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Public Housing is Public Health: Place Matters

Food & Liquor

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It is this type of information and learning more about these Health In All Policies that exist elsewhere that could improve our lot in the neighborhoods in the trenches so to speak. It would also mean not having to remain so vigilant constantly under stress around what next is going to happen to us, that otherwise seems beyond our control. And yet you just feel compelled to get involved because our future is at stake, so you risk your health and well-being to support the collective good. Michael assures me that the larger team will not only hold our hand through this process, but expose us to other resources like Ryan's work both in your department, and nationwide. He also shares that they are excited about your interests in supporting efforts such as our current one, beyond the typical information and screenings and the like which we of course have seen much of, and continue to support. It just seems that those types of activities don't seem to make a difference, while controlling what comes in our neighborhood and the empowerment that supports among residents really, really would. It definitely combats a feeling of powerlessness, and neglect that we often feel even as we struggle to support our community. We have so many positive things going on from the new grocery store (Shoppers) which has changed health possibilities and diets for many, to the new athletic field at Coppin State University which is open to the public. Finally, we have someone who has expressed interest in using community gardens on a current vacant City owned lot to increase community togetherness and specifically designed to combat gangs through using gang intervention specialists along with community garden planners. It just seems we can never get on the offense, because we are always on defense. But with continued and increased support we can change that.

We hope to meet you at one of our future meeting or screening. Welcome to Baltimore and please let me know if we can count on you for support for any and all the things we've mentioned here.

Sincerely,

Wanda Freeland

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President

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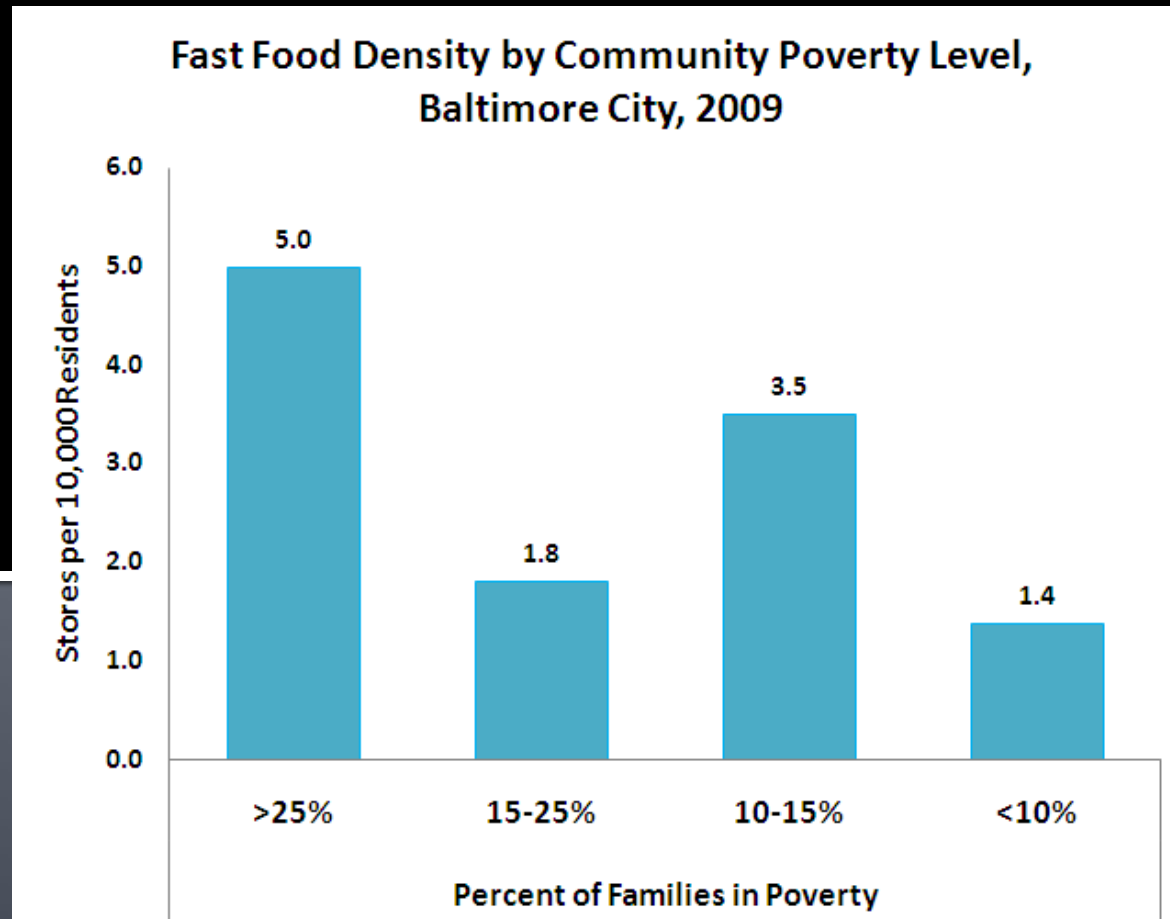
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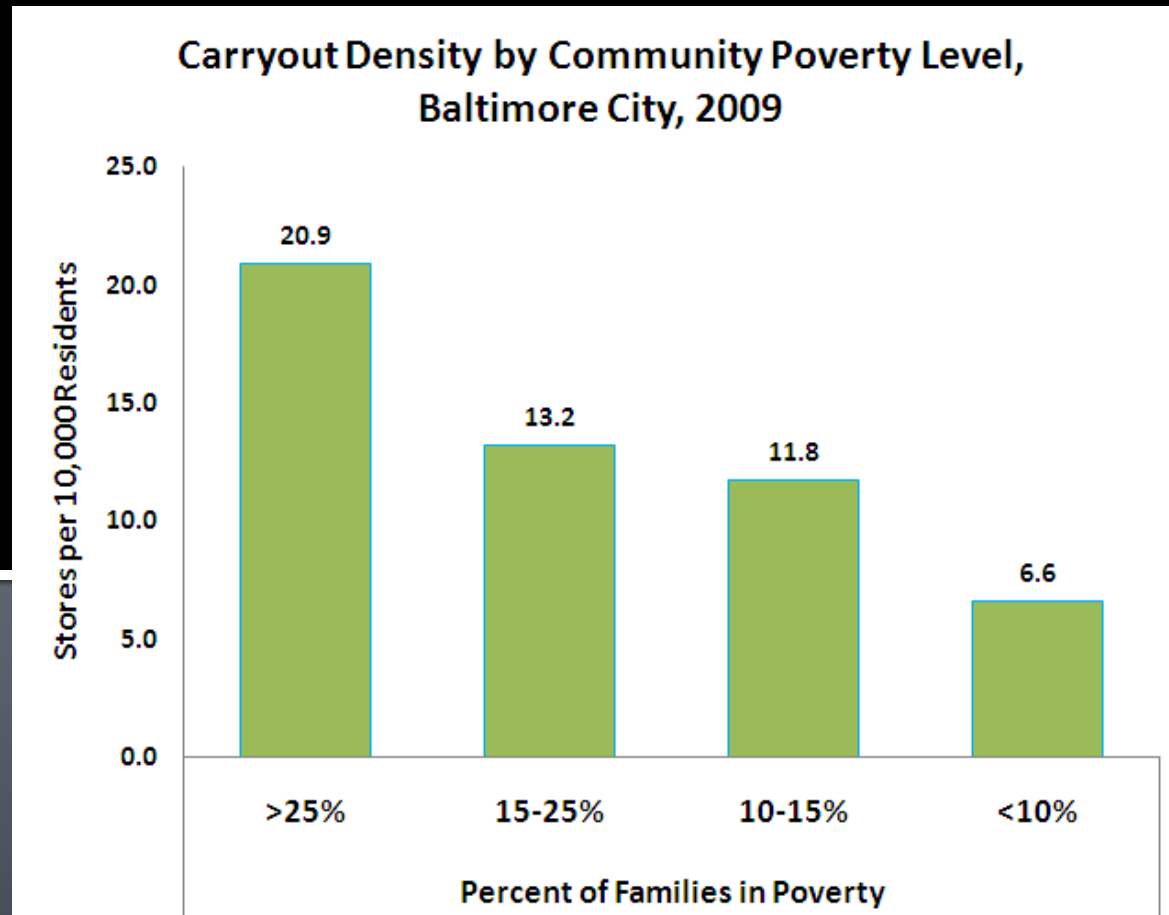


