

Placing the Greek-American Immigrant: Digital and Demographic Approaches to Mapping Migration in the Progressive Era

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Digital Harrisburg Initiative

A series of projects that tell the stories of Harrisburg and its past

2012 to Present

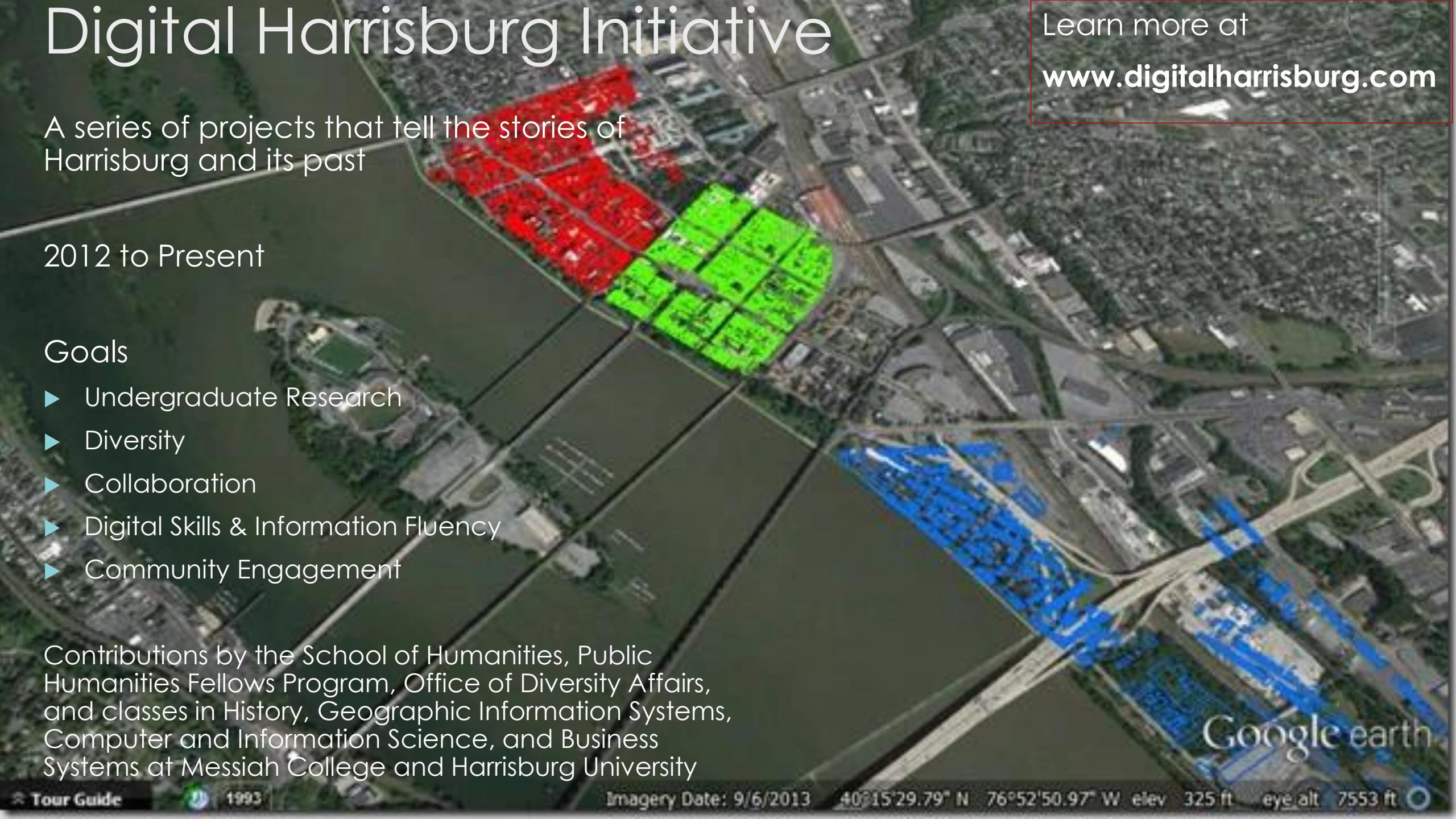
Goals

- ▶ Undergraduate Research
- ▶ Diversity
- ▶ Collaboration
- ▶ Digital Skills & Information Fluency
- ▶ Community Engagement

Contributions by the School of Humanities, Public Humanities Fellows Program, Office of Diversity Affairs, and classes in History, Geographic Information Systems, Computer and Information Science, and Business Systems at Messiah College and Harrisburg University

