



Community Development

2015 Snapshot Presentation of Priorities, Activities, and Results

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Mission for Battle Creek City Government:

To ensure a safe, prosperous and culturally enriched community.

Vision for Battle Creek City Government

We envision Battle Creek as an extraordinary community where people choose to live, work and play.



The **Community Development Department** coordinates planning and administers federal grants from the **Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD)**.

- *Community Development Block Grants (CDBG)* *\$1.1 Million*
- *HOME Investment Partnership (HOME)* *\$211,000*
- *Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP)* *\$389,000*
- *Hardest Hit funds – Demolition* *\$250,000*



High Priority Community Needs



Improve property conditions in low and moderate income neighborhoods



Reduce blighted vacant and abandoned buildings



Ensure safety of rental housing



Develop and help people access affordable housing



Improve Fair Housing awareness and accountability



Increase community engagement



Infrastructure improvements and placemaking



Support collaborative homelessness efforts



City of Battle Creek Community Development 2015



- Demolition (3%)
- Administration (9%)
- Streets (9%)
- Strategic Planning (11%)
- Code Enforcement (30%)
- Minor Home Repair (39%)

CDBG Funding \$1,131,000



- Administration (5%)
- Tenant Based Rental Assistance (7%)
- Homebuyer Rehab (18%)
- Homeowner Rehab (28%)
- Rental Rehab (42%)

HOME Funding \$409,000

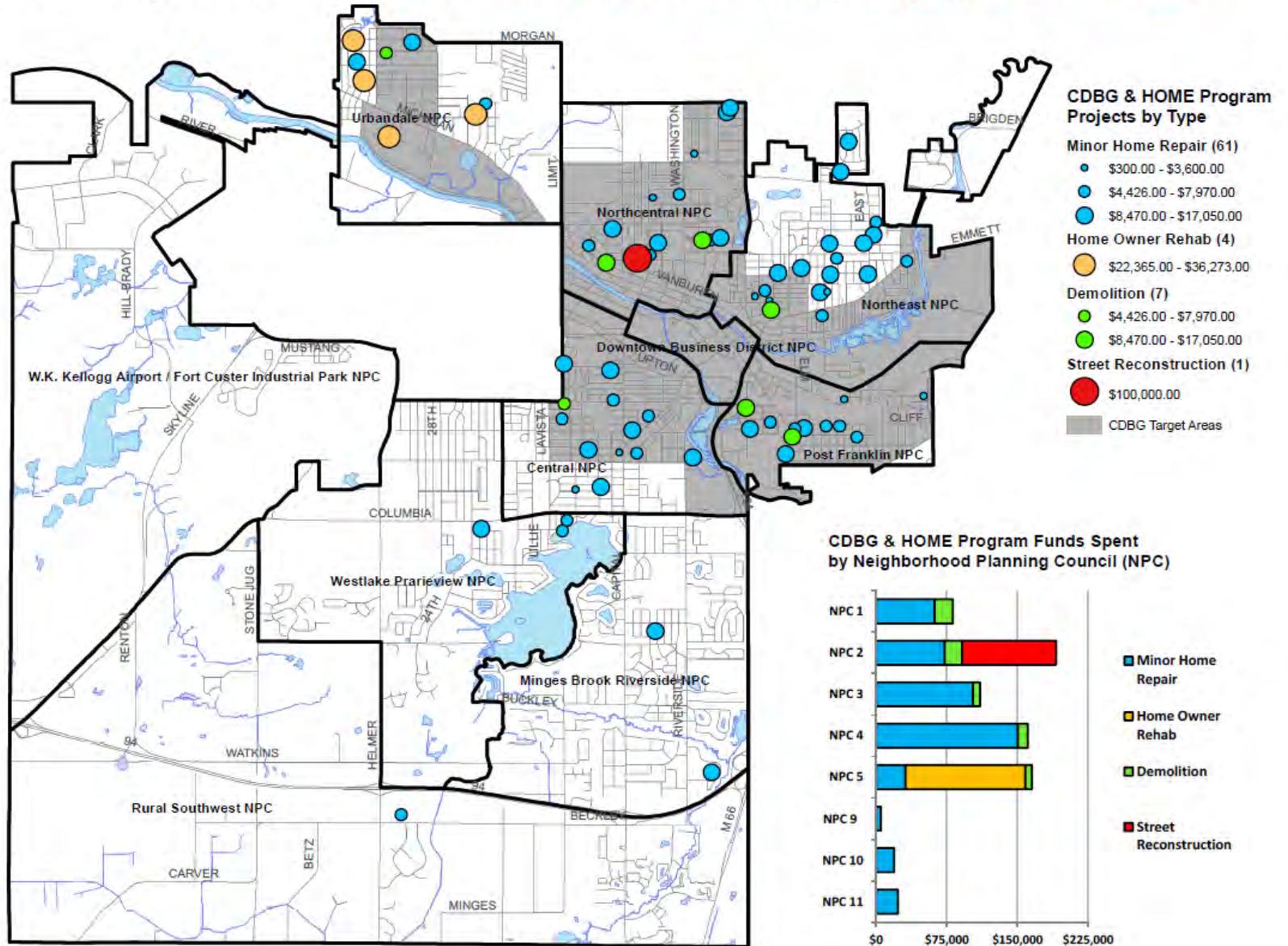
* HOME funding includes \$198,000 reallocated from previous years



Community Development Snapshot

Healthy Neighborhoods: Our Common Commitment

2014 Community Development Target Areas: CDBG and HOME Funded Projects by Type, Amount, and NPC





City-wide Neighborhood Dashboard (2015)

Neighborhood Indicator	% Change	Grade
Junk/Trash	6%	
Housing Violations	418%	
Home Sales Rate	12%	
Median Sales Price	0%	
Bank Foreclosures	-28%	
Tax Foreclosures	-17%	
Long-term Vacants	36%	
New Vacants	13%	
Overall Risk Scores	-7%	



