

Byrne Grant- Mapping and Analysis of Washington Park as a Target Area
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The attached map and data contributed to the Milwaukee Police Departments application for the Byrne Criminal Justice Innovations Federal Grant. The map provided a visual representation of chronic underlying problems associated with crime and disorder in a neighborhood in Milwaukee. It allowed the analysis of socioeconomic disadvantages through the combination of US Census tracts and MPD crime data. The Department was recently awarded the \$600,000 to revitalize the Washington Park neighborhood. It was one of only nine awards in the United States among hundreds of applicants.

The proposed Washington Park Byrne Initiative targeted Milwaukee's Washington Park neighborhood, and within Washington Park, six target areas where crime and disorder were especially damaging to the quality of community life. Located on the city's west side, Washington Park's boundaries are West Wright Street to the north, West Vliet Street to the south, North 52nd Street to the west, and North 30th Street along the railroad tracks to the east. Washington Park was also the focus of a comprehensive neighborhood revitalization plan, the Washington Park Initiative. This five-year "sustainable community plan" includes strategies to improve the quality of community life, including efforts to "improve public safety through engaging residents, collaborating with the MPD coordinating community improvement projects, and developing model area strategies."

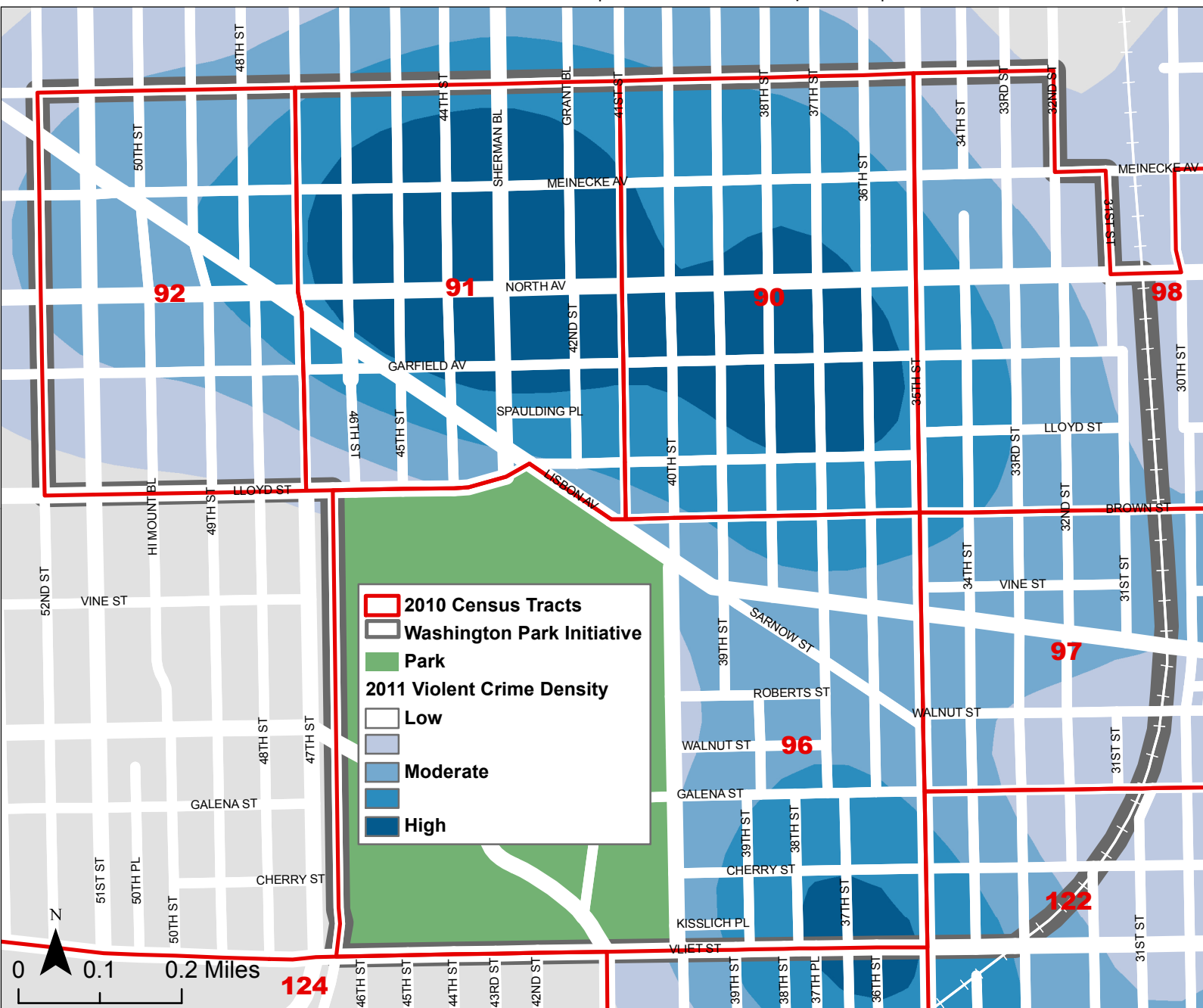
The Byrne Initiative was organized to achieve three goals: (1) improve public safety in Washington Park by enhancing the effectiveness of law enforcement through relationship-building and collaborative problem-solving among MPD personnel, community residents, and local organizations; (2) support enhanced law enforcement activities by aligning non-law enforcement community resources and services in and around especially troubled areas; and (3) develop and carry out community activities that encourage neighborliness, promote positive social norms, and foster the trust and willingness of ordinary citizens to maintain social order and increase community wellbeing.