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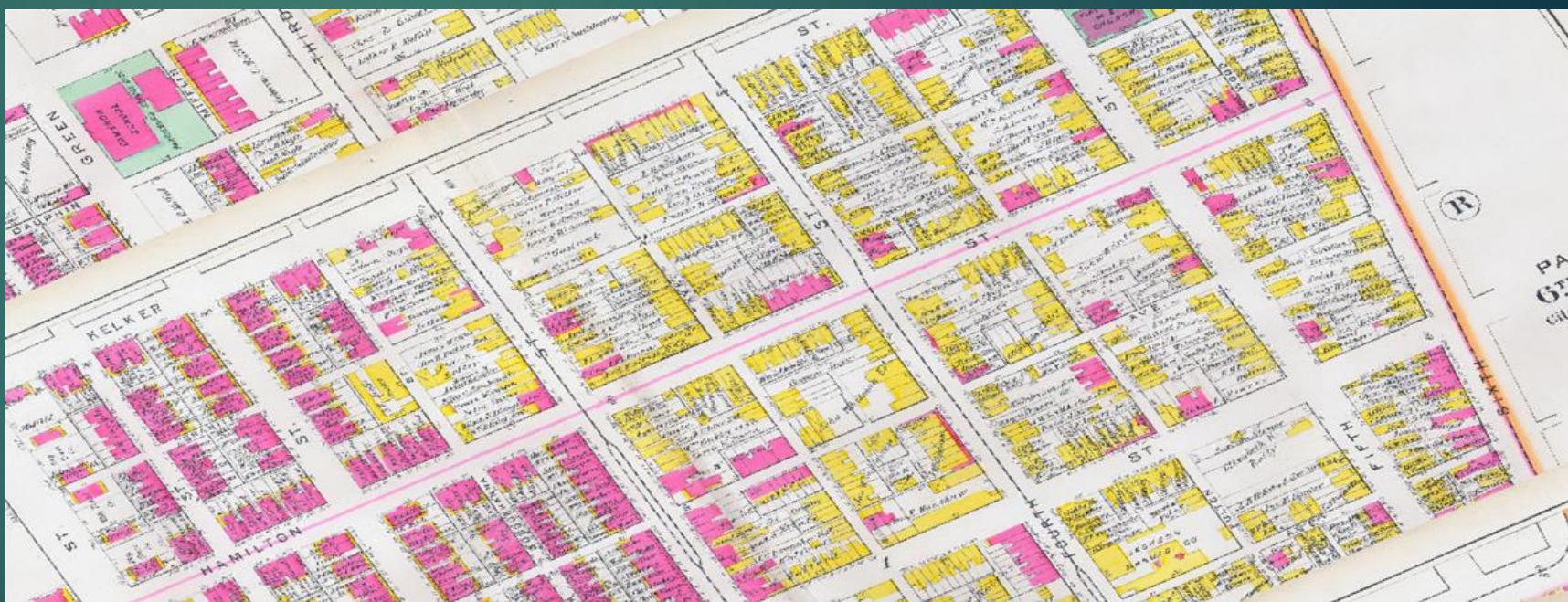
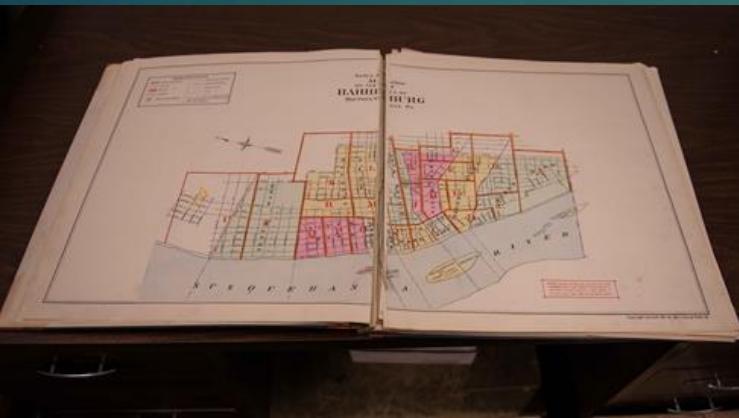
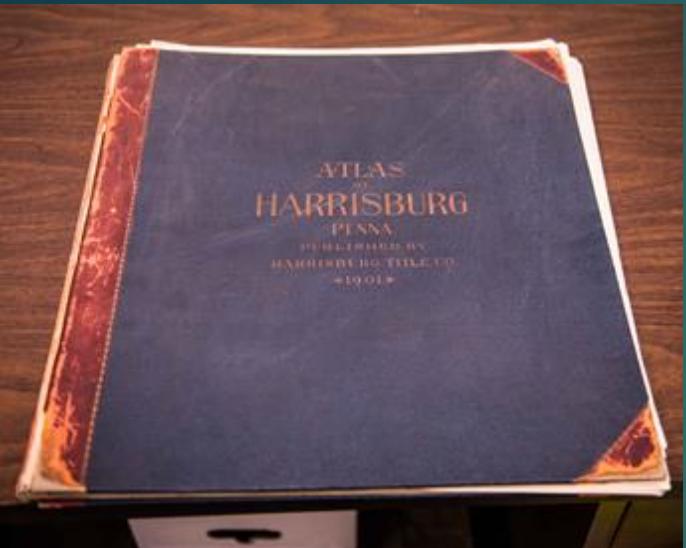
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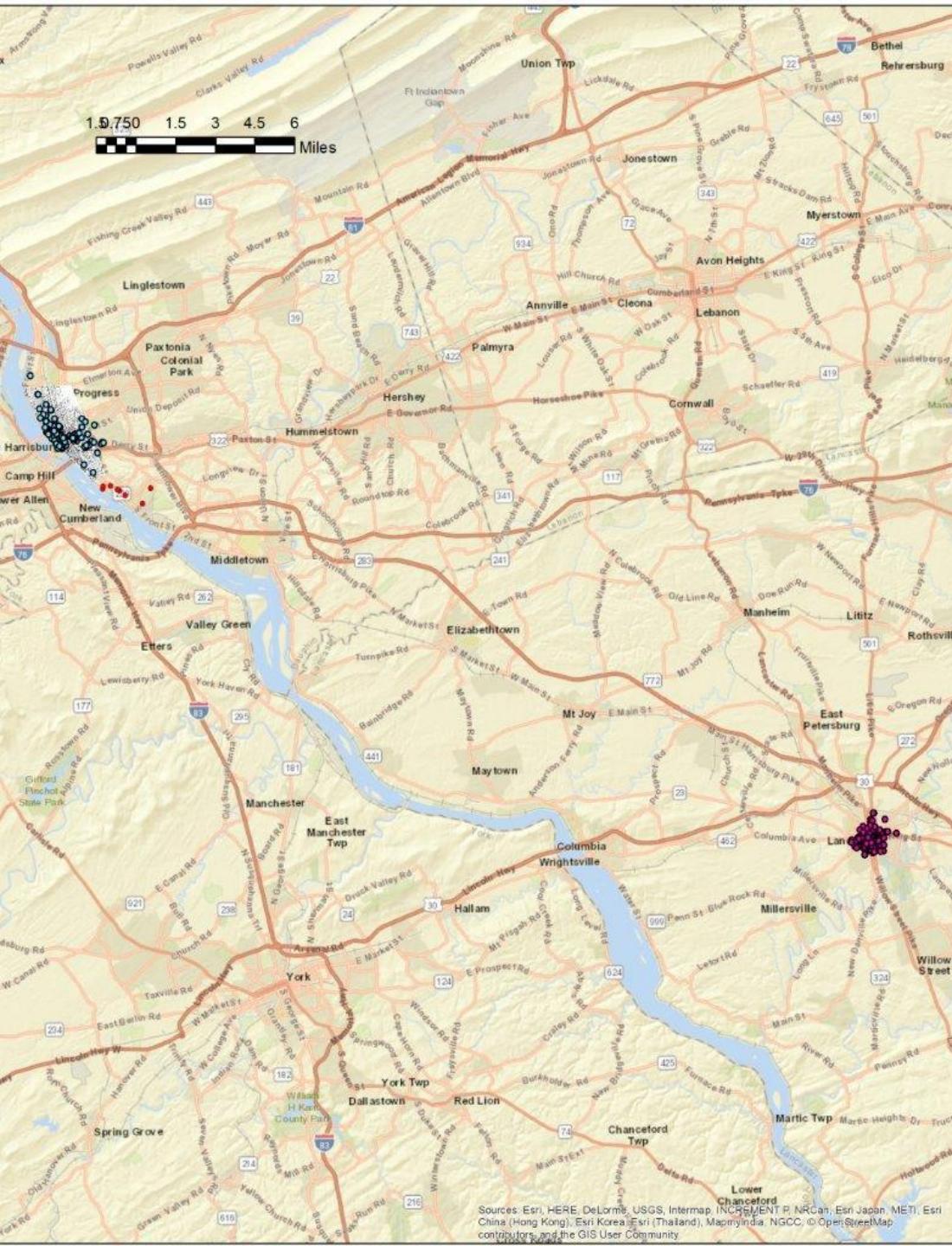