NPC #10

2010 Census Data

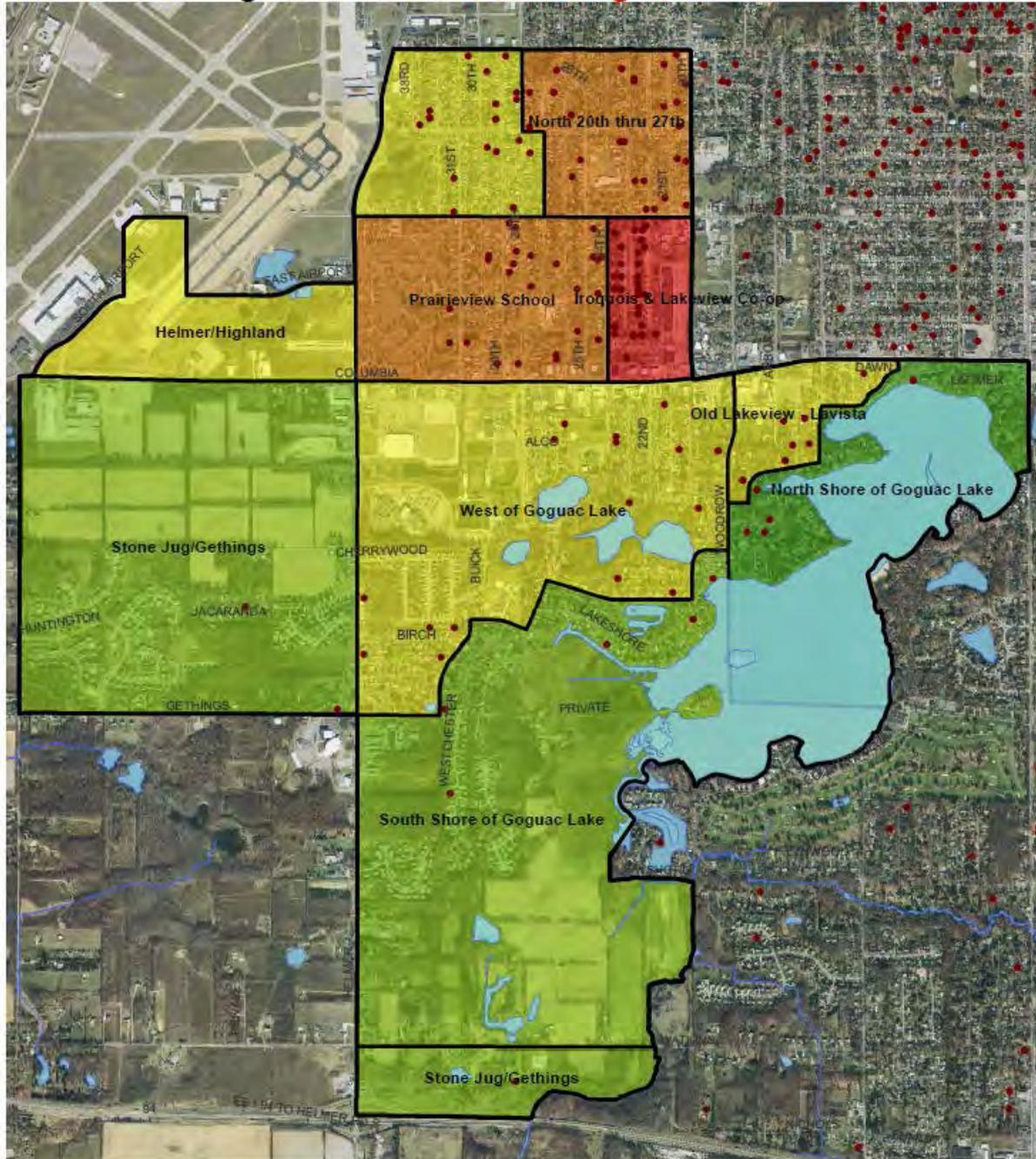
Area	5.3 square miles
Total Population	7,030
Households	2,832
Housing Units	3,133
Vacant Units	271 (8.6%)



Housing Characteristics

	<u>2015</u>	<u>Citywide</u>
Homeowner Occupied	72.6%	61.1%
Renters	19.9%	38.9%
Vacant	7.5%	15.4%
Median Housing Value	\$100,891	\$84,400
Average Housing Value	\$127,900	
In NPC #10, only 16% of homes are valued under \$70,000		

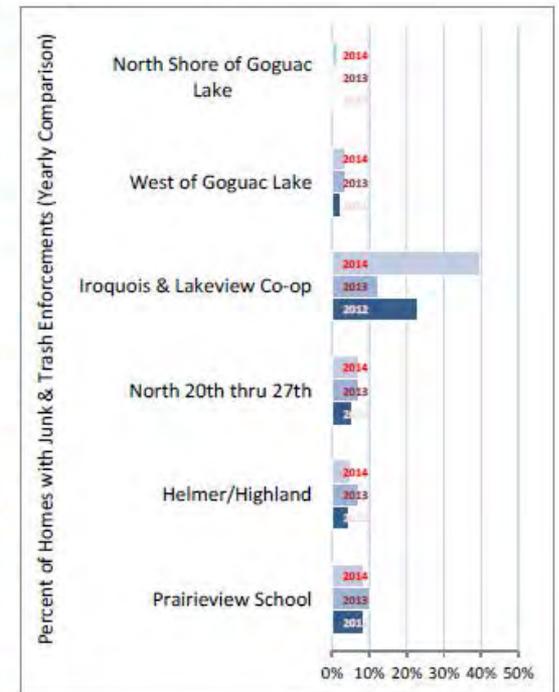
2014 NPC 10 Target Area Metrics: Percentage of Homes with Junk/Trash Enforcements