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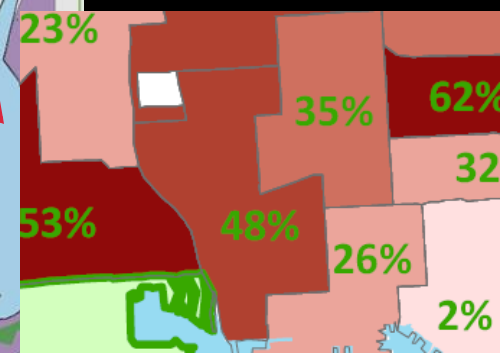
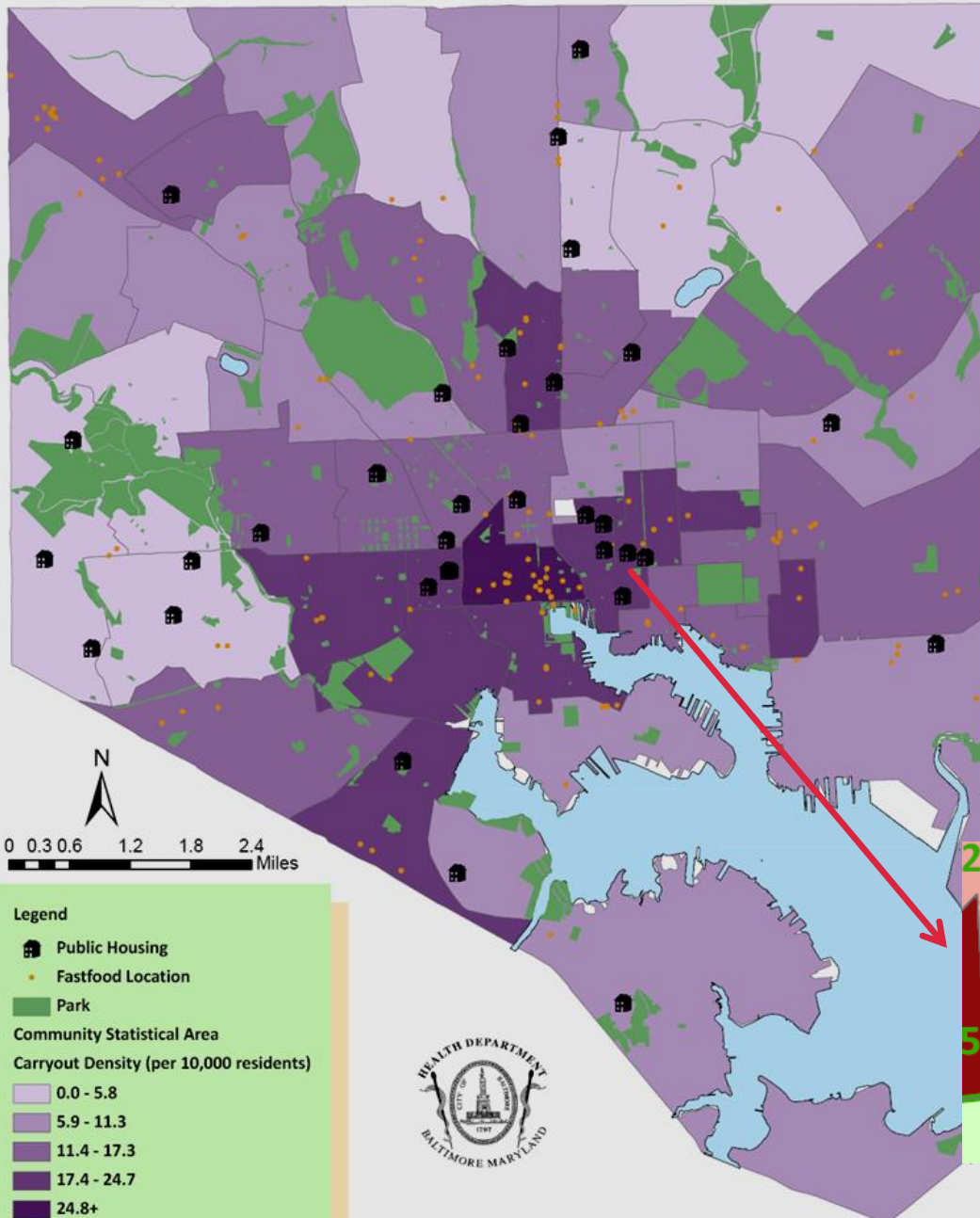
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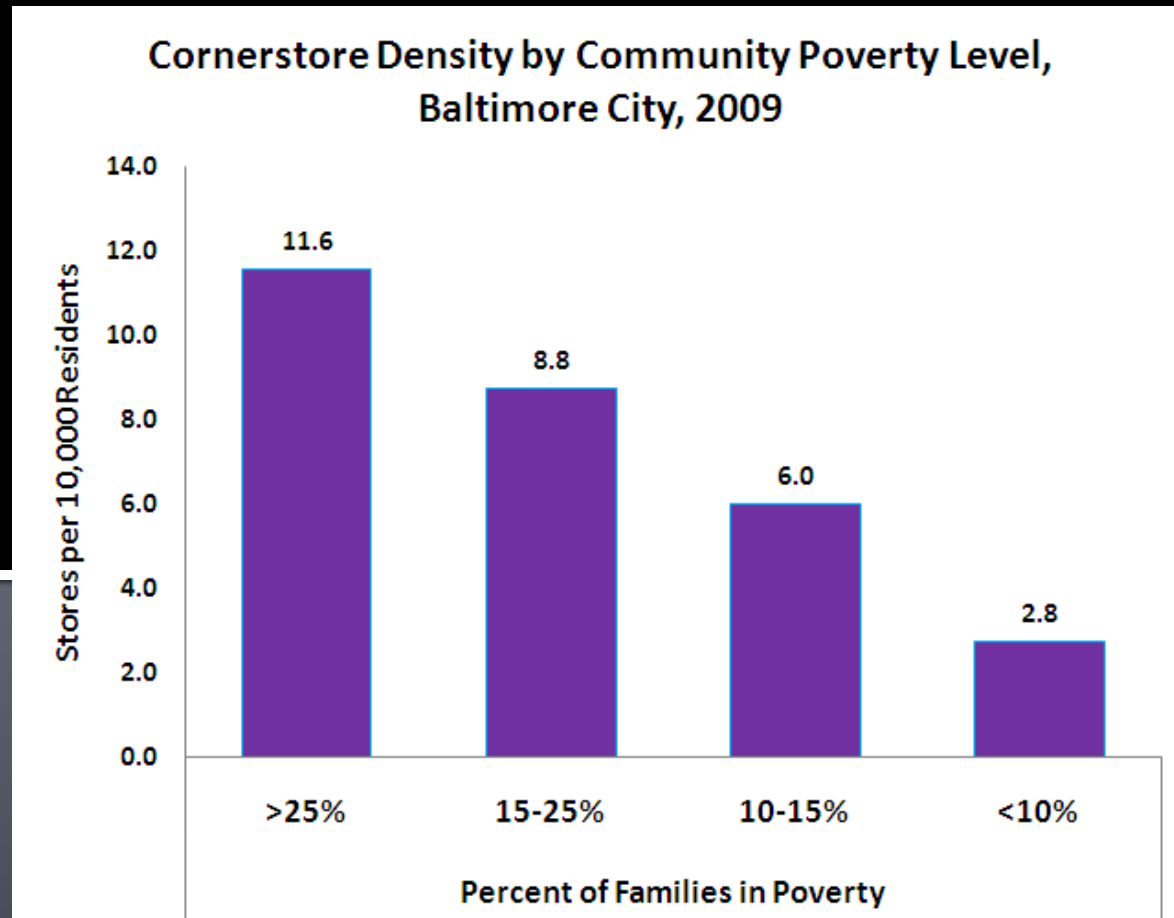


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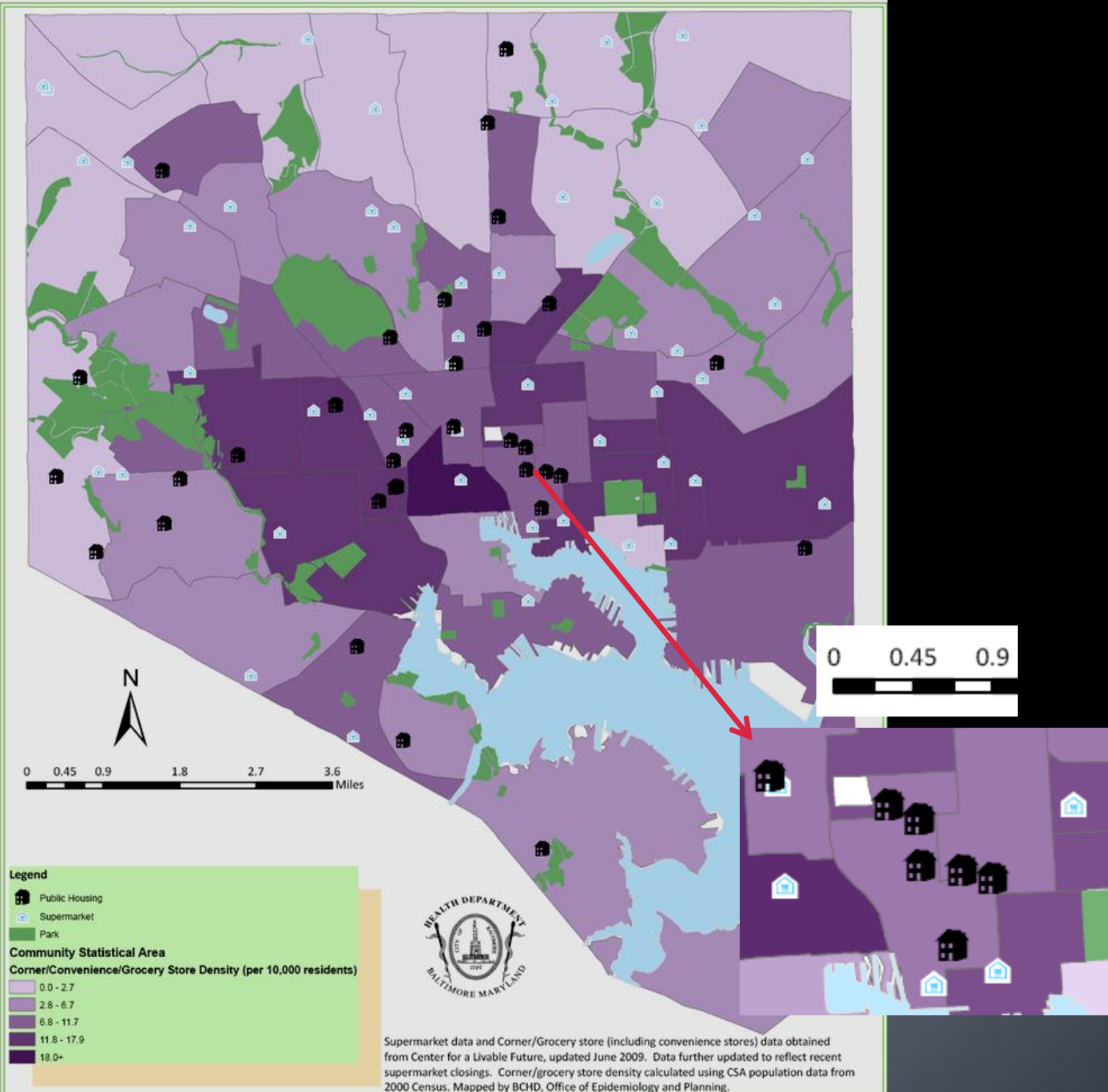


BCHD Office of Epidemiology and Planning analysis of City food permit data, updated June 2009. Carryout density calculated using CSA populations based on 2000 Census.