Student Engagements with (Digital) Harrisburg

- **Harrisburg Neighborhoods:** demographic mapping and community asset analysis
- **Public Humanities Fellows Program:** student research, community histories, Poetry in Place, and memory harvests
- **Public History:** church histories, memory harvests
- **Digital History:** demographic databases, archival work, exhibits, community histories
- **Pennsylvania History:** digital exhibits and archival work
- **Office of Diversity Affairs:** work studies involved in Digital Harrisburg
- **Systems Analysis and Design Applications:** data refining
- **Database Applications:** data checking
- **U.S. Urban History:** early 20th century urban progressive movement
- **Intro to Geographic Information Systems:** historical maps and demographic data

The City Social Project





Three Greek Populations

Comparison of Greek Populations 1900-1930

Harrisburg				
Year	Population	Greeks	% Pop.	Residences
1900	50,167	3	0.01%	1
1910	64,107	55	0.09%	21
1920	76,423	98	0.13%	53
1930	80,601	226	0.28%	92

Steelton				
Year	Population	Greeks	% Pop.	Residences
1900	12,087	0	0.00%	0
1910	14,308	0	0.00%	0
1920	13,423	34	0.25%	14
1930	13,013	11	0.08%	6

Lancaster				
Year	Population	Greeks	% Pop.	Residences
1900	41,459	2	0.005%	1
1910	47,227	44	0.09%	11
1920	53,150	205	0.39%	63
1930	59,949	409	0.68%	109

National Trends (Moskos)	
Year	Immigrants from Greece Proper
1891-1900	15,979
1900-1910	167,519
1910-1920	184,201
1920-1930	51,084

- “Greeks” = Birthplace (or parent’s birthplace in Greece, or Greek language speaker)

Sex and Age

Harrisburg				
Year	Count	Immigration Year (Mean)	Age (Mean)	% Male
1900	3	1891	23	100.0%
1910	55	1903.6	26.1	80.4%
1920	98	1907.7	26.6	84.7%
1930	226	1913.3	26.7	69.9%

Steelton				
Year	Count	Immigration Year (Mean)	Age (Mean)	% Male
1900	0			
1910	0			
1920	34	1911.5	29.7	88.2%
1930	11	1917.3	40.3	66.7%

Lancaster				
Year	Count	Immigration Year (Mean)	Age (Mean)	% Male
1900	2	1890.5	25	100.0%
1910	44	1907.2	22	79.5%
1920	205	1910.3	24.2	62.0%
1930	409	1914.8	24.4	56.2%

National Trends in Immigration		
Author	Year	% Male
Saloutos & Moskos	1900-1910	95%
	1910-1920	80%