Junk/Trash Enforcements in 2014



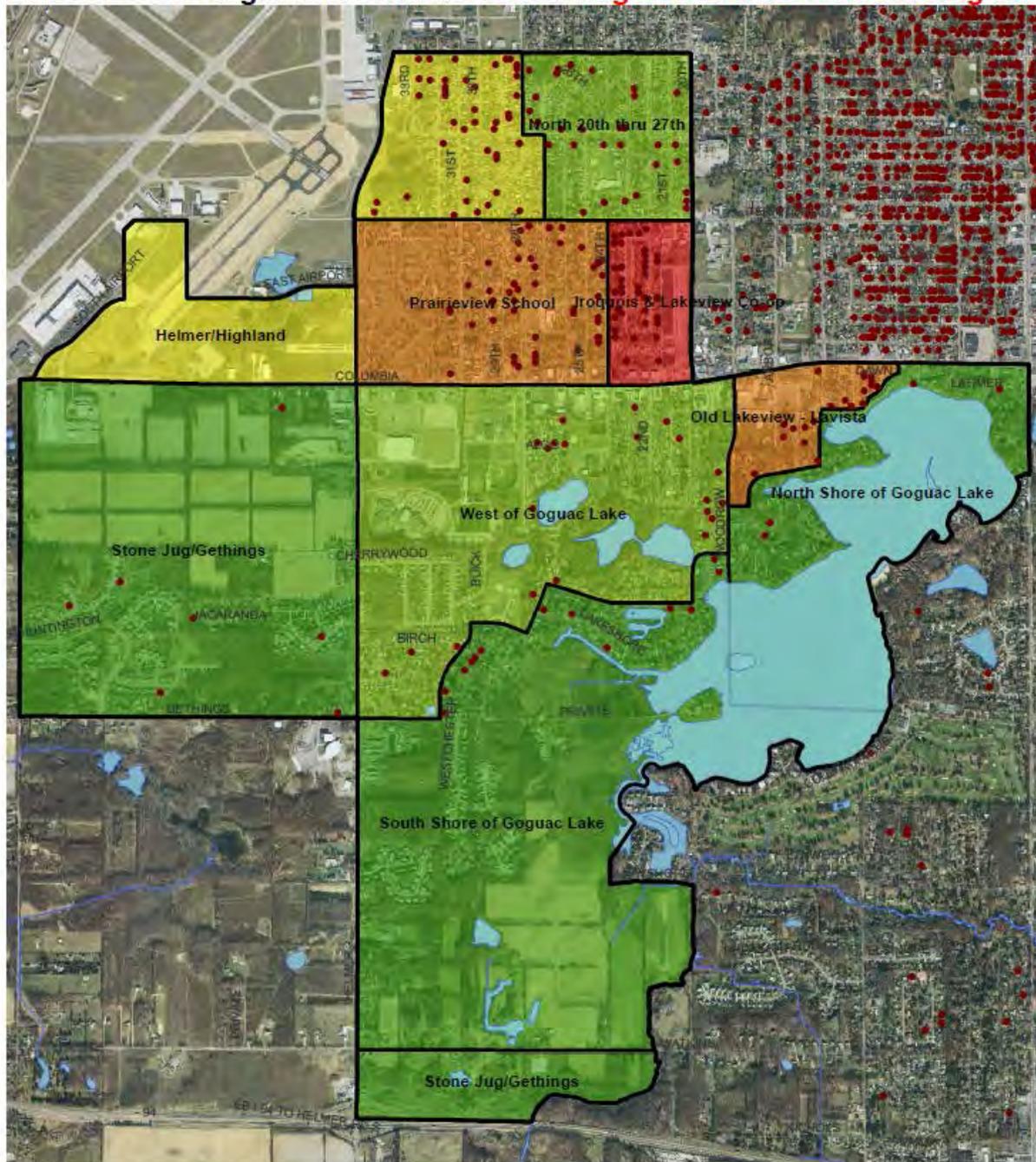
Neighborhood Trends



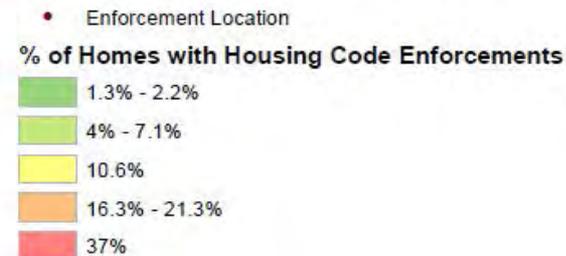
Notes:

Enforcements five times higher in the Iroquois & Lakeview Co-op area than any other neighborhood within the NPC.

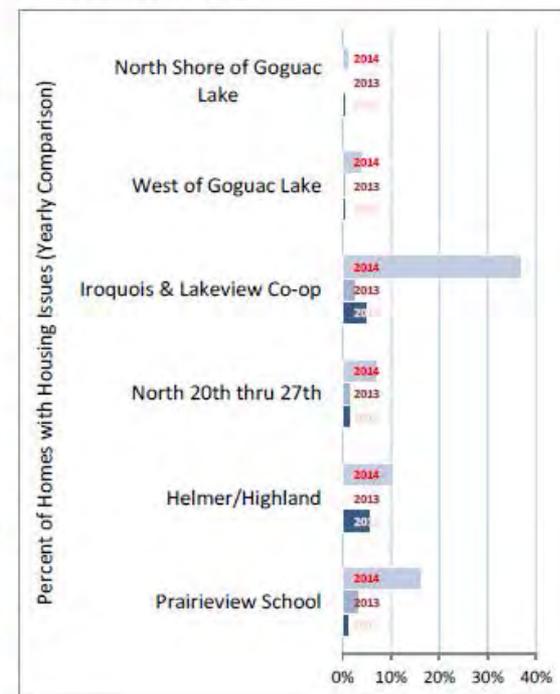
2014 NPC 10 Target Area Metrics: Percentage of Homes with Housing Code Enforcements



Housing Code Enforcements in 2014



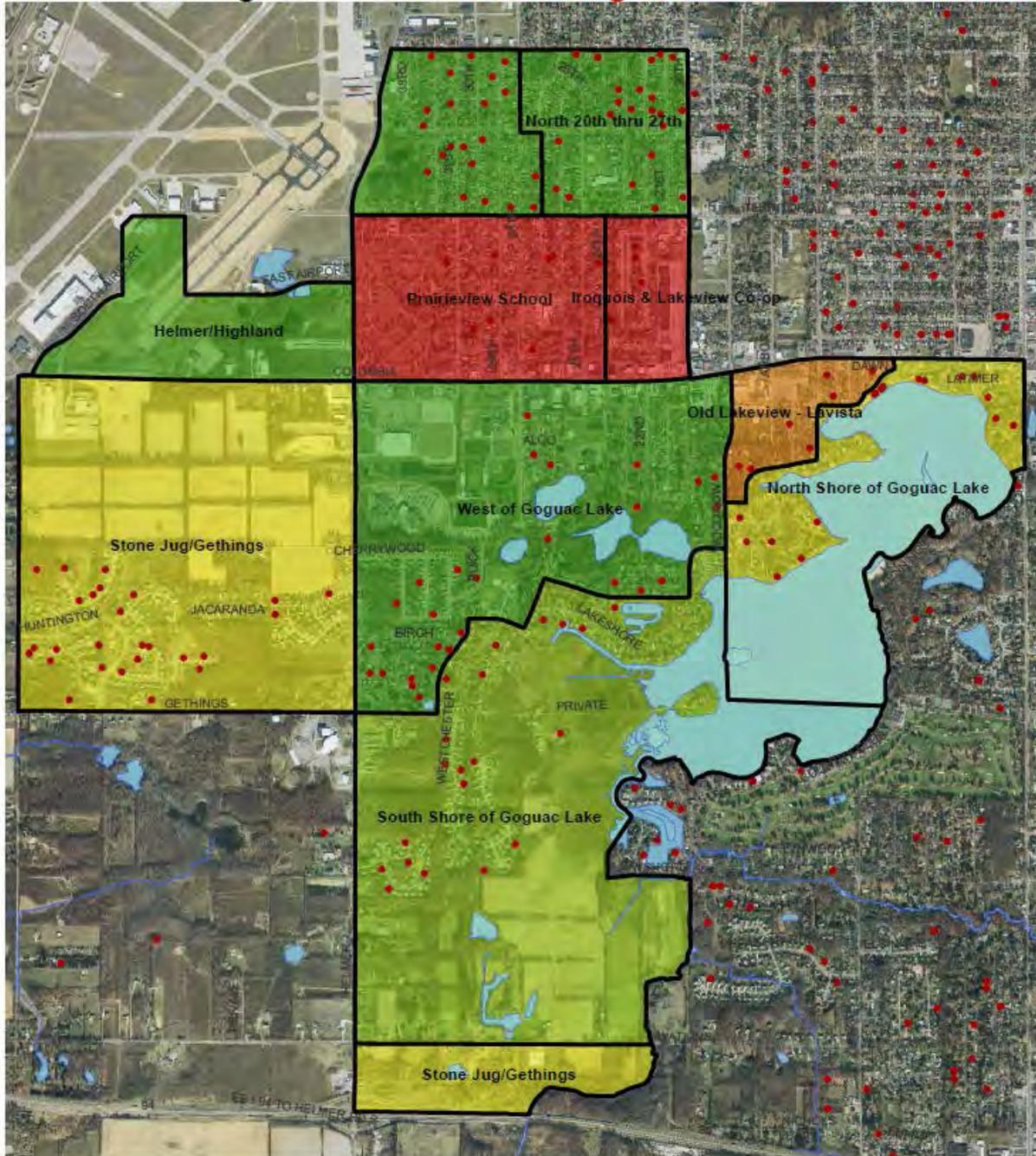
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Notes:

--Code Compliance does a housing surveys of all residential properties once every three years. In 2014 this result in four times as many housing issue enforcements throughout the city.
 --Most NPC 10 neighborhoods had minimal housing code enforcements with the exception of the Prairieview School and Iroquois & Lakeview Co-op neighborhoods.

2014 NPC 10 Target Area Metrics: Percentage of Homes That Have Sold in the Past Year



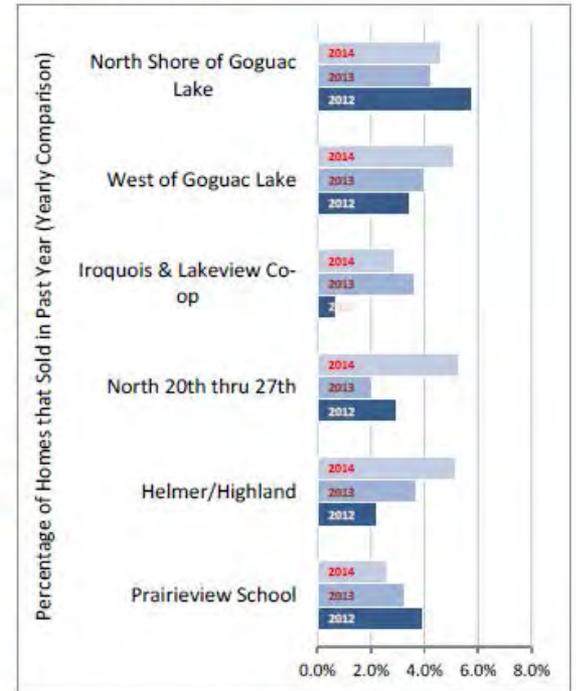
Home Sales in 2014

• Sale Location

% of Homes That Have Sold in the Past Year



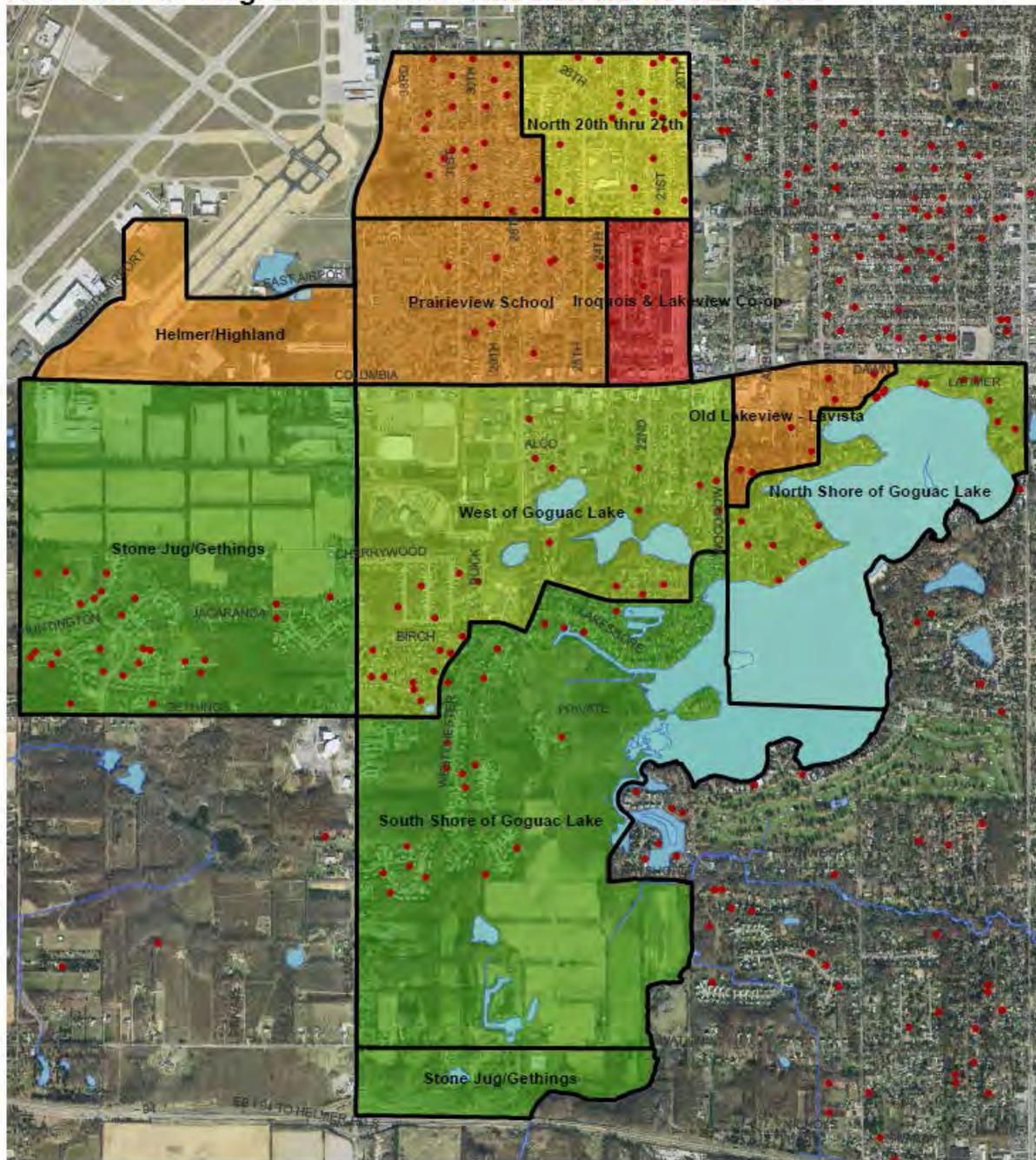
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Notes:

- Home Sales have increased since 2012 in the West of Gogua Lake, Helmer/Highland, and North 20th thru 27th neighborhoods.
- Home Sales have decreased each year since 2012 in the Prairieview School neighborhood.