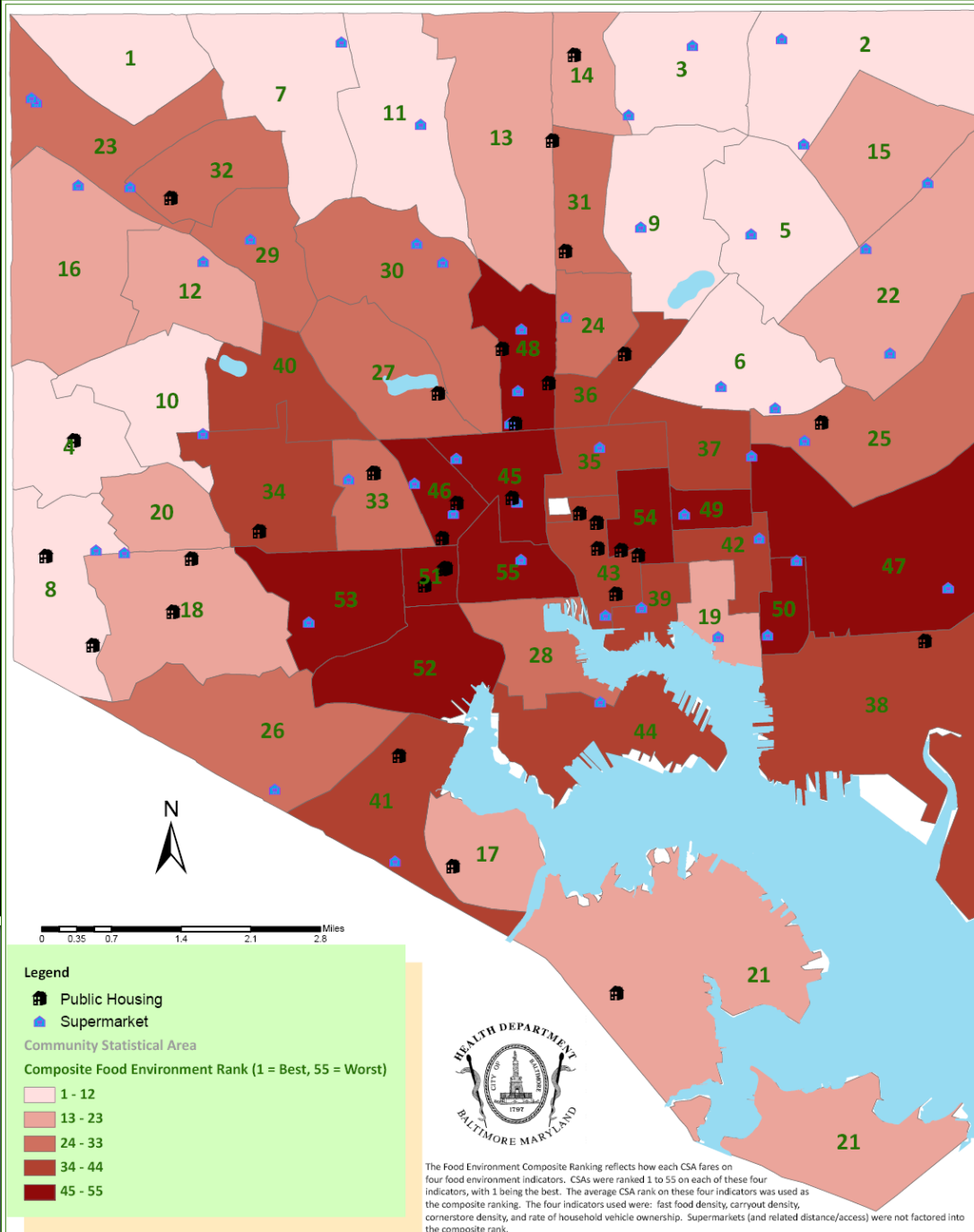
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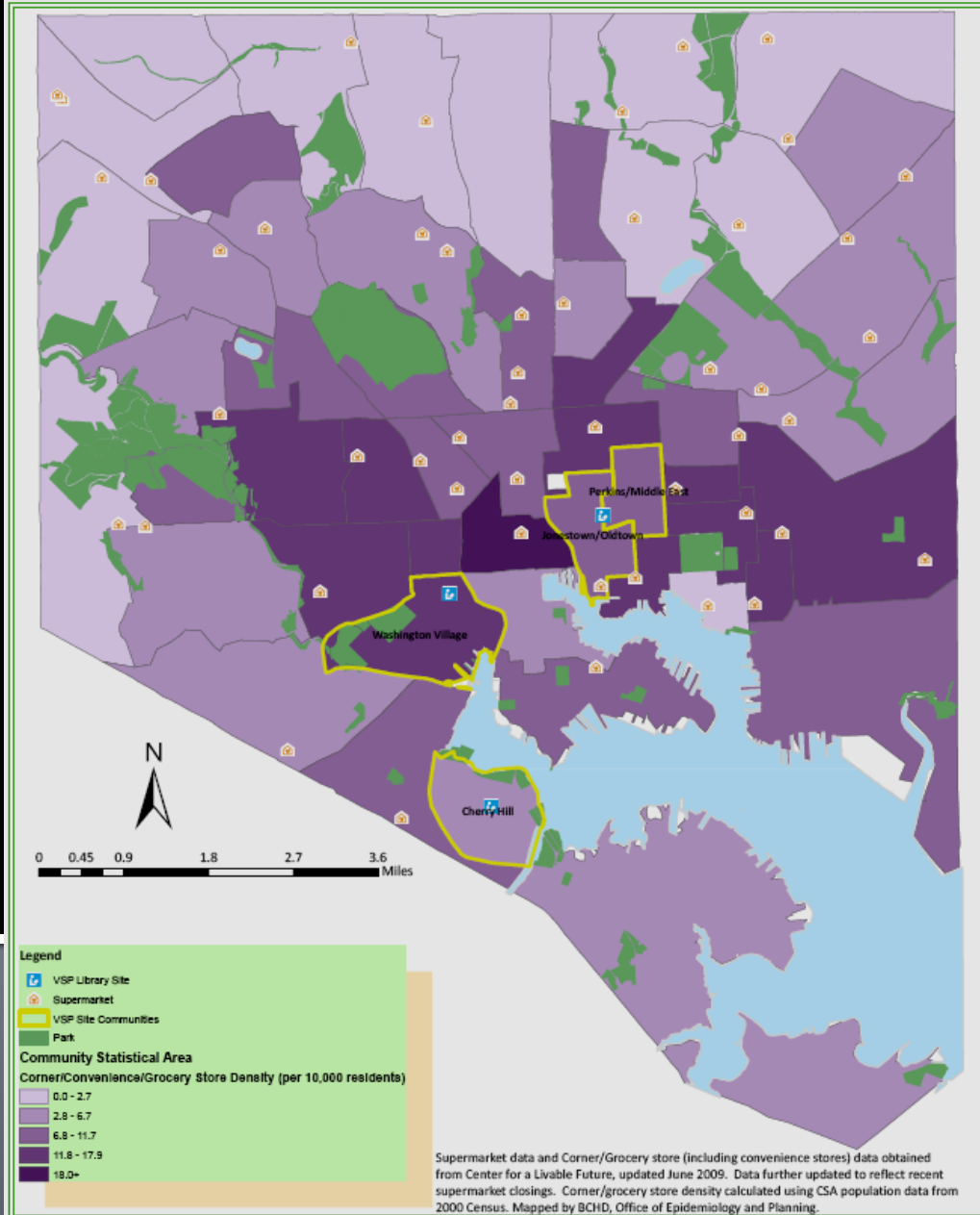
Public Housing and Food Environment by CSA, 2009