Marriage and Family

Harrisburg

<i>Year</i>	<i>Count</i>	<i>% Married or Widowed</i>	<i>% Children under Age 18</i>
1900	3	0.00%	0.00%
1910	55	33.90%	19.60%
1920	98	30.60%	16.30%
1930	226	42.50%	35.40%

Steelton

<i>Year</i>	<i>Count</i>	<i>% Married or Widowed</i>	<i>% Children under Age 18</i>
1900	0		
1910	0		
1920	34	61.8%	8.8%
1930	11	81.8%	9.1%

Lancaster

<i>Year</i>	<i>Count</i>	<i>% Married or Widowed</i>	<i>% Children under Age 18</i>
1900	2	0.000%	0.0%
1910	44	27.30%	22.70%
1920	205	41.50%	28.80%
1930	409	44.20%	44.30%

Property

Harrisburg			
Year	Count	% Boarders, Roomers, Lodgers	% Property Owned
1900	3	0.00%	0.0%
1910	55	47.30%	0.0%
1920	98	51.00%	5.7%
1930	226	21.70%	23.9%

Steelton			
Year	Count	% Boarders / Lodgers	% Property Owned
1900	0		
1910	0		
1920	34	44.2%	9.1%
1930	11	18.2%	66.7%

Lancaster			
Year	Count	% Boarders / Lodgers	% Property Owned
1900	2	50.0%	0%
1910	44	43.20%	0%
1920	205	23.40%	12.7%
1930	409	10.00%	50.5%

Harrisburg				
	1900	1910	1920	1930
Service Occupations				
Bootblack		7		
Barber		1	1	1
Cleaner				4
Domestic Servant		2	2	1
Driver		1	1	1
Guard				1
Picture Show Operator		1		
Food & Restaurant Services				
Busboy, Waiter, Dishwasher		1	1	4
Candymakers, confectioners, and soda	3	5	13	10
Cashier & Counter Man			1	3
Chef & Cook			4	13
Venders (peanuts)		3		1
Skilled Trades				
Carpenter / Construction			1	2
Electrician		1		
Painter			4	4
Unskilled Labor				
Manual Laborer			3	

Harrisburg				
	1900	1910	1920	1930
Professional Occupations				
Clerk			6	11
Contractor				1
Conductor for Railroad				1
Judge				1
Manager			2	7
Merchants, Retailers, & Salesmen			10	2
Physician				1
Proprietors			4	12
Tailor				1
Manufacturing & Industry				
Box Folder				1
Iron Worker				1
Manufacturer				1
Females Employed	0	3	2	1

Lancaster				
	1900	1910	1920	1930
Service Occupations				
Bootblack		8	16	10
Barber			1	4
Cleaner		2		1
Domestic Servant				1
Florist				1
Help				3
Hotel				1
Food & Restaurant Services				
Barman				1
Busboy, Waiter, Dishwasher		2	11	32
Butcher				1
Candymakers, confectioners, and soda	2	1	5	6
Chef & Cook		2	9	13
Venders (peanuts)		1		
Skilled Trades				
Lock Maker		1		
Laborers				
Laborer for Railroad			1	
Worker			4	3

Lancaster				
	1900	1910	1920	1930
Professional Occupations				
Agent				1
Clerk				1
Manager			1	6
Merchants, Retailers, & Salespeople			1	5
Manufacturer				1
Minister				1
Physician				1
Proprietors			4	23
Shoemaker				3
Tailor			1	3
Teacher				1
Typist				1
Manufacturing & Industry				
Laborers skilled and unskilled		8	12	28
Machinist			2	4
Printer			1	2
Weavers		2	30	5
Females Employed				
	0	13	16	

