



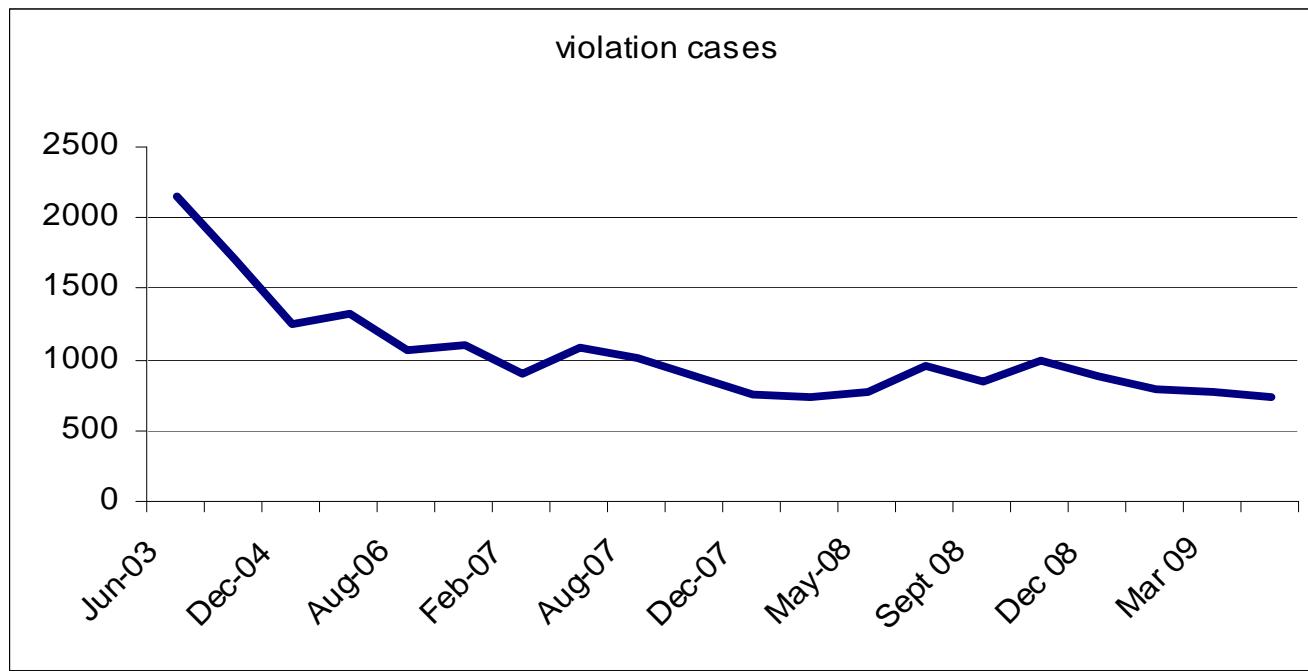
Healthy Homes *Greensboro*



**Ground-up Approach to
Code Enforcement”
Healthy Homes Policy
Summit, May 7, 2009**

Reducing substandard housing

- 32,604 RUCO's issued since January 1, 2004
- 744 units currently substandard, down from 2156 in 2003



Getting the RUCO ordinance approved by City Council





Using the RUCO ordinance as a catalyst for change



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TOP 10 NOT UP TO CODE

Here are the top three corporate or family businesses with the most units having current city of Greensboro housing code violations. Violations include a variety of problems with plumbing, electricity and heating and are outlined in an national code book the city uses.

The rest of the top 10, A4



#1: 63 VIOLATIONS

Owners: ARCO, Agapion family holdings managed by ARCO

Where: Most on Cedar Street, Summit Avenue or Oak Street.

► A hole in the roof is clearly visible from the road at these apartments in the 3100 block of Summit Avenue, owned by Agapion properties.

Housing group tallies companies' violations



#3: 15 VIOLATIONS

Owners: Alston & Alston and St. James Homes, managed by Melvin "Skip" Alston

Where: Most on Eugene Street.

► Alcohol bottles are scattered outside these apartments off English Street in Greensboro on Wednesday. These apartments, owned by Alston and Alston, are listed among the properties with the most housing code violations in Greensboro.

#2: 51 VIOLATIONS

Owners: Alliance Management (principal/president Rick L. Hopkins) and Shannon Enterprises of the Southeast (agent Rick L. Hopkins, president L. Worth Holloman Jr., manager Len White)

Where: Most on Apache Street, English Street or Holden Road.