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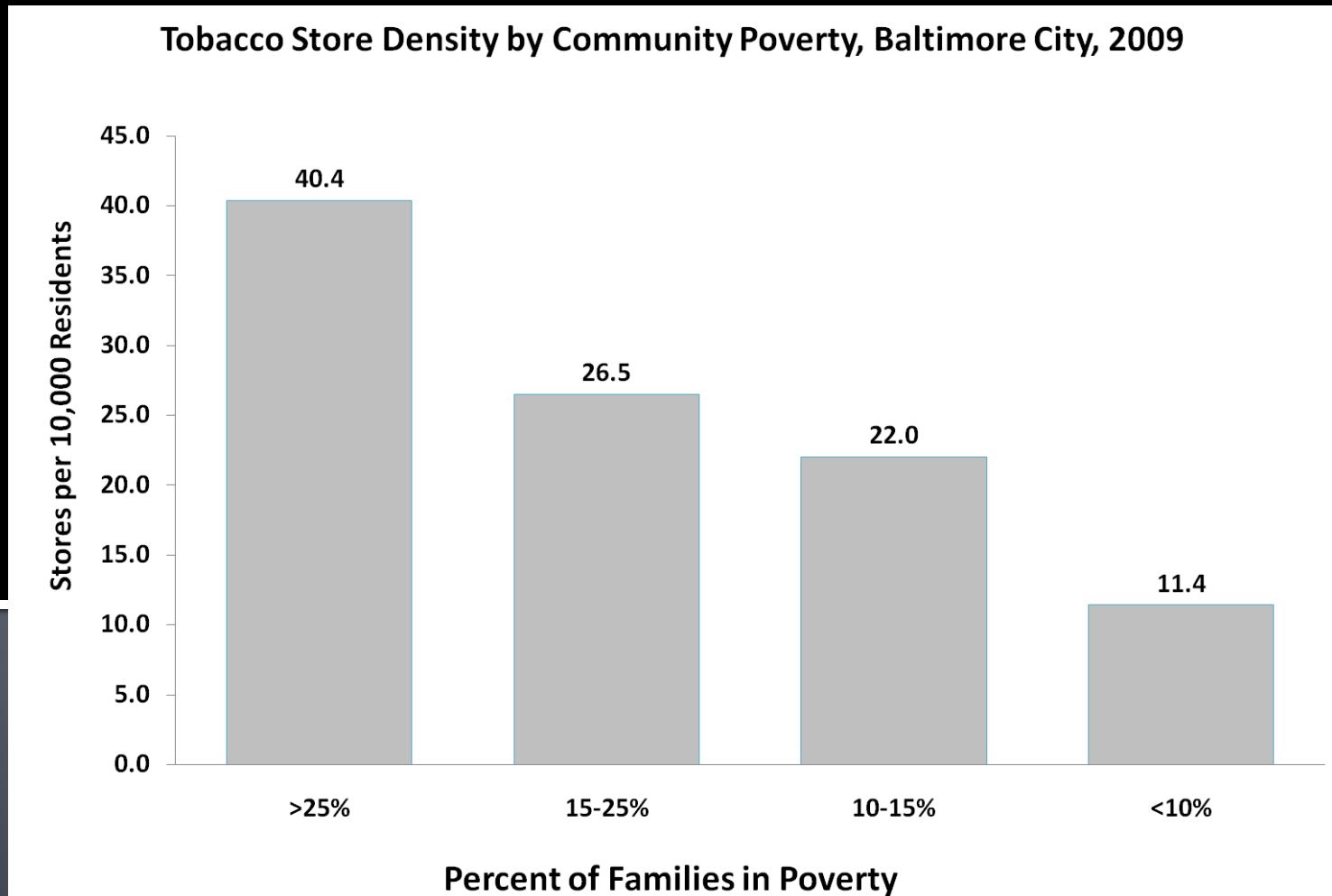


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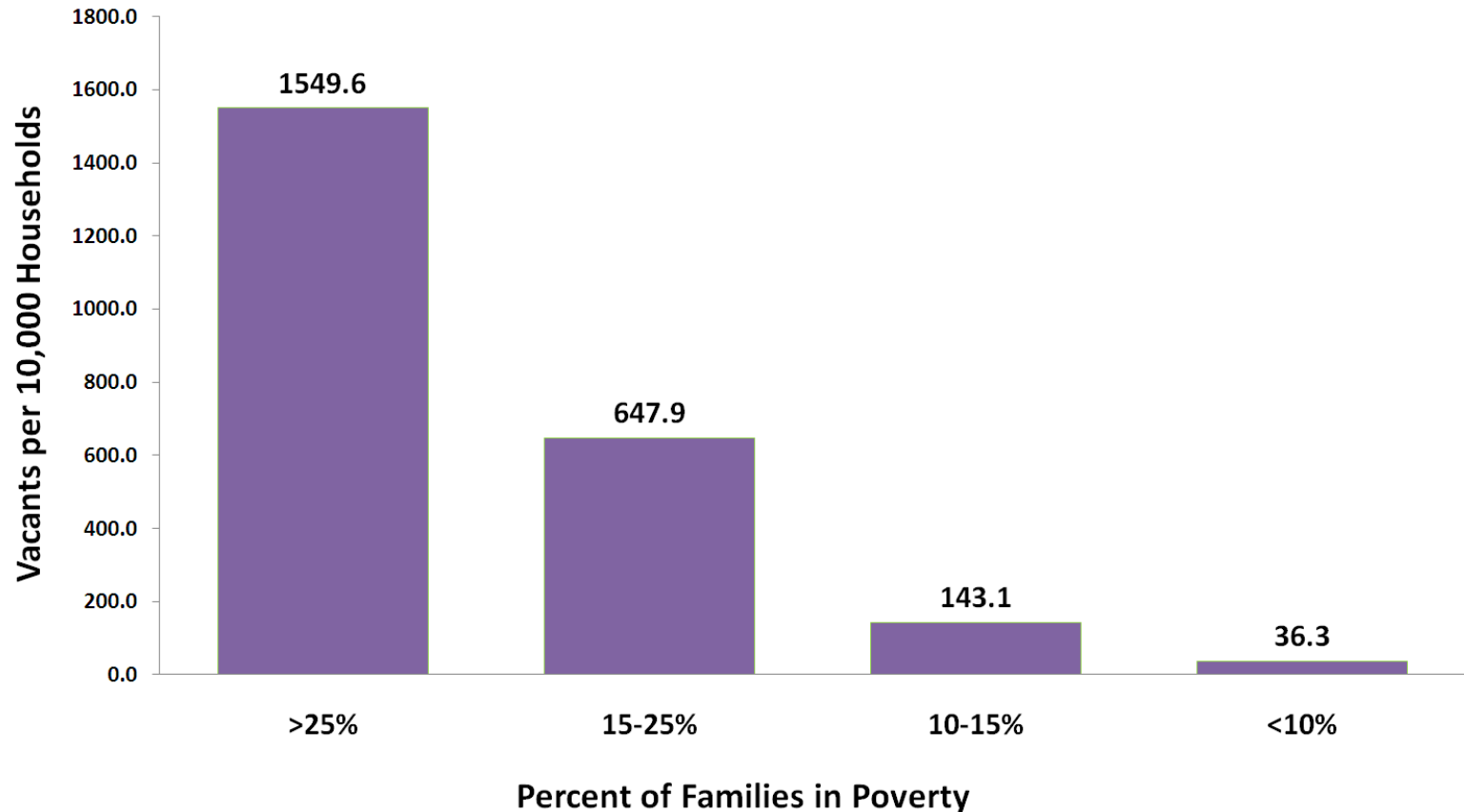