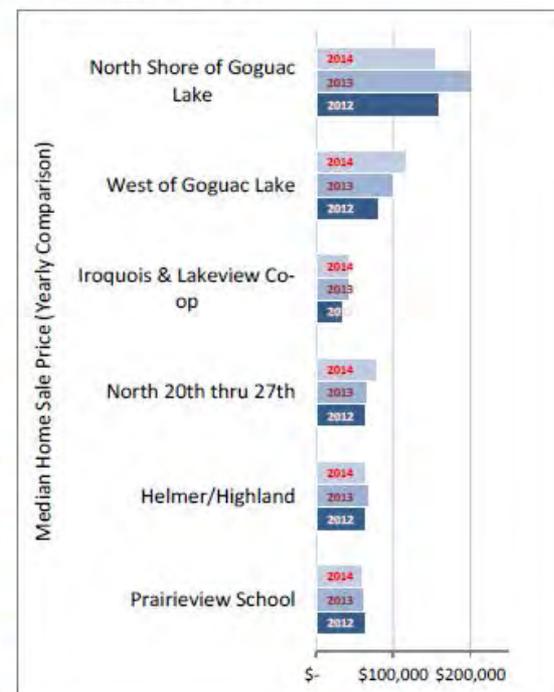
2014 NPC 10 Target Area Metrics: Median Home Sale Price



Home Sales in 2014



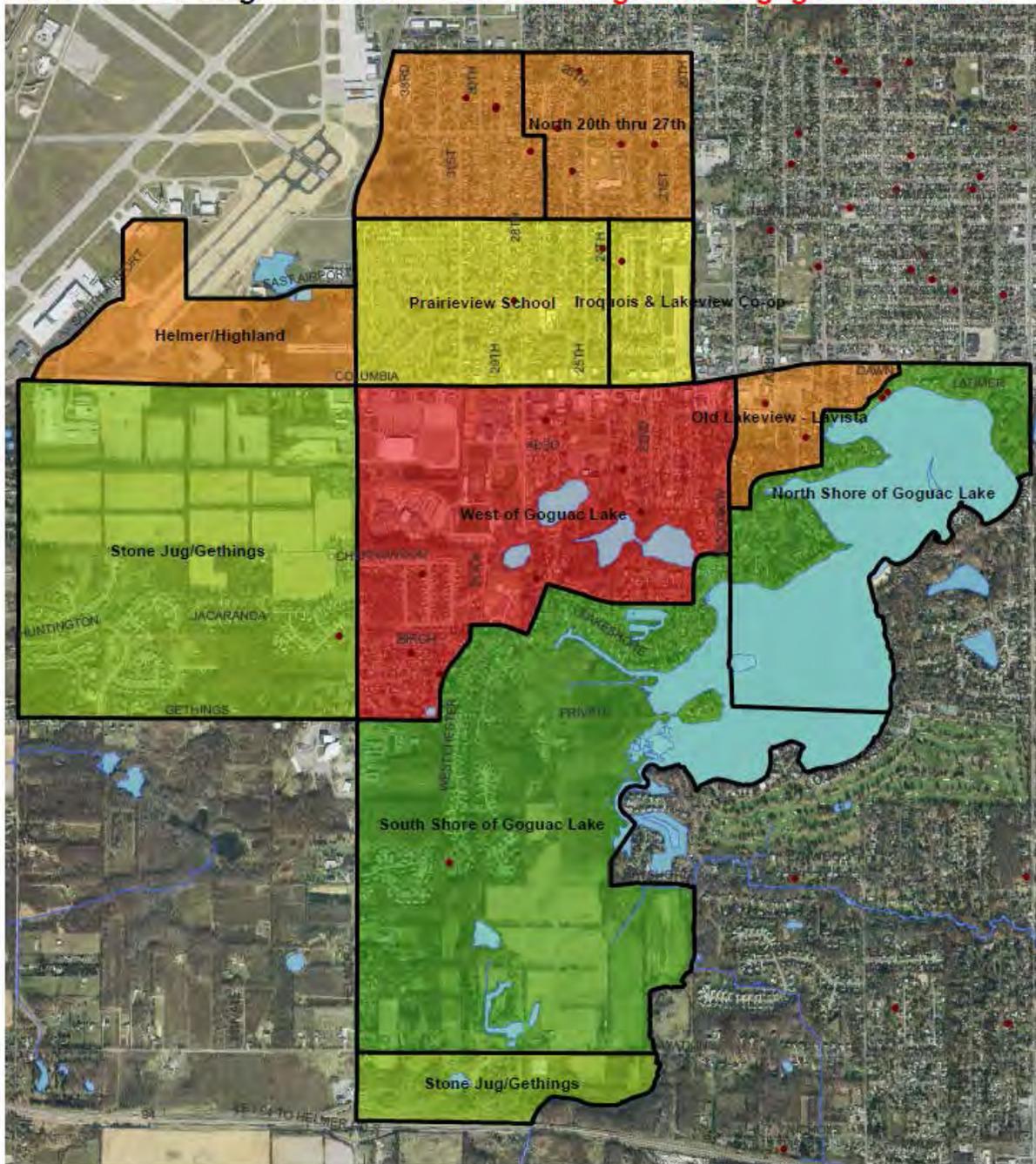
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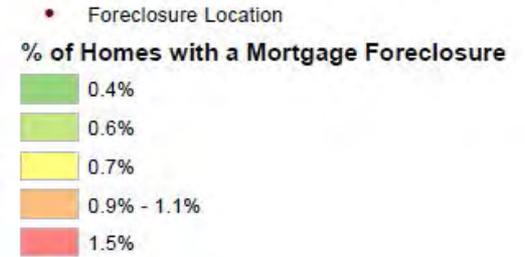
Notes:

- Home Sale Prices have increased each year since 2012 in the West of Goguac Lake neighborhood.
- Home Sale Prices increased slightly in the North 20th thru 27th neighborhood in 2014.