► Frances Fields said there are chronic leaks in her bathroom at South Pointe Apartments off Holden Road.



Coalition bus tour to visit the homes, talk to tenants

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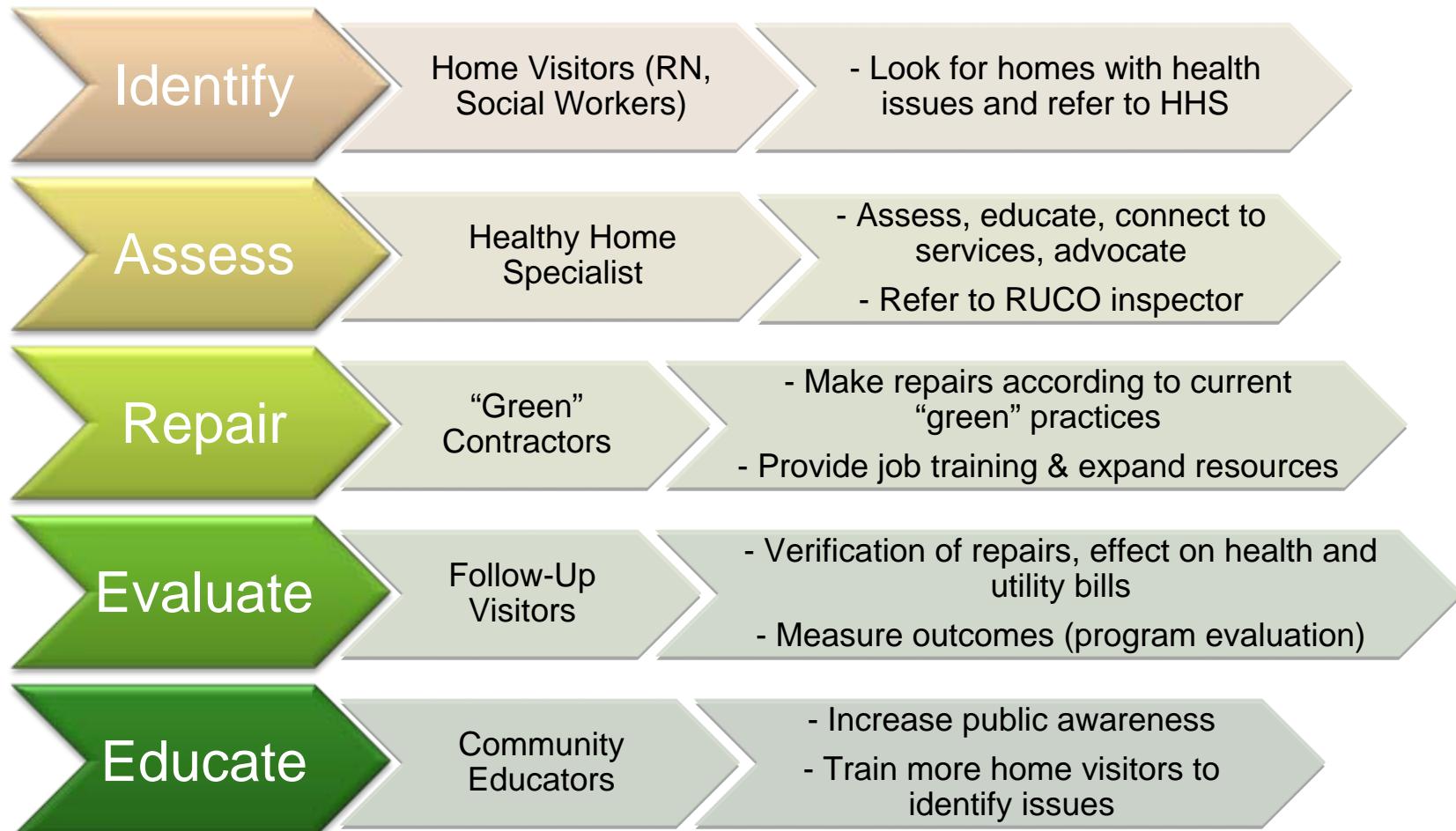
March. She expected better when she moved here from Fayetteville.

► "These were the first apartments I got when I came here, and I was very disappointed," Fields said.