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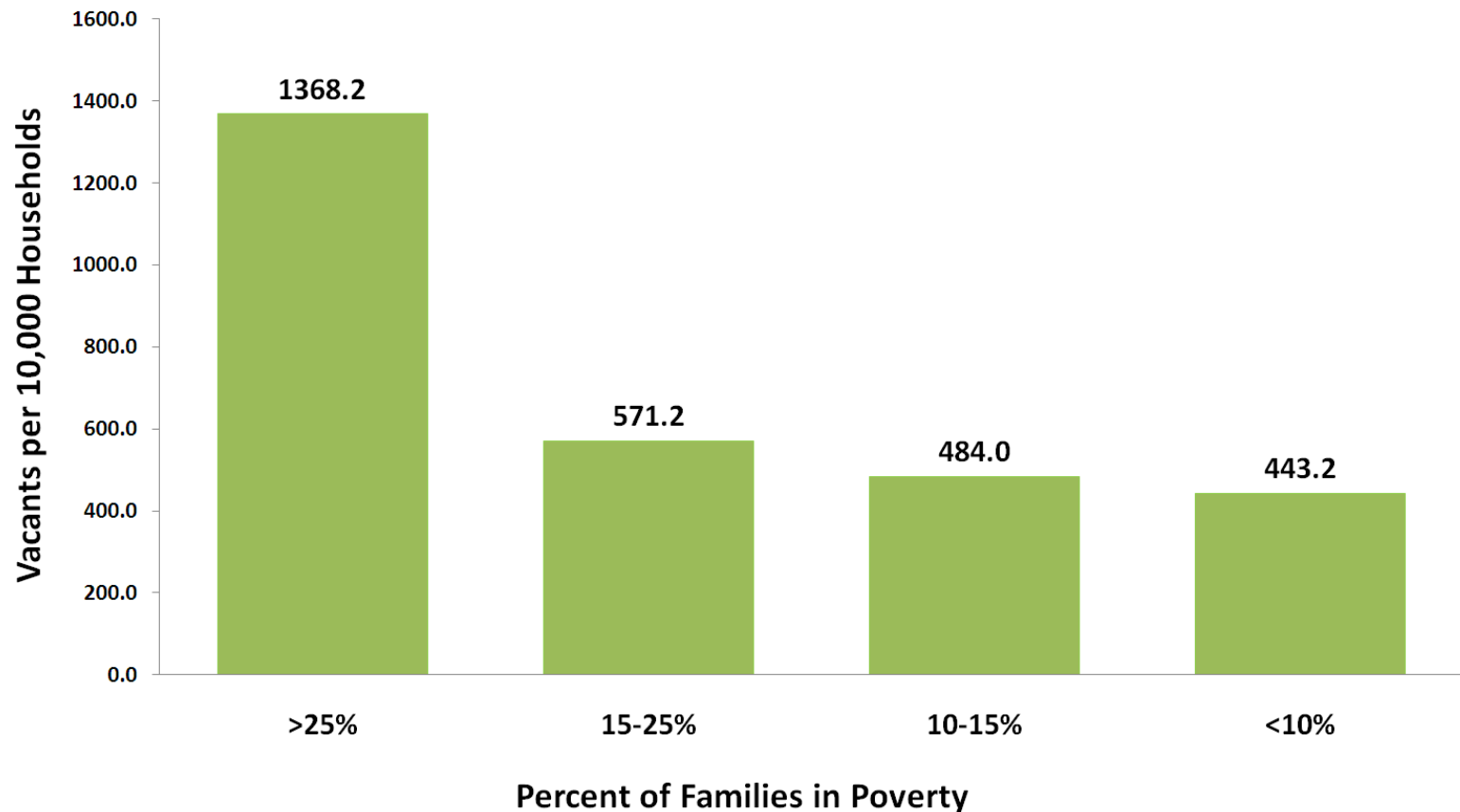
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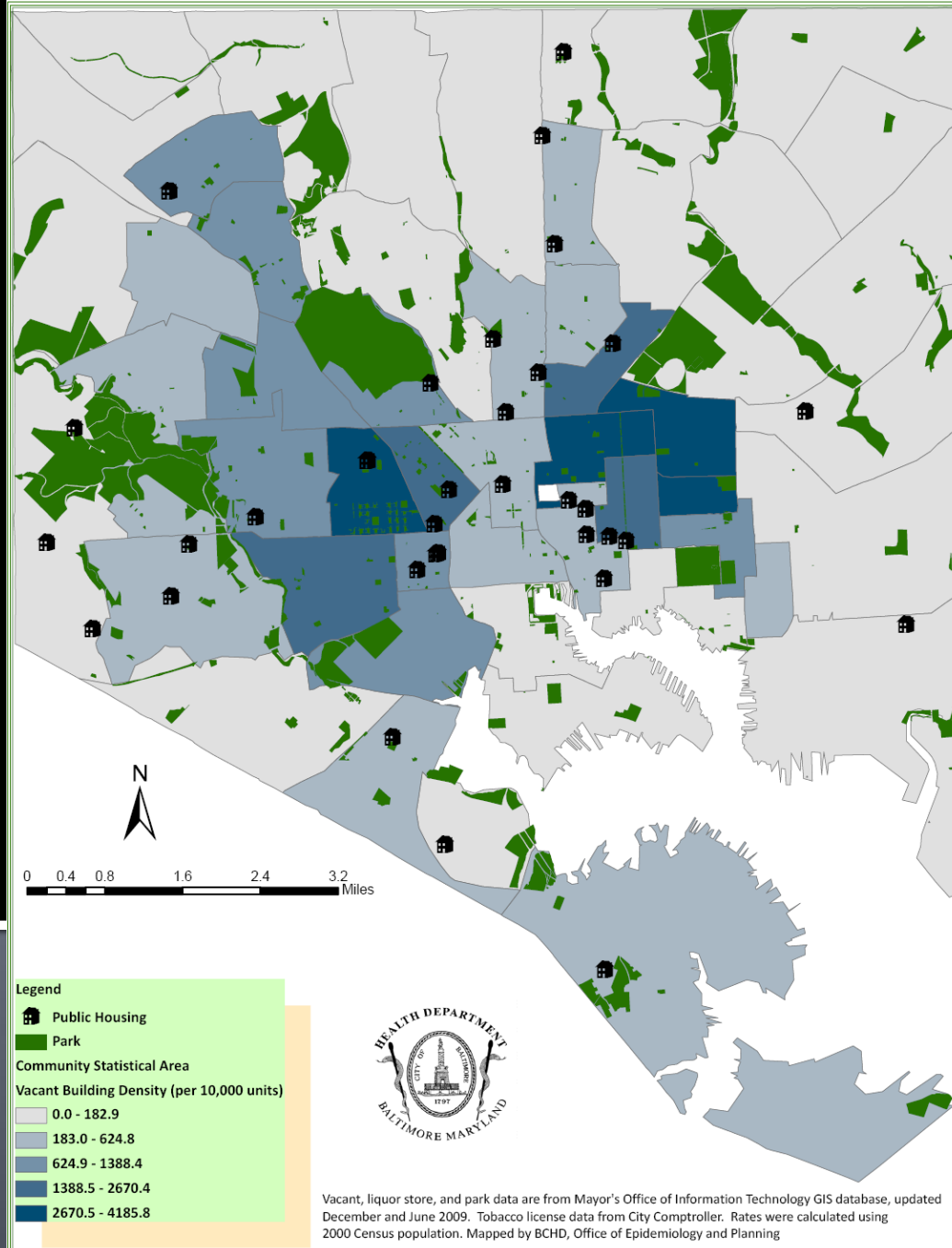