Washington Park residents, community leaders, and MPD District 3 officers believed that enhanced law enforcement, when coupled with community services and greater resident engagement, would lead to reductions in crime and fear of crime; help attract individual and institutional investment; and further stimulate improvements in neighborhood conditions and in the circumstances of Washington Park's 15,276 residents, most of whom are African American (75.5%) and disproportionately poor (44%, compared to the citywide poverty rate of 26%). Much of the physical landscape in Washington Park is bleak, with dilapidated and boarded-up housing interspersed with vacant lots and blighted properties. Social and economic conditions pose additional challenges, with most residents undereducated, unemployed, or underemployed.

According to the most recent U.S. census, the City of Milwaukee is the fourth poorest city in the United States, with approximately 158,245 of the city residents living in poverty. Some areas of the city, such as the Washington Park neighborhood, are more distressed than others. Washington Park is home to 15,276 residents (11.9% White, 75.5% Black, 8.3% Asian, 0.7% Native American, 0.4% Native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islander, and 3.3% other). At 44%, the poverty rate among area residents is substantially more pronounced than in the city overall (26%). Violent crime, in census tracts that encompass the Washington Park neighborhood, was more than two times greater than the violent crime rate in the city of Milwaukee and about 10 times greater when compared to the state of Wisconsin.

