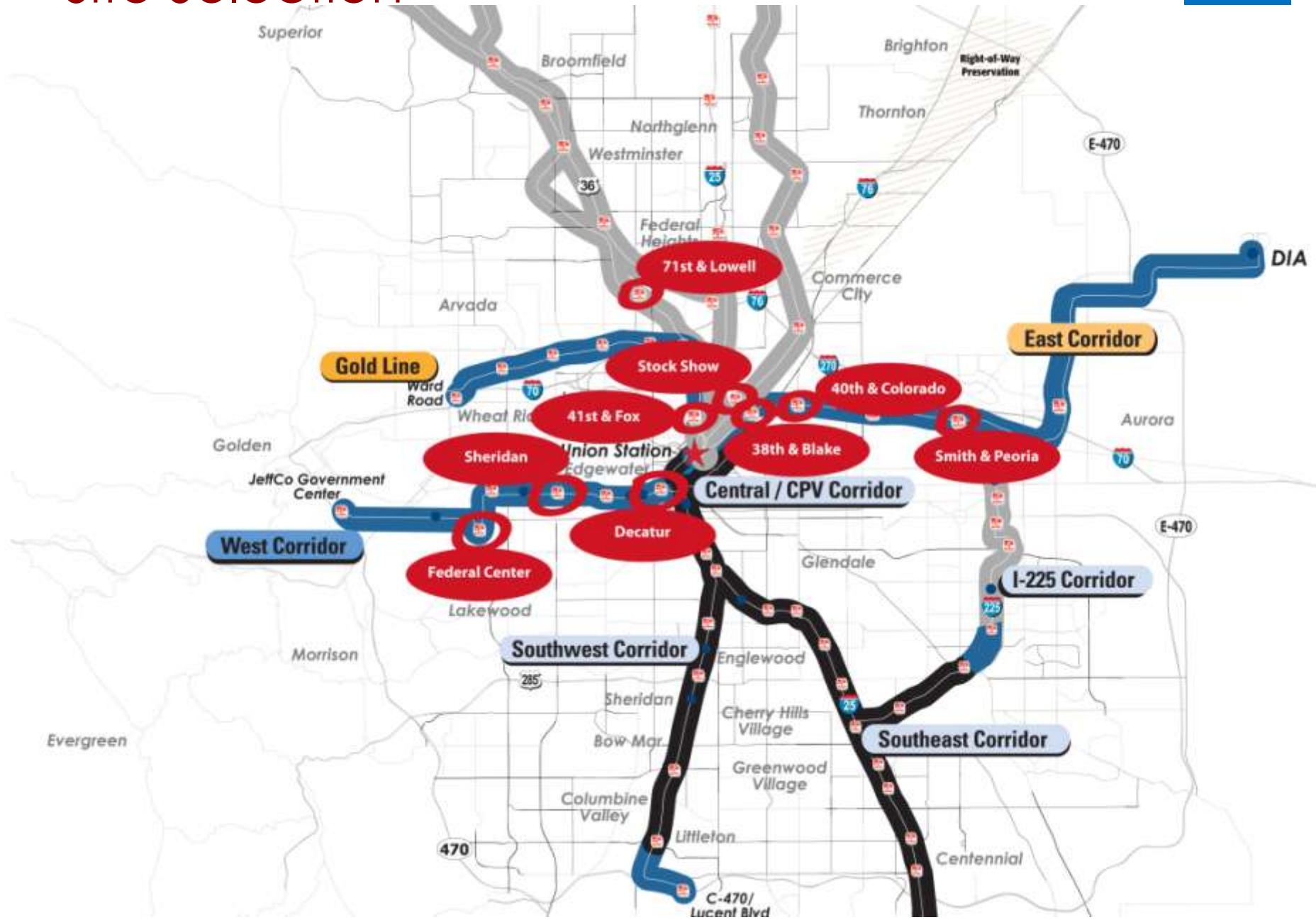
Data is Great, but...

... Are Low-Income Residents Involved?

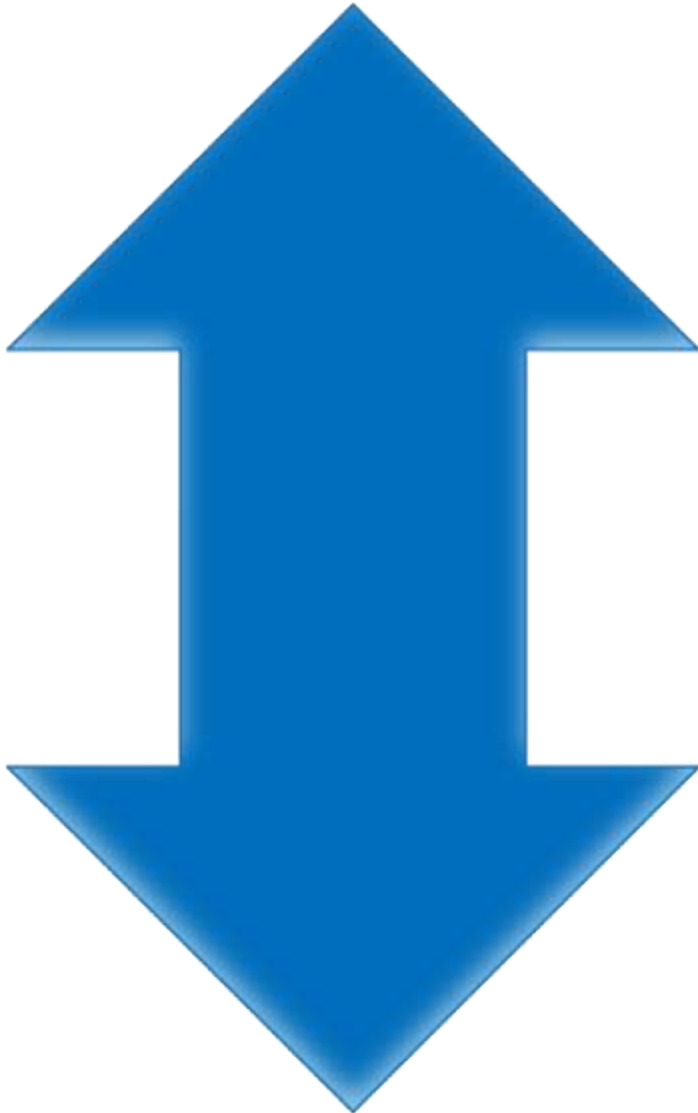
Questions FRESC asks:

- Is there an organizing base? Is this base already organized?
- Real or perceived **threats** to vulnerable communities?
 - Displacement
 - Environmental impacts
 - Gentrification
- **Opportunities** for vulnerable communities?
 - Increased affordable housing units
 - Access to/creation of good jobs in the community
 - Access to healthy food
- Are there leverage points?

Site Selection



Spectrum of Engagement Options



Technical Assistance

Advocacy

Coalition Organizing

Direct Resident Organizing

FRESC Focus Sites Thru May 2012

	Technical Assistance	Advocacy	Coalition Organizing	Direct Organizing
Decatur	X		X	X
38 th & Blake	X	X	X	
40 th & Colorado	X	X	X	
71 st & Lowell	X	X	X	X

Ideas for discussion

- Need for equity atlas in other communities?

- If other communities implement, do we have:
 - Opportunities for shared evaluation of impact?
 - Opportunities to study variations of impact of regional actions on equity?

- Are there other means for measuring impact?
 - Is there one tool that can sum up the impact of our work on one map?
 - Are health related measurements the key?

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