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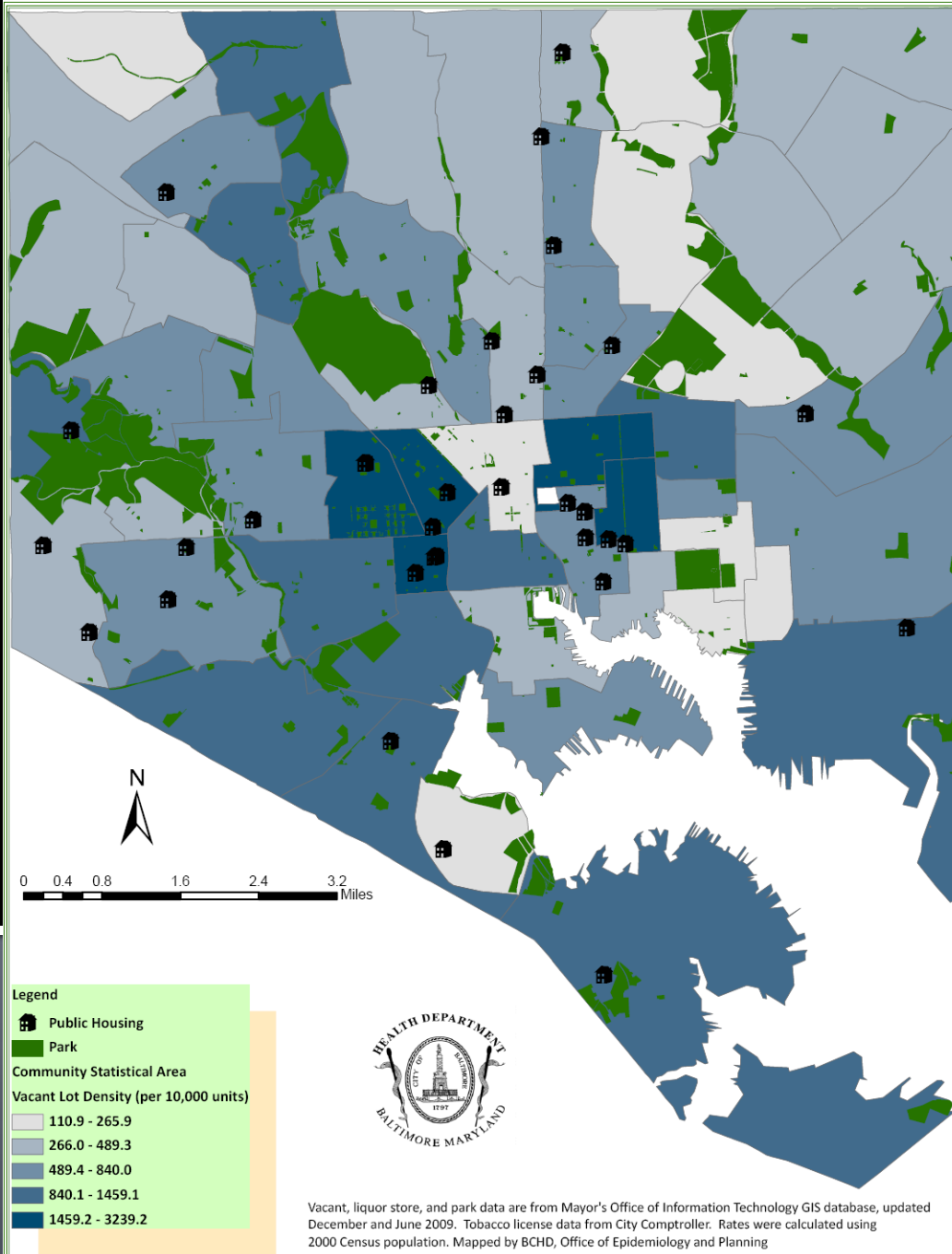
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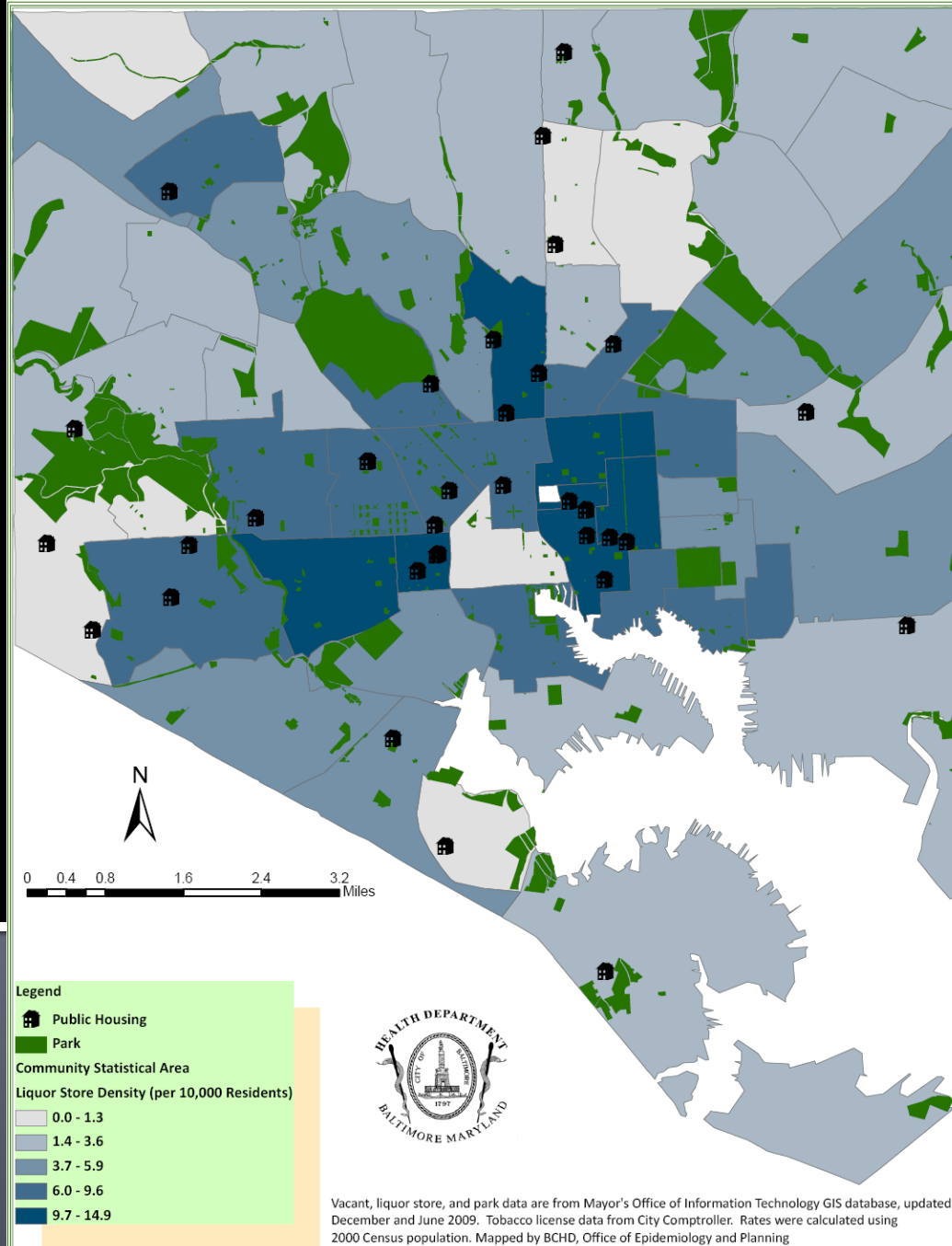
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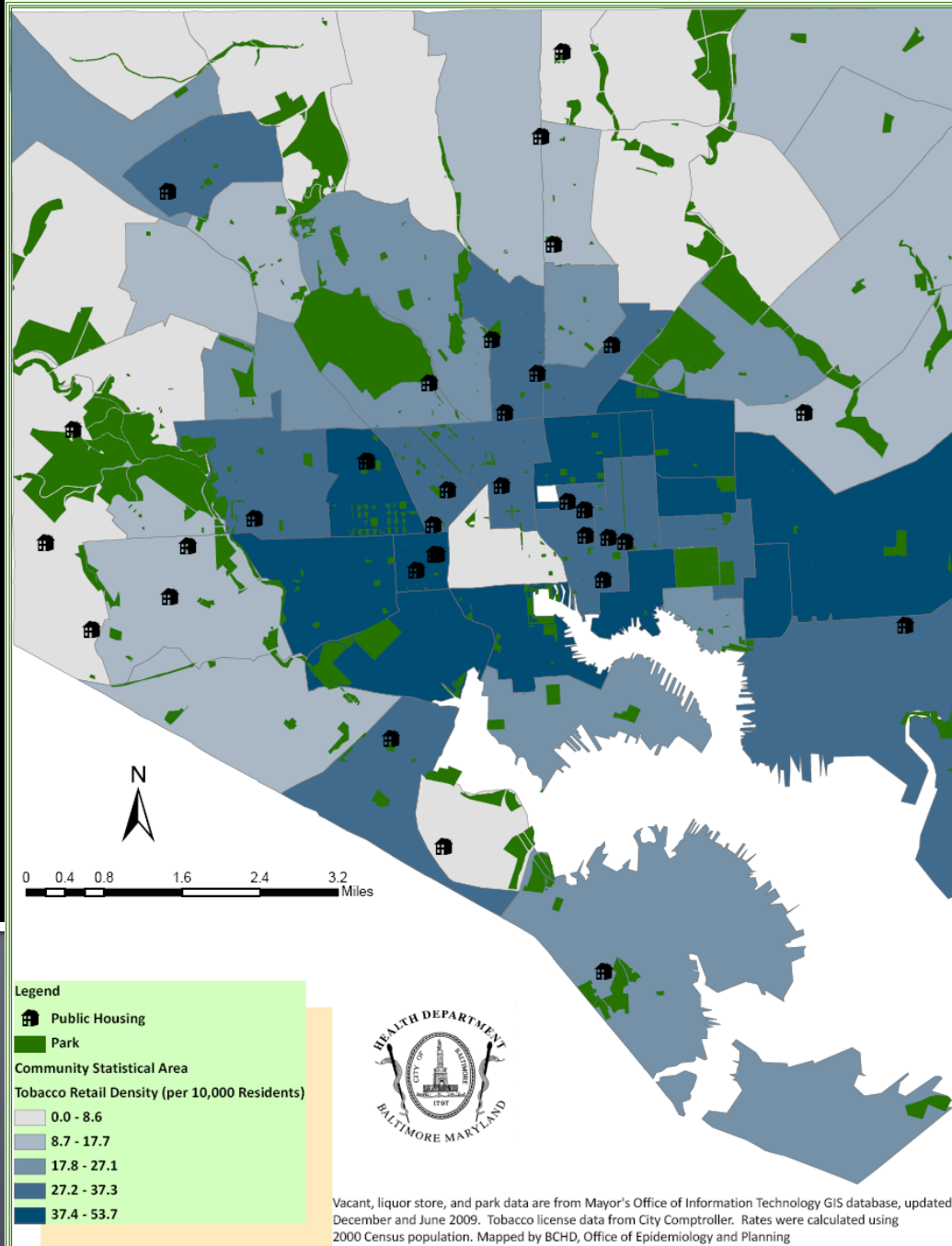
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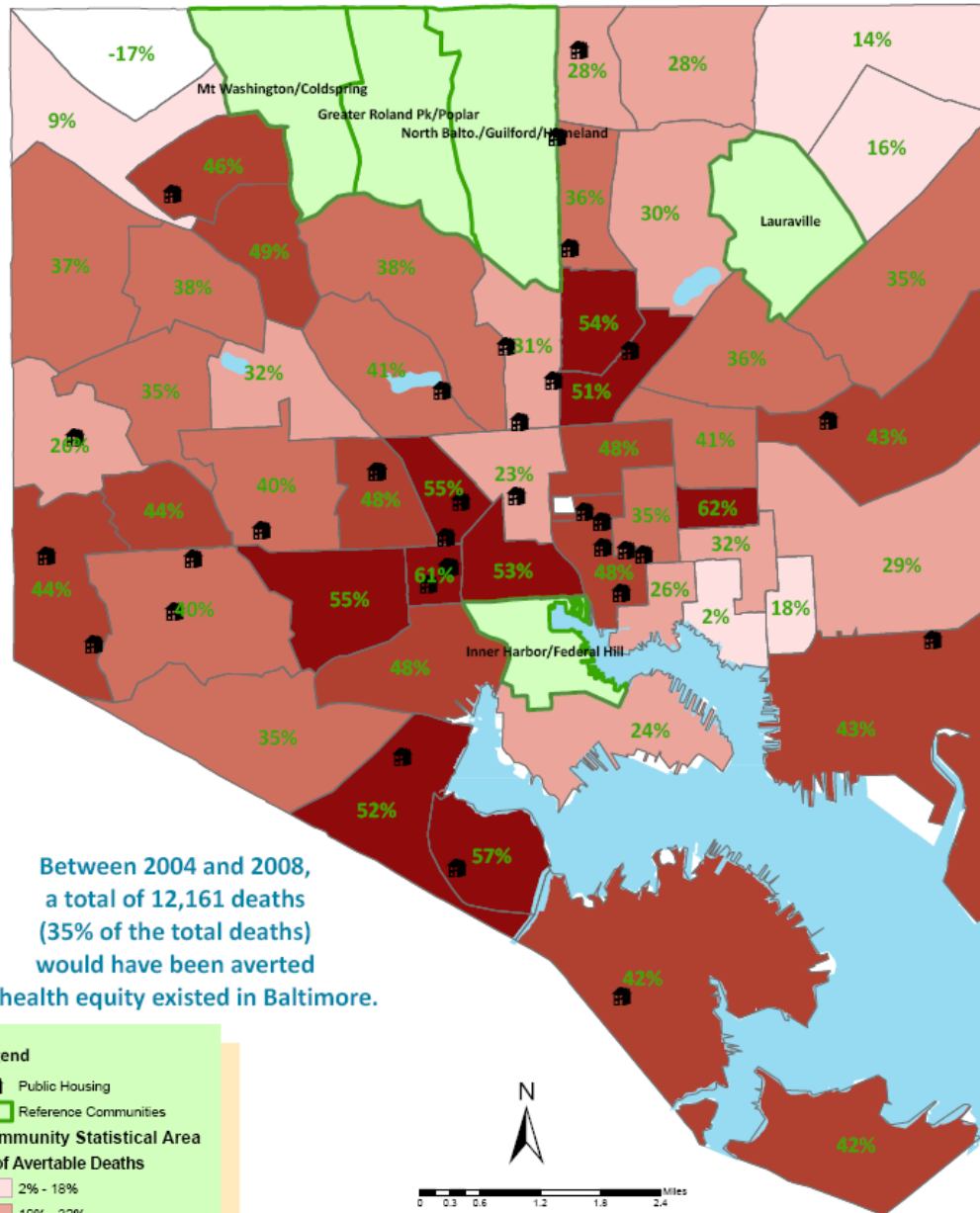
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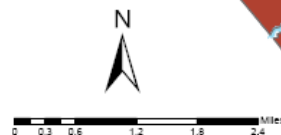
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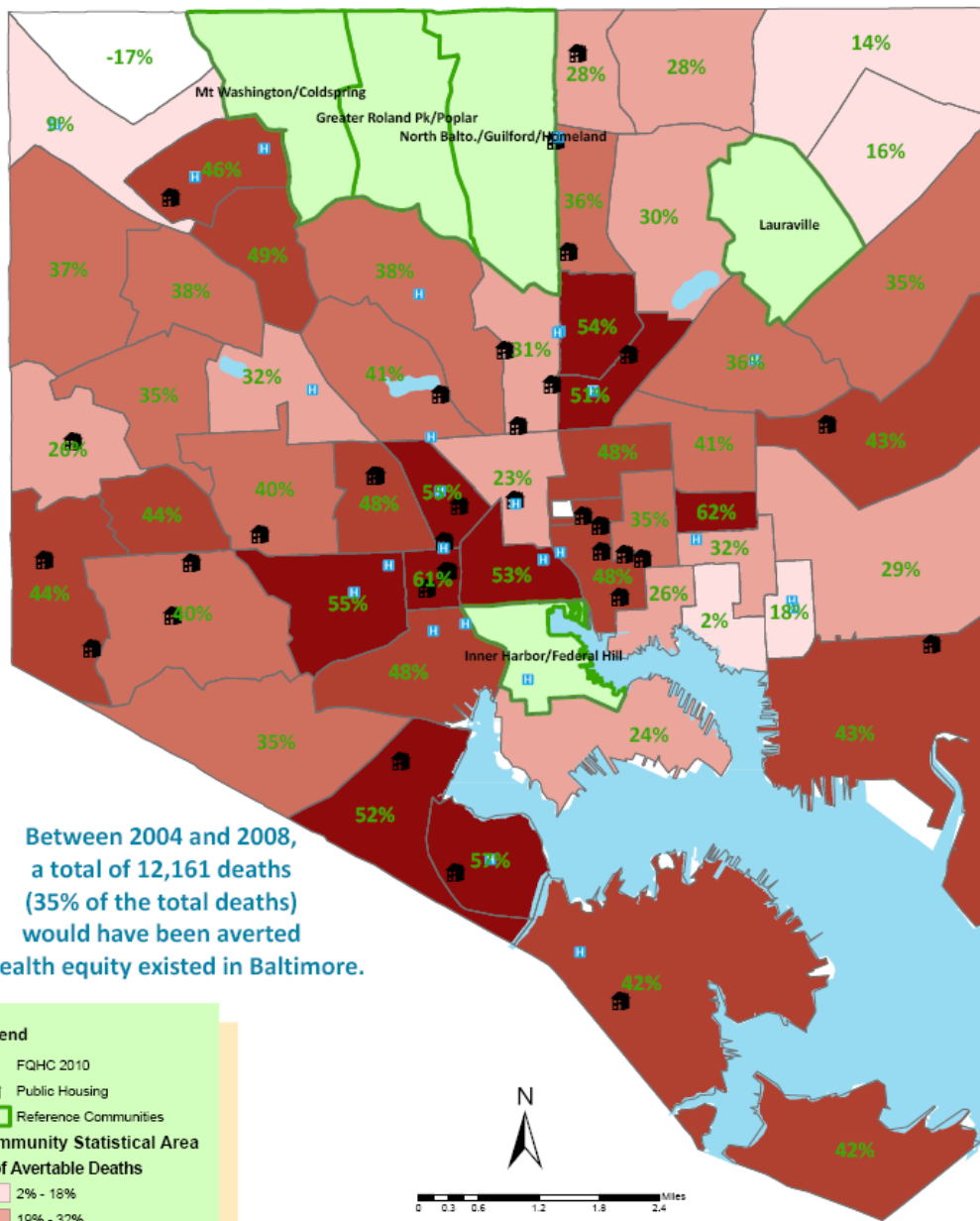
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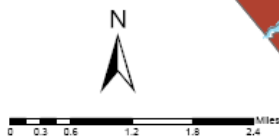
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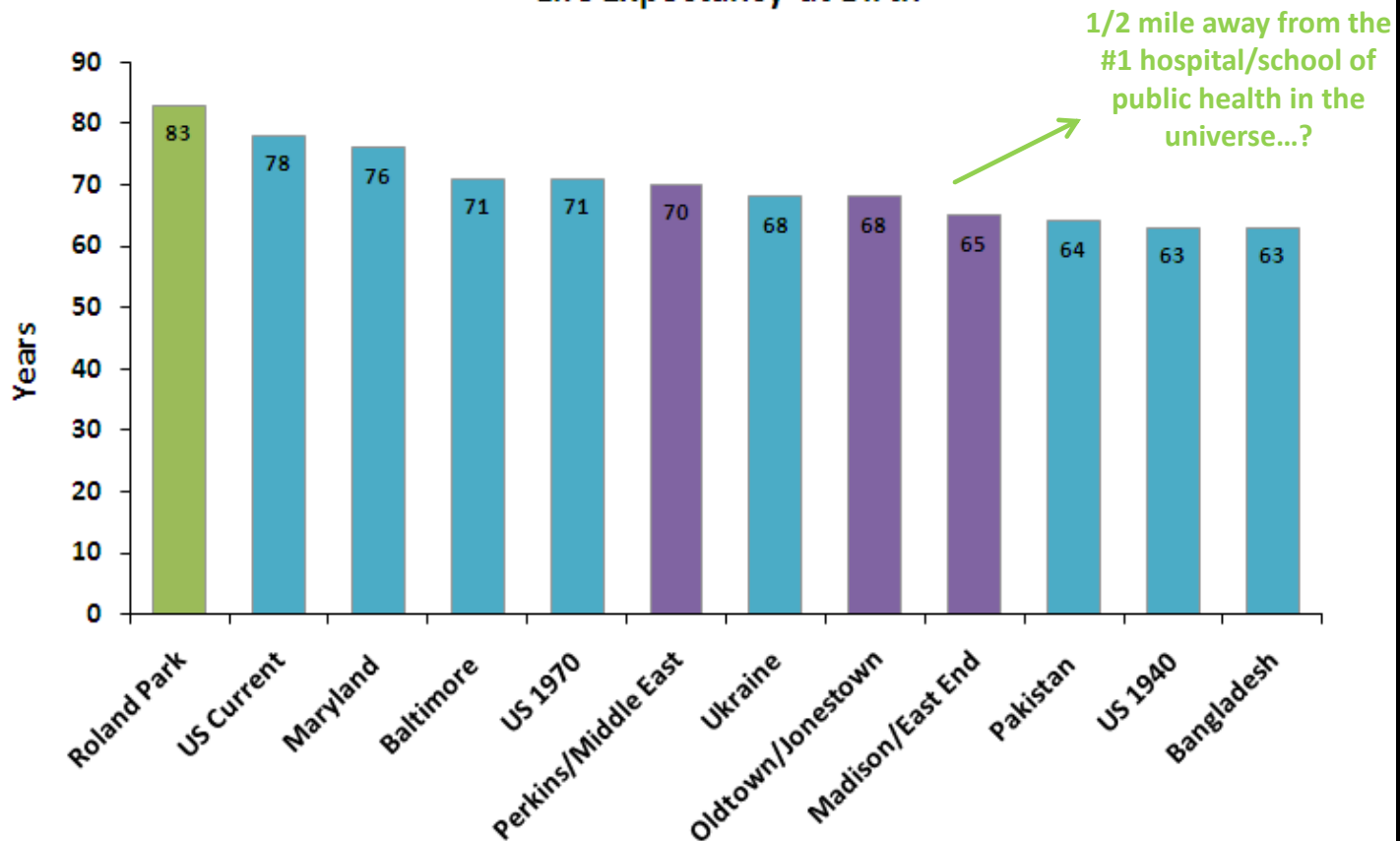


