Neighborhood Health Indicators

The Neighborhood Health Indicators project is a tool to assess current neighborhood conditions and predict future problems. The project utilizes GIS mapping analysis to grade current neighborhood conditions based on 11 data indicators. Marion County is broken down into 658 Census Block Groups and each block group is given a ranking. The block groups are then divided into five categories: in decline, stable to declining, stable, stable to improving, and improved.   These categories can then be used to assist in resource allocation.

The 11 data indicators include: education level, income, poverty, unemployment, demolition permits, vacant/boarding orders, repair orders, long-term utility disconnects, foreclosures, new building permits and assessed valuation.
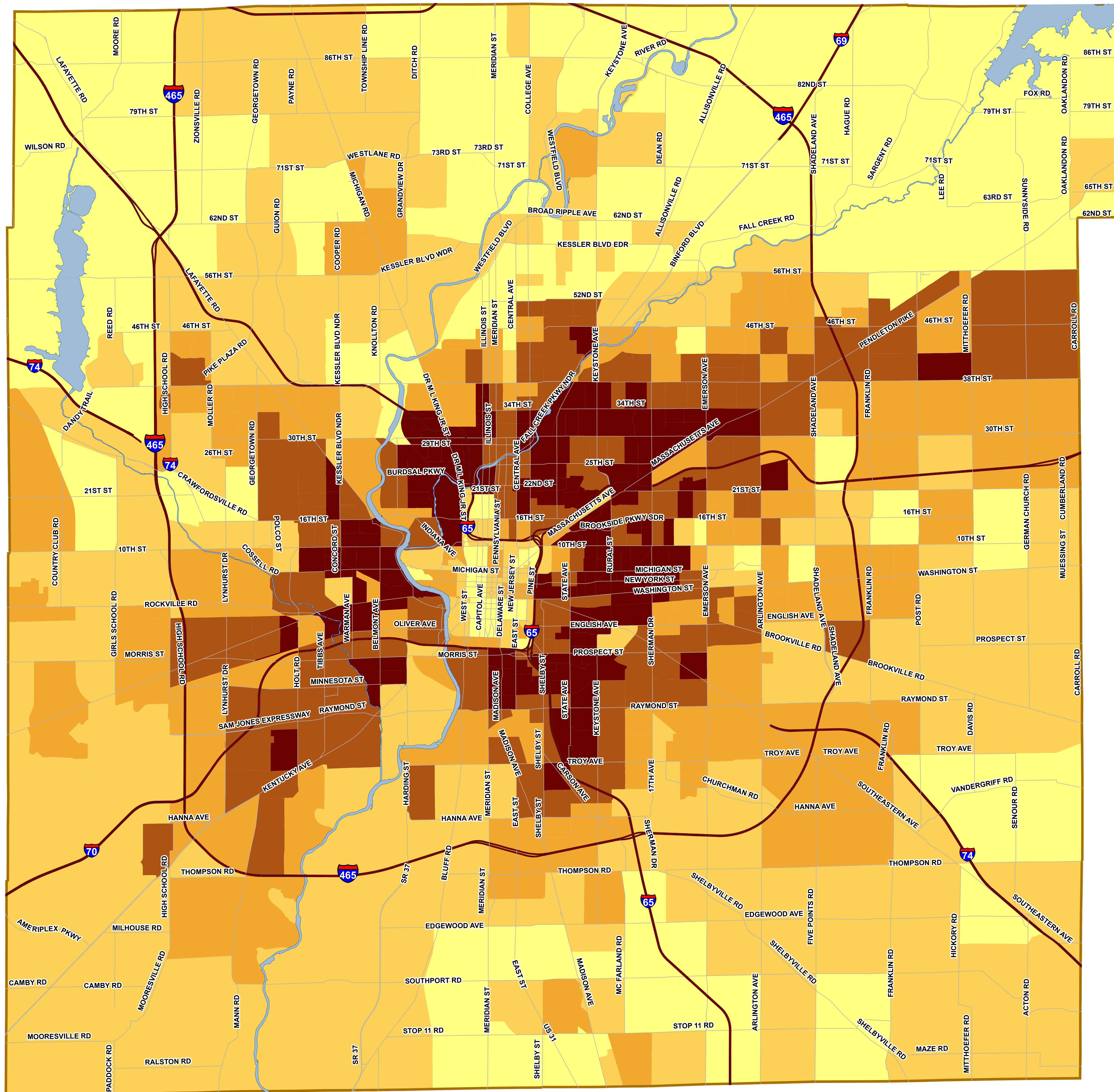
The Neighborhood Health Indicators project has recently been used to correlate crime to areas of the city in decline.

The goal of the Neighborhood Health Indicators project is to provide an information framework for guiding public policy decisions and allocating City resources.

Potential uses could include:

- Directing IMPD resources.

- Focusing CDBG and NSP funds.

- Coordinating DPW infrastructure investment and DMD neighborhood revitalization.

- Targeting social services.

- Prioritizing park creation and expansion.

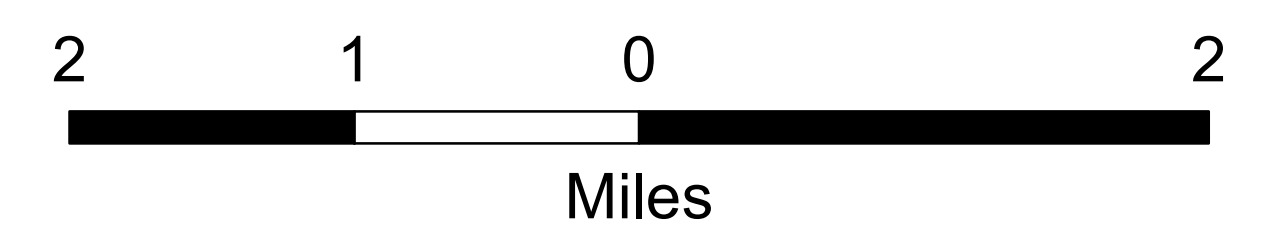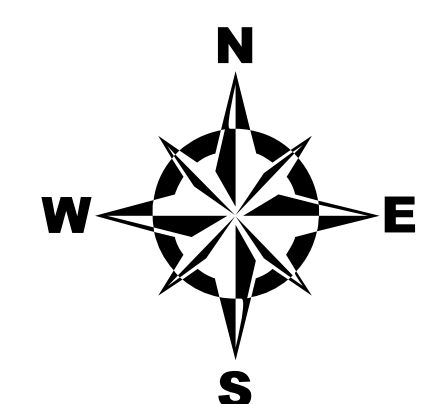- Creating economic incentive zones.

- Targeting of zoning inspections.

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Legend

Indicators (2009)

- Improved
- Stable to Improving
- Stable
- Stable to Declining
- In Decline
- Marion County

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