Steelton

1920

1930

Service Occupations

Barber

1

1

Cleaner

1

Helper

1

Food & Restaurant Services

Butcher

1

Skilled Trades

Machinist

1

2

Unskilled Labor

Laborers

22

1

Professionals

Proprietor

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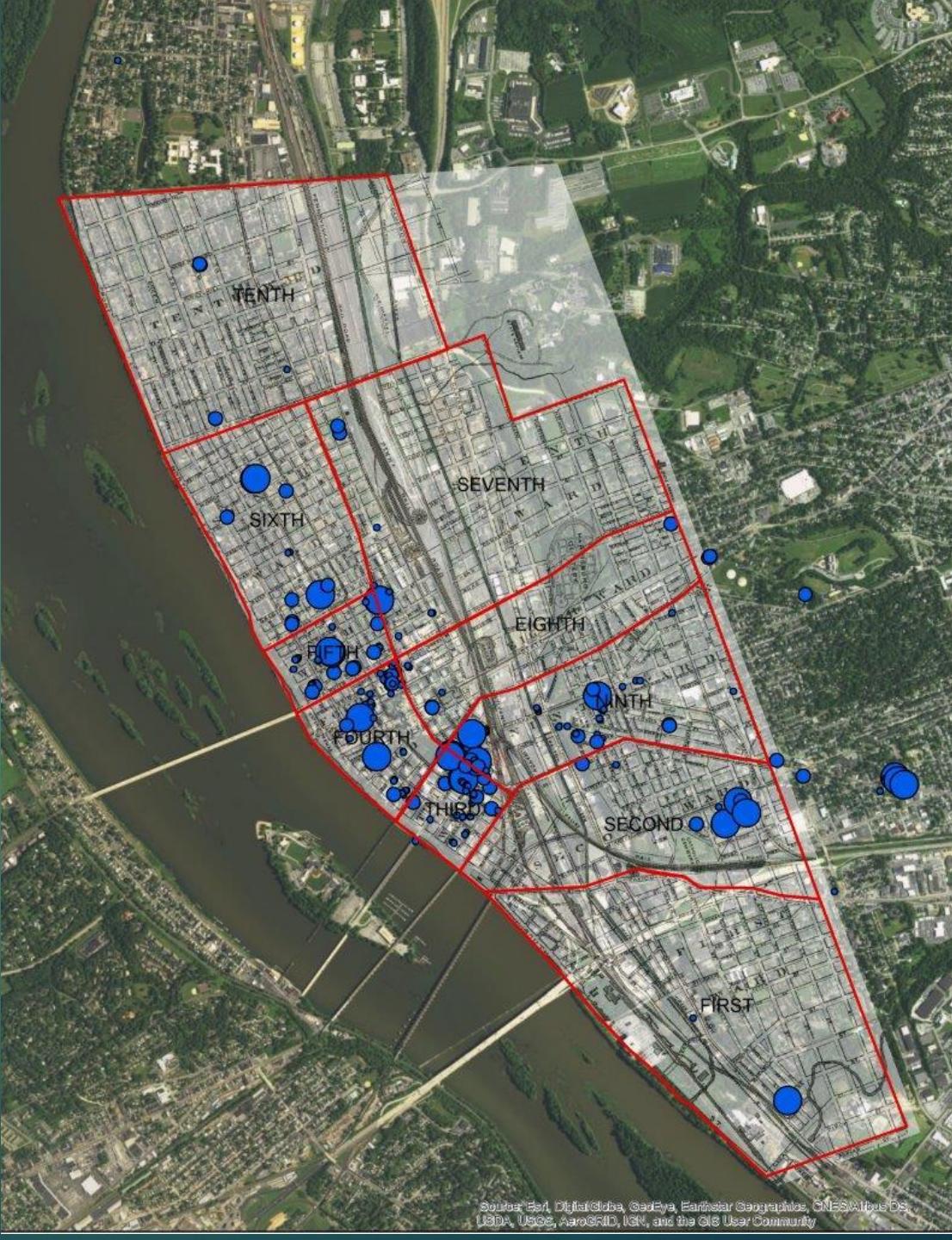
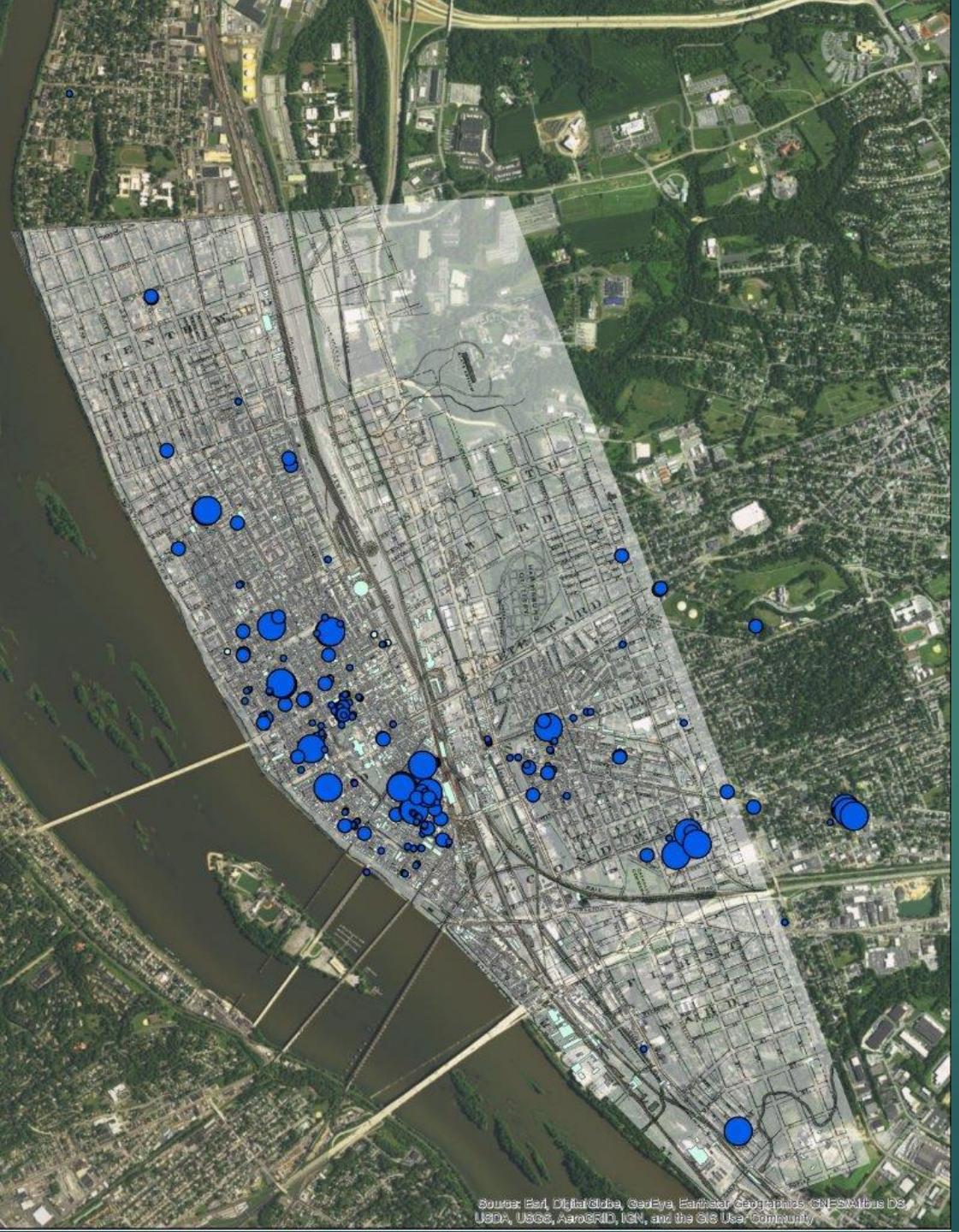
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