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Indicator	Roland Park	Southern Park Height	Baltimore
DEMOGRAPHICS (2000 Census, unless noted otherwise)			
Population	7,215	15,761	651,154
% Black	6%	97%	64%
% under 18	18%	31%	25%
% over 65	19%	12%	13%
% w/ HS education or less, ages 25+	12%	76%	60%
% HH with income <\$25000	18%	56%	43%
% Unemployed (of those in workforce)**	4.4%	14.4%	10.1%
% Single parent families (of families w/ children <18)**	31%	77%	62%
% of Families in Poverty**	2%	27%	15%
Median HH Income	\$64,571	\$21,218	\$30,078
ENVIRONMENT#			
Vacant Building density, 2009 (per 10,000 HH)	8.6	1319.4	676 (CSA avg.)
Foreclosure rate, Jan-March 2009 (per 10,000 people)	2.8	22.2	19.7
Tobacco store density, 2009 (per 10,000 people)	8.3	17.1	23.6 (CSA avg.)
Liquor store density, 2009 (per 10,000 people)	2.8	4.4	5.3 (CSA avg.)
Non-fatal Shooting rate, 2005-09 (per 10,000 people)	0	74.2	43.5 (CSA avg.)
% Greenspace coverage (% of CSA)	3%	7%	10%
MORTALITY			
Life Expectancy (years)*	83	67	71
All Cause mortality (deaths per 10,000)*	58	133	114
Heart Disease mortality (deaths per 10,000)*	15.9	31.1	28.9
Cancer mortality (deaths per 10,000)*	13.9	25.5	23.4
Stroke mortality (deaths per 10,000)*	4.4	5.4	5.8
Diabetes mortality (deaths per 10,000)*	1.6	4.7	3.7
Homicide mortality (deaths per 10,000)*	0.5	6.9	3.6
HIV/AIDS mortality (deaths per 10,000)*	0	12	5.2
Drug-induced mortality (deaths per 10,000)*	0	4.2	3.7
CHILDREN & YOUTH			
Infant mortality (deaths per 1000 live births)*	9	12.3	11.7
% Births to teenage mothers*	1%	26%	19%
% Children with elevated blood lead levels***	2.4%	3.4%	4.6%
Domestic Violence rate (per 1000 residents)**	4.4	48.5	39.3 (CSA avg.)
Child Abuse/neglect rate (per 1000 age 0-17)**	--	12.2	8.4
Juvenile Arrest rate (per 1000 age 10-17)**	8.3	101.6	133.8
Juvenile Violent Deaths (per 10000 age 10-19)**	--	99.4	67
Kindergartners "fully ready" for school, 2007-2009, BCPS	72.1%	46.4%	62.8% (CSA avg.)
8th graders reading at "Basic" (lowest) level, 2007-2008, BNIA	8.0%	50.0%	47%
HS Completion rate, 2004-2005****	100%	83%	--
% Ages 18-25 who voted, 2004 General****	66%	37%	--
*BCHD analysis of MD Vital Statistics data, 2002-2006		# Real Property, Baltimore City Foreclosure Filings, BCHD,	
**From 2008 Baltimore City Data Collaborative Community Profiles; or BNIA, 2008		and Baltimore City Department of Planning	
BCHD analysis of MD Department of the Environment data, 2006 only		*Baltimore Neighborhood Indicators Alliance	

Life Expectancy at Birth



BCHD analysis of 2002-2006 Maryland Vital Statistics Profile data and 2000 US Census data

“...there is no necessary biological reason why there should be a difference in LEB of 20 years or more between social groups in any given country. Change the social determinants of health and there will be dramatic improvements in health equity.”