Fields lives in South Pointe Apartments, a complex at South Holden and West Vandalia roads. Its owner, Shannon Enterprises

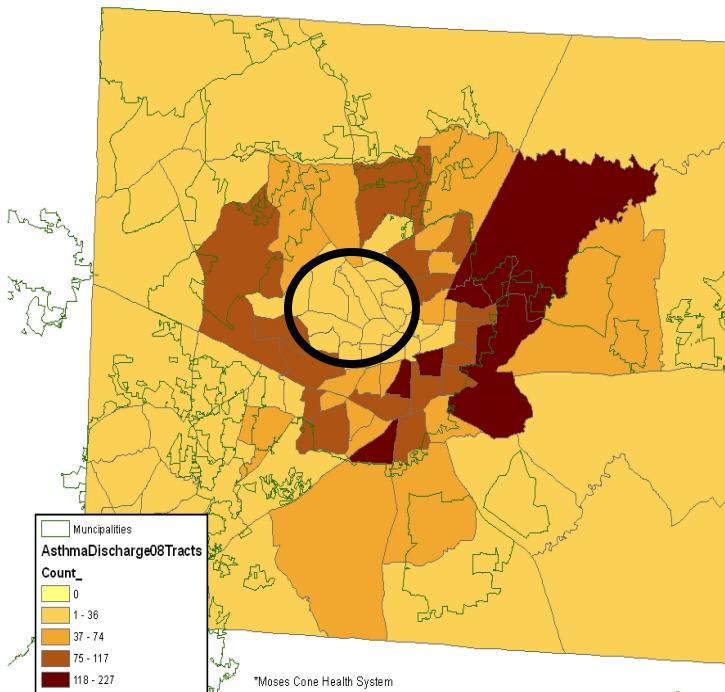
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Expanding the Healthy Homes Greensboro Initiative

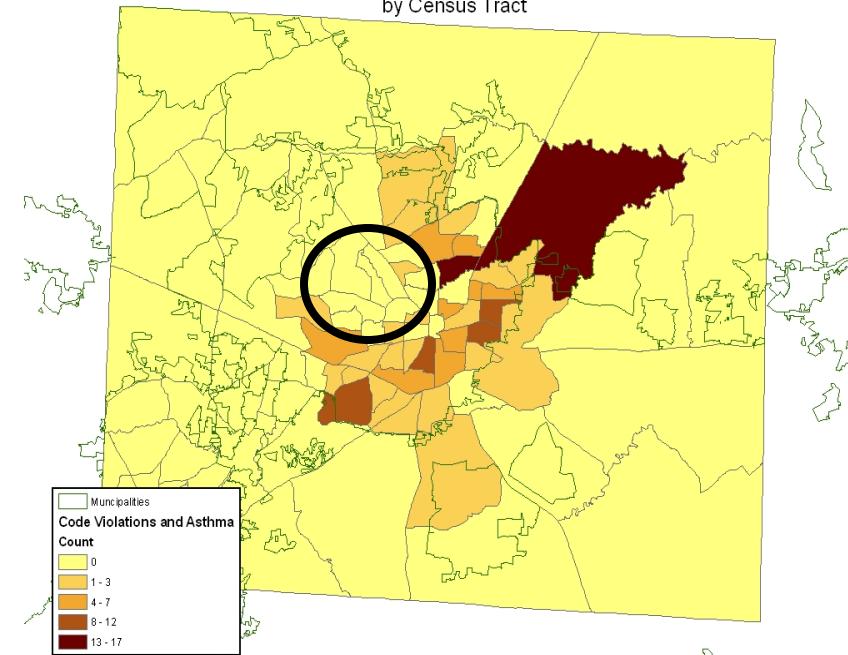


Making the connection between health and housing: asthma hospitalizations in homes with code violations.

Asthma Hospital Patients*, by Census Tract, 2008

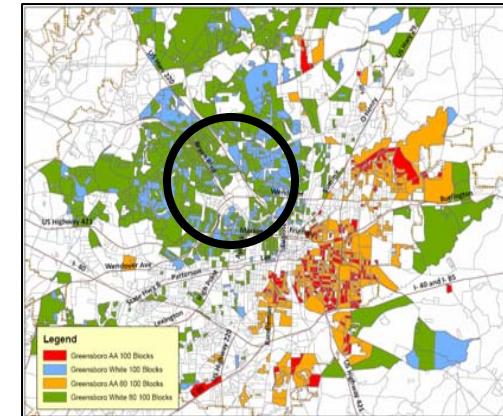