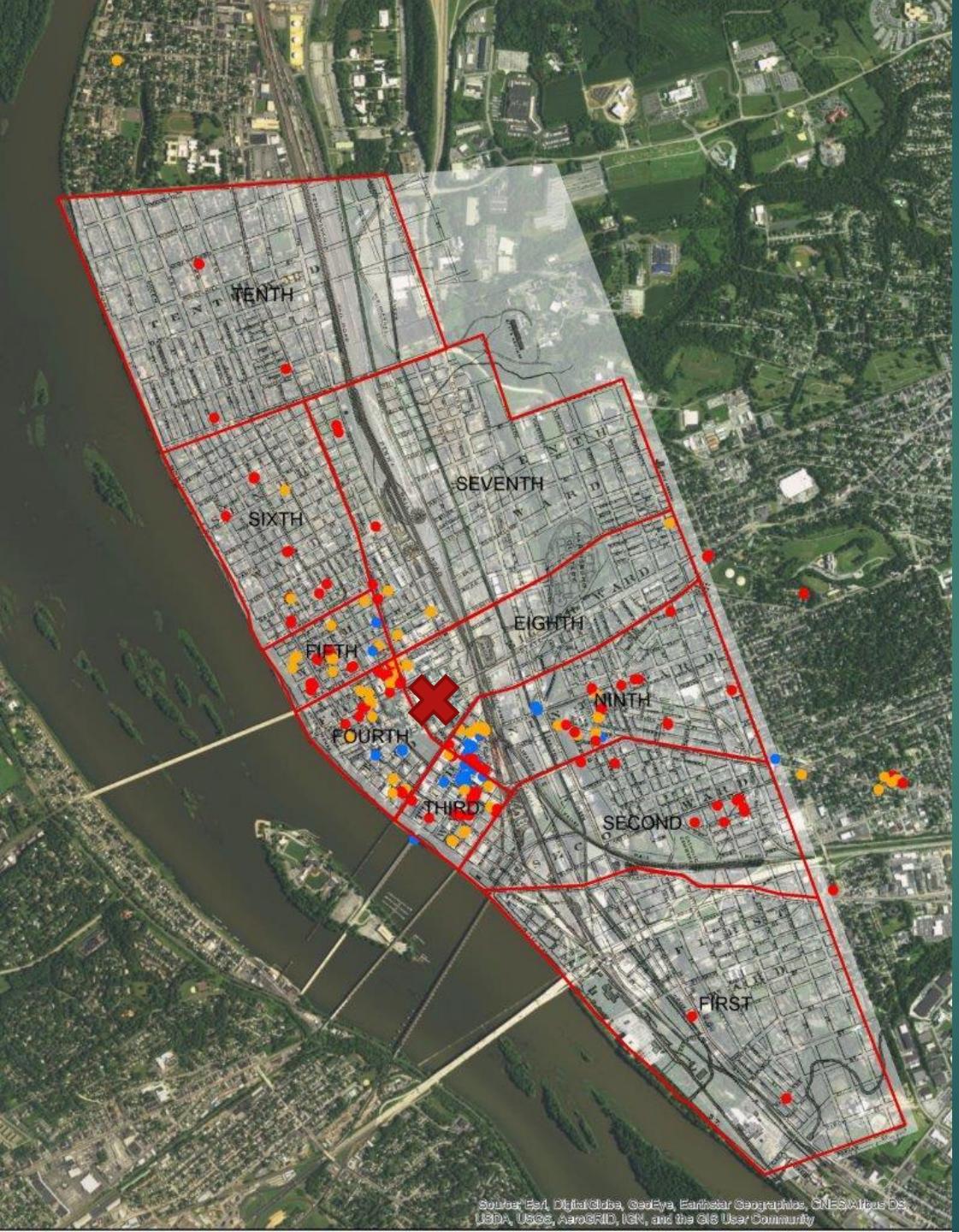
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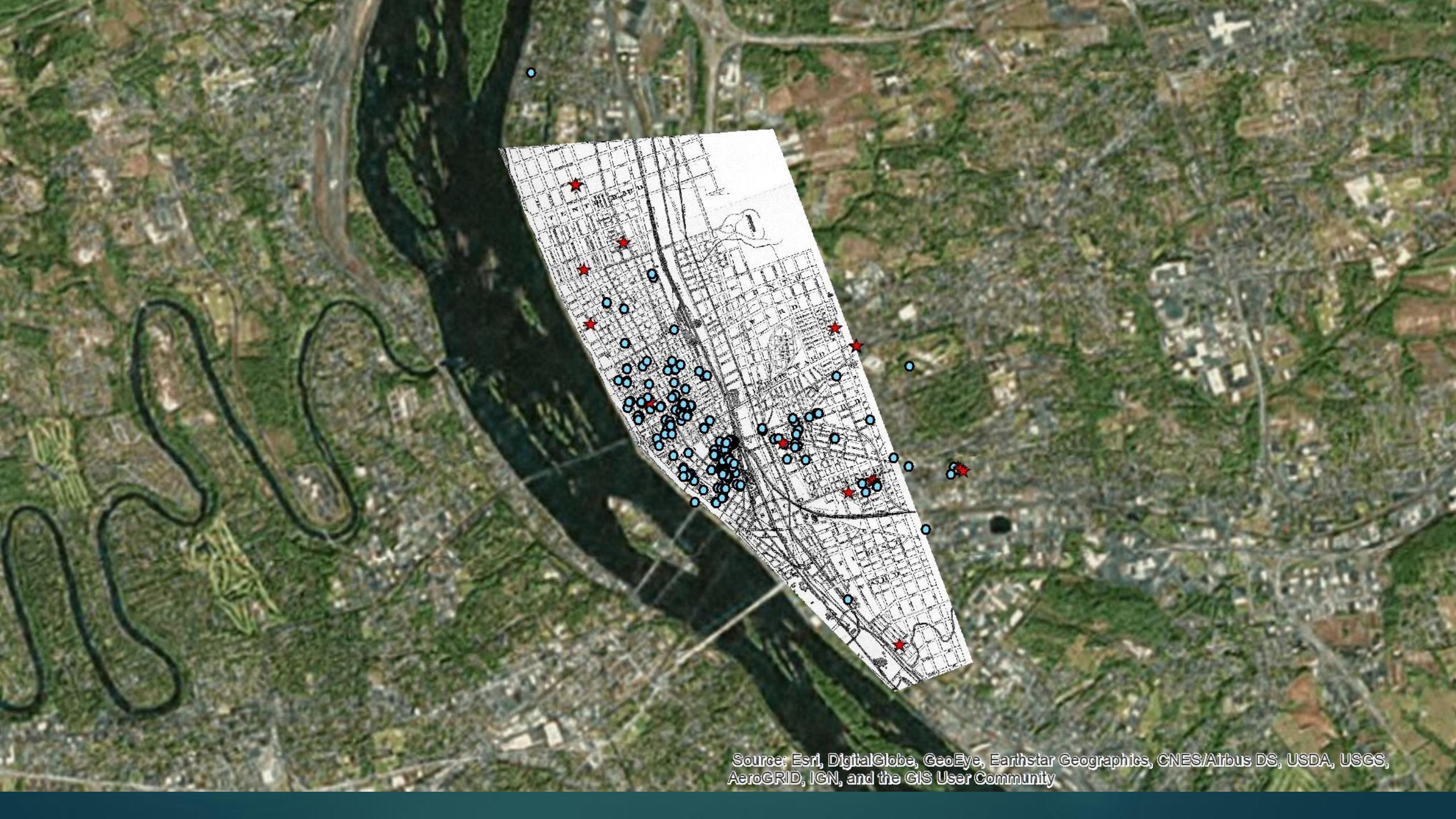
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