Commission on Social Determinants of Health, WHO 2008

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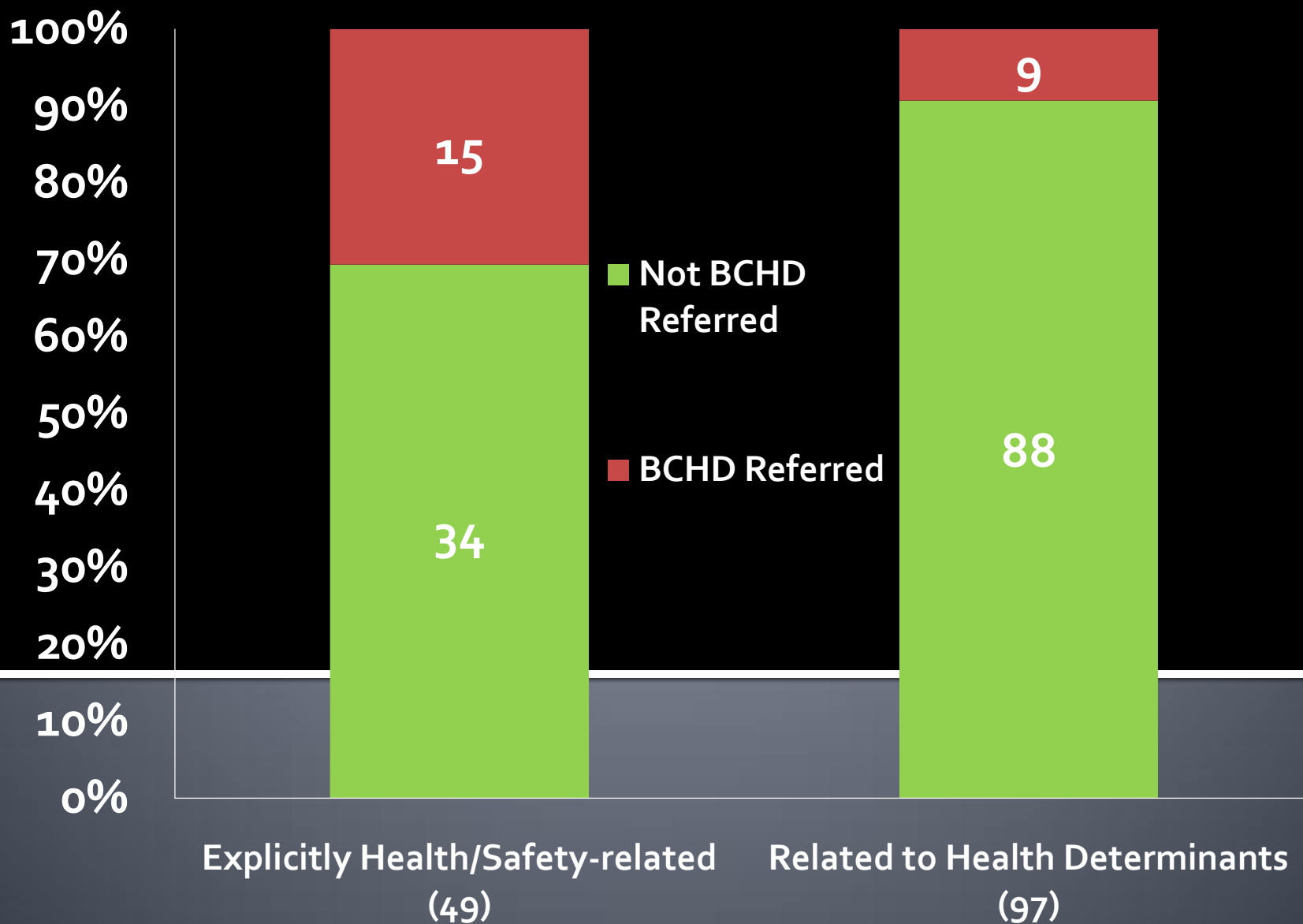
About 85% of all policies with the potential to impact health were not reviewed for health concerns, including those related to land use decisions affecting the location and distribution of liquor stores and food choices

Review of all City Council Policies introduced in 2008, BCHD, OEP 2009

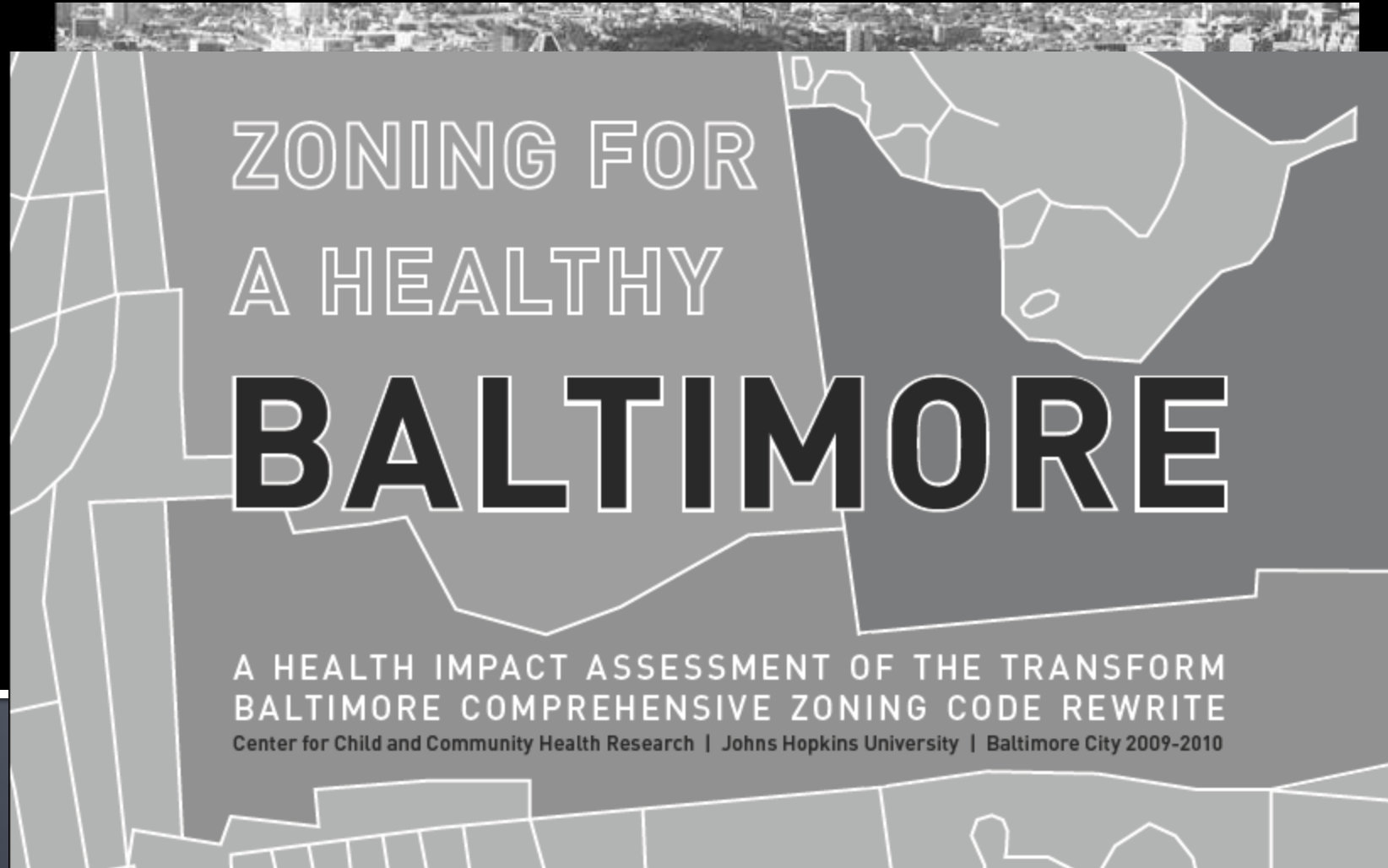
All Policy, Baltimore City Council, 2008



All Policy with Potential Health Impacts, Baltimore City Council, 2008



Baltimore Zoning Code Re-write: Transform Baltimore



Key Points (inside)

- **Results of 2008 Policy review shared with Council President (now Mayor) and staff. Input:**
 - **City Council training/briefing**
 - **Draft health/equity guidance document for staff**
 - **Council Resolution or Informational Hearing**
 - **Increase monitoring of policy**

Key Points (outside)

- Increased focus on underlying health determinants
 - Requires focus on policies/systems
 - HIA is marvelous, but...
 - Too many policies/systems for HIA process
- Broad data sharing for sustained civic engagement
- Evidence that is informed by community
- Participatory public health practice

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