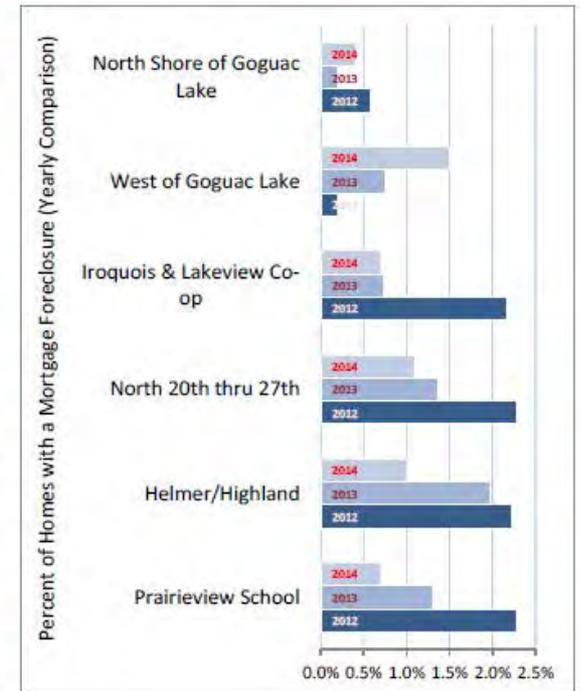
2014 NPC 10 Target Area Metrics: **Percentage of Mortgage Foreclosure**



Mortgage Foreclosures in 2014



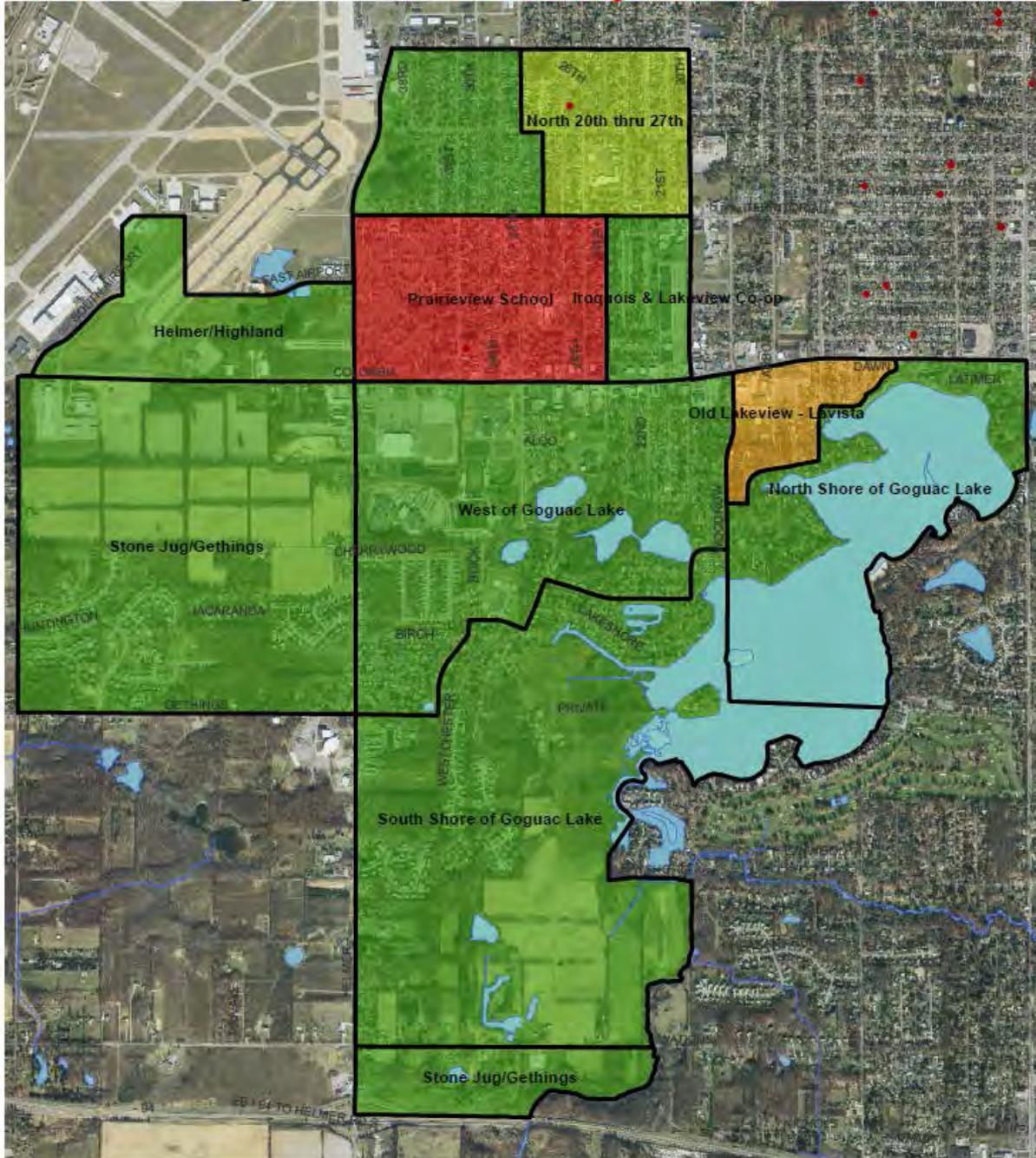
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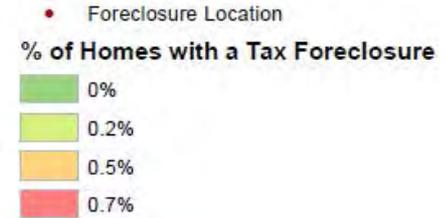
Notes:

--Mortgage foreclosures are down dramatically in every neighborhood except West of Goguac Lake, which has seen a slight increase each year since 2012.