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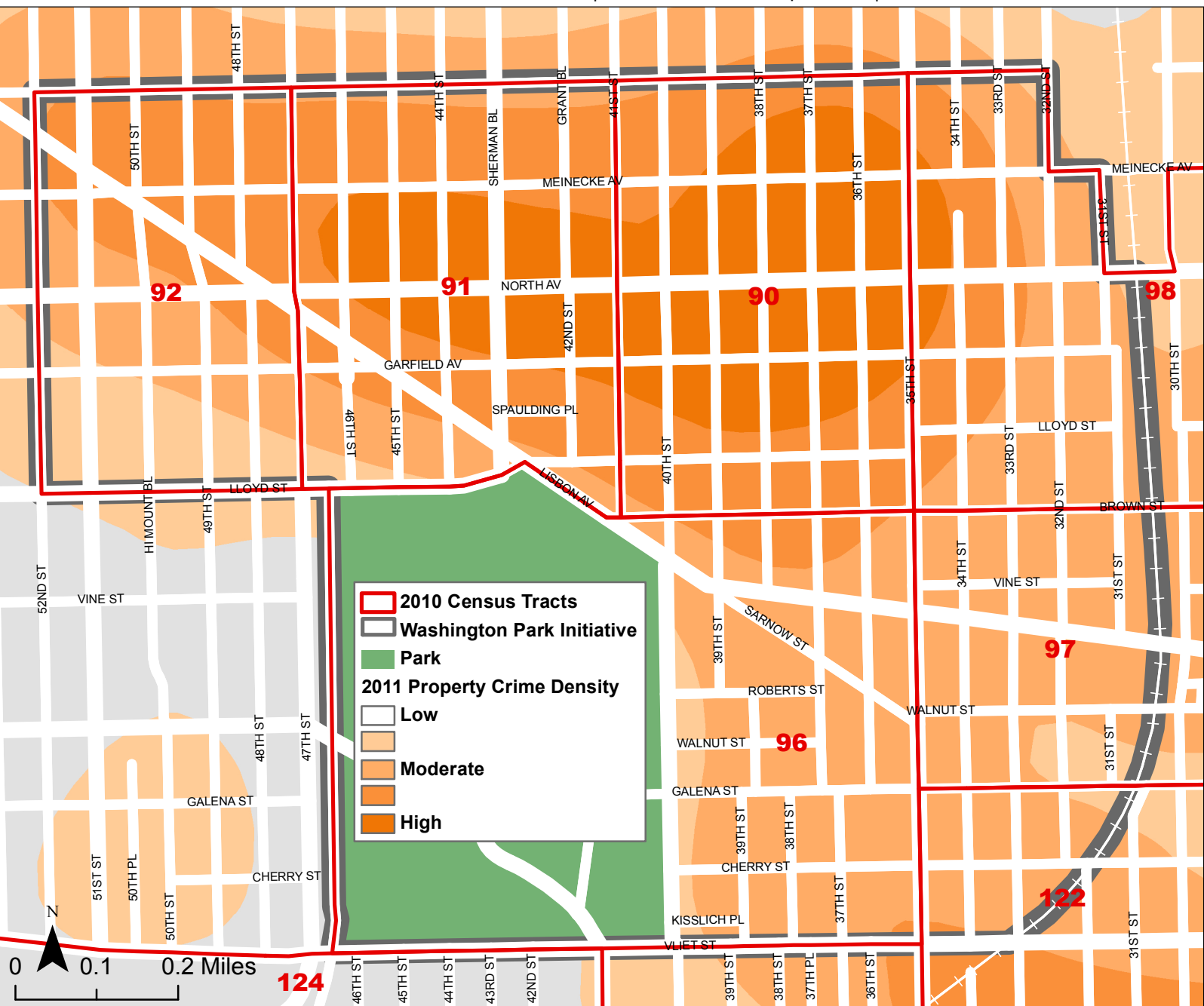


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Washington Park	90	2,544	93%	35%	51%	46	72
	91	2,425	78%	22%	50%	31	76
	92	2,061	89%	10%	26%	21	51
	96	2,317	91%	14%	40%	25	71
	97	1,939	98%	47%	58%	23	52
	98	1,433	91%	28%	45%	36	81
	122	2,557	87%	13%	37%	23	51
City of Milwaukee		573,849	86%	12%	26%	12	56
State of Wisconsin		5,686,986	83%	7%	12%	3	25
United States		308,745,538	82%	8%	10%	4	30

Offenses occurring in the park are given incident locations of nearby addresses just outside of the park.
 Part A Offenses retrieved from the Milwaukee Police Department Automated Reporting System (ARS) by IBRS codes.
 Violent crimes include homicide, rape, robbery and aggravated assault.
 City streets and neighborhood boundaries retrieved from the Milwaukee COMPASS Map.
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