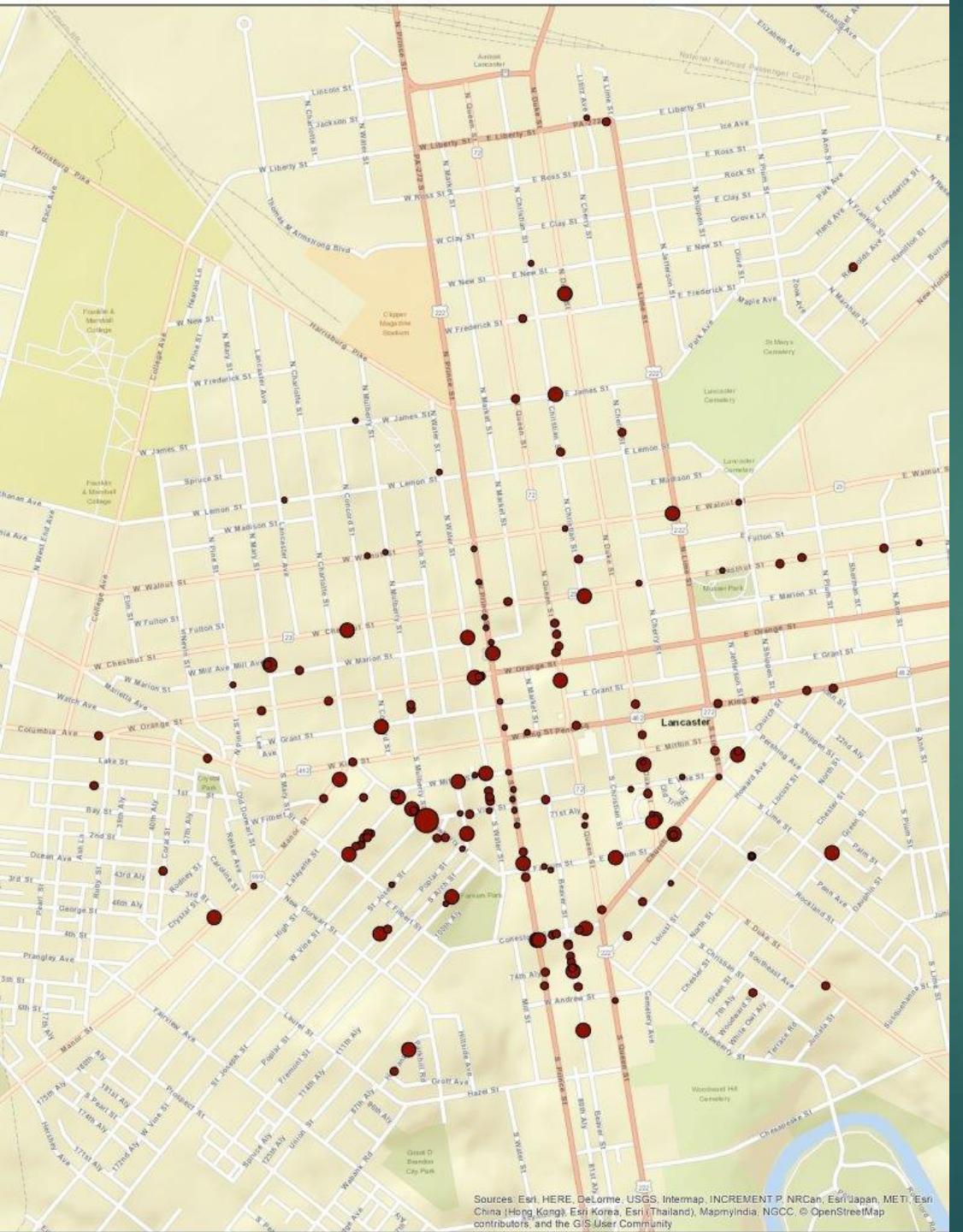
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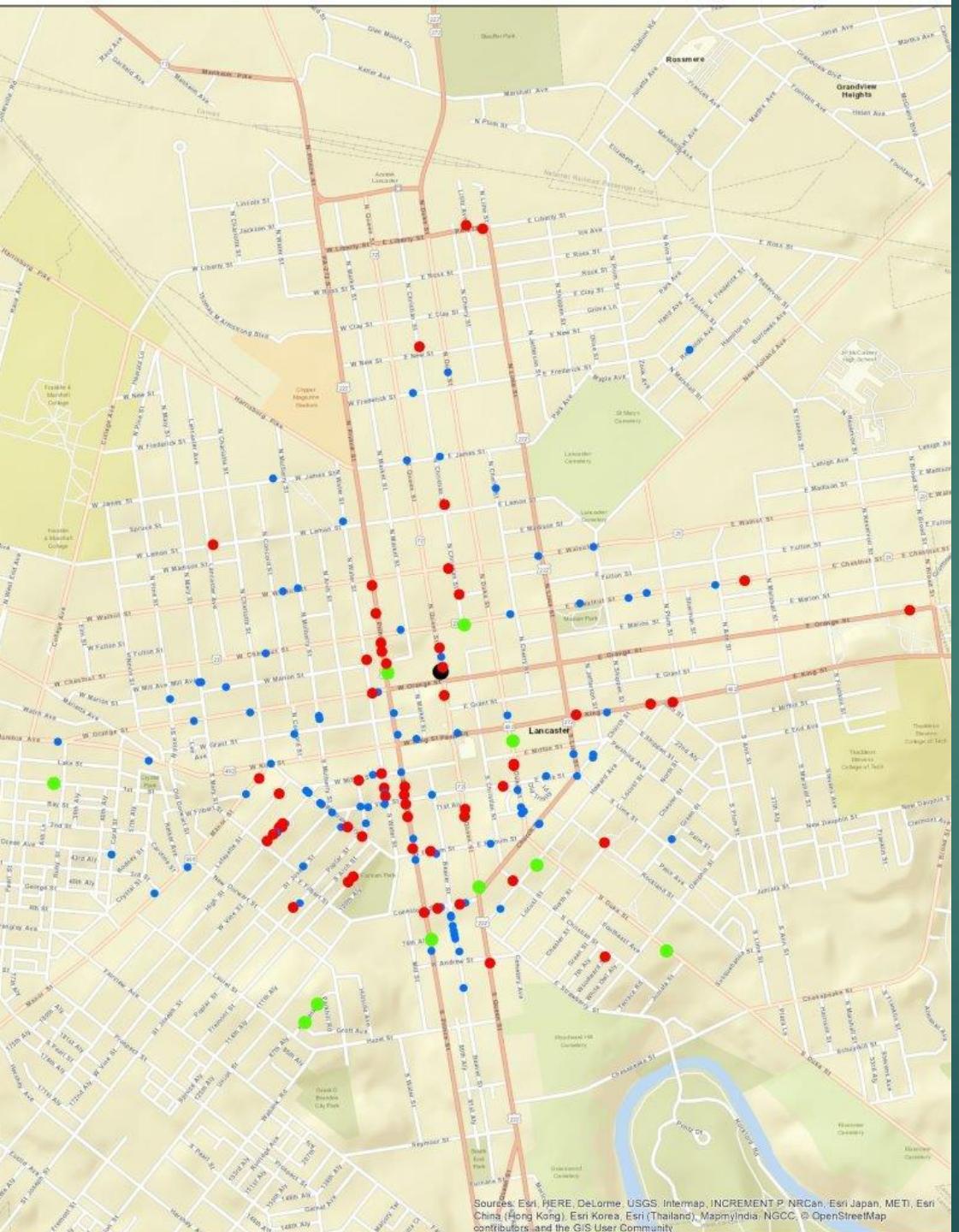




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