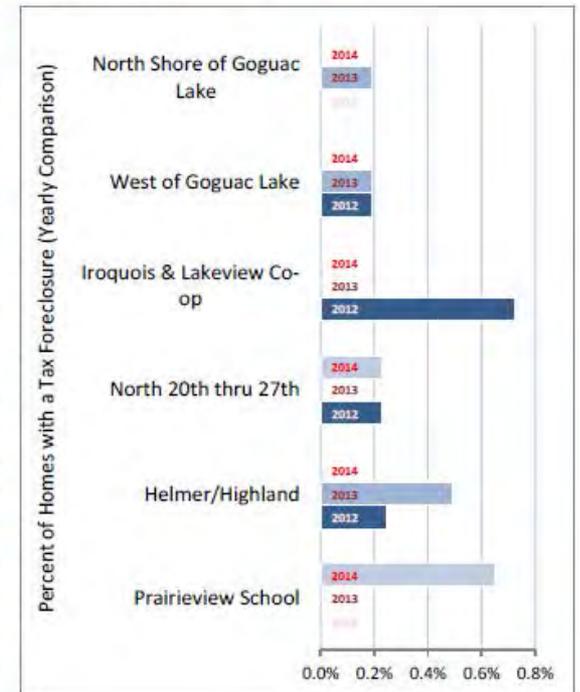
2014 NPC 10 Target Area Metrics: Percentage of Tax Foreclosure



Tax Foreclosures in 2014



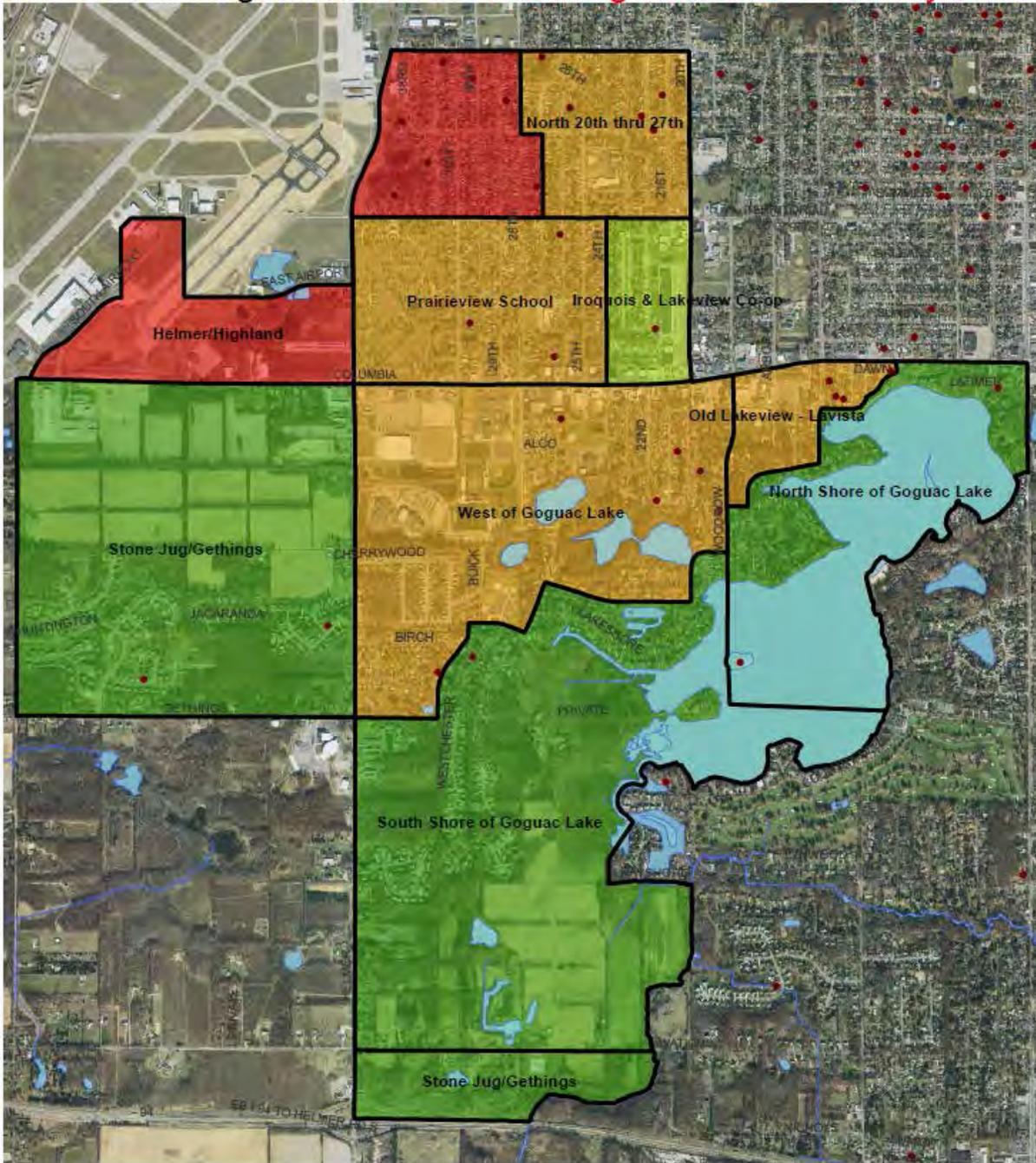
Neighborhood Trends



Notes:

--Tax foreclosures are infrequent throughout NPC 10.

2014 NPC 10 Target Area Metrics: Percentage of Homes Vacant a year or More



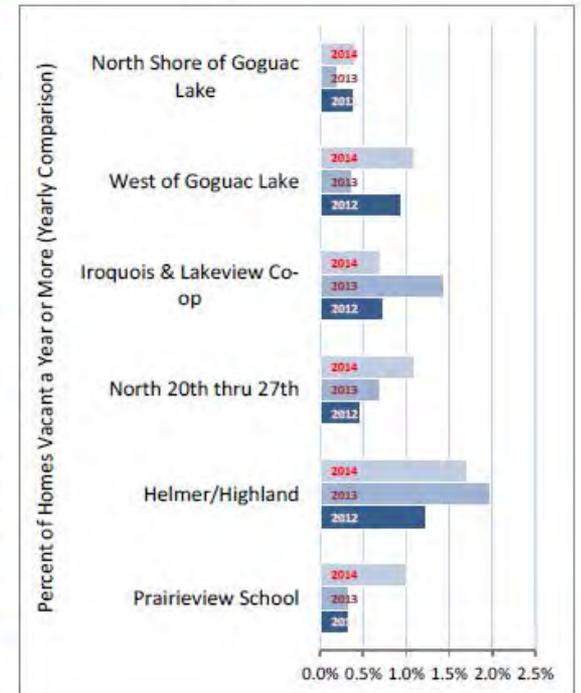
Long-term Vacant Buildings in 2014

• Buildings on Vacant Building Registry Over One Year

% of Homes Vacant a Year or More



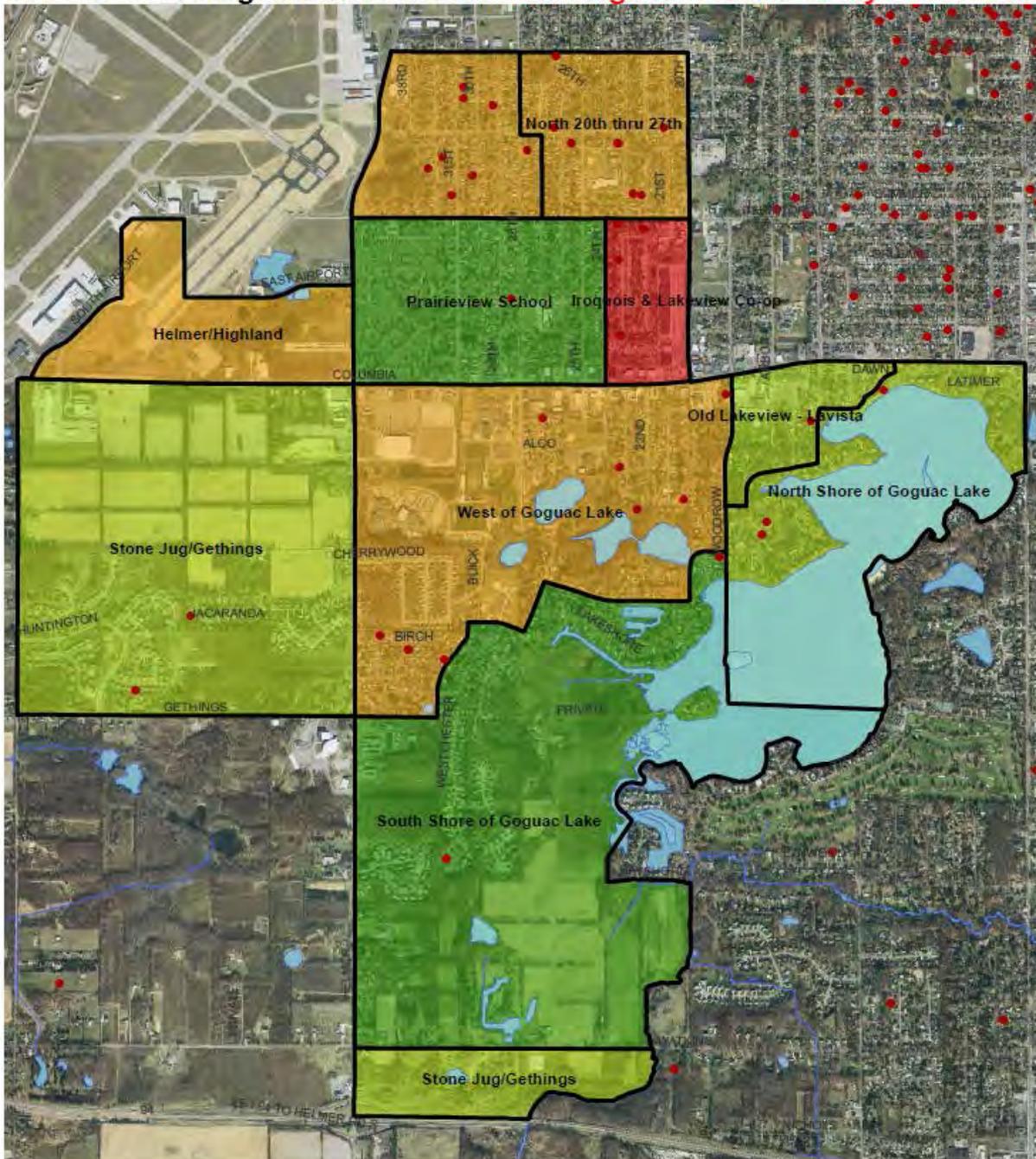
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Notes:

--Long-term vacant buildings have typically been highest in the Helmer/Highland neighborhood.

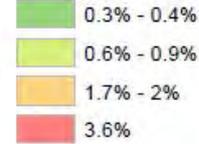
2014 NPC 10 Target Area Metrics: Percentage of Homes Newly Identified as Vacant



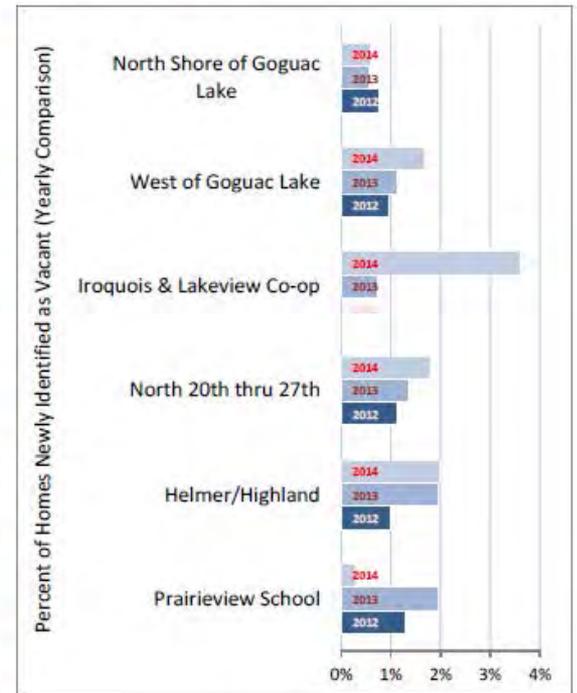
New Vacant Building Enforcements in 2014

● Enforcement Location

% of Homes Newly Identified as Vacant



Neighborhood Trends



Notes:

--New vacant building enforcements have typically been highest in the Helmer/Highland neighborhood.

--New vacant building enforcements spiked to 3.5% in the Iroquois & Lakeview Co-op neighborhood in 2014.



Key Issues from 2014

- **Jobs:** #1 issue, 73.3% of NPC 10 residents said job opportunities were a high priority.

From last years meeting: “Need more permanent jobs in Battle Creek, jobs with benefits. Jobs could be created by rehabbing homes.”

- **Foreclosures and Abandoned Homes:** 1 in 5 comments from NPC 10 residents in the survey were about foreclosed or abandoned properties.

From last years meeting: “Out of state mortgage companies are leaving properties vacant too long. Properties are left in limbo for the City to demolish or resolve.”



Key Issues from 2014

- **Streets and Infrastructure:** #2 issue, 58.9% of NPC 10 residents said Street Improvements were a high priority.

From last years meeting: “I would like to see more sidewalks. I don’t like to see kids walk to school in the street.”

- **Public Safety and Speeding:** 1 in 4 comments from surveyed NPC 10 residents were about public safety or speeding.
- Surveyed resident: “We need better traffic control. Reduce speeds on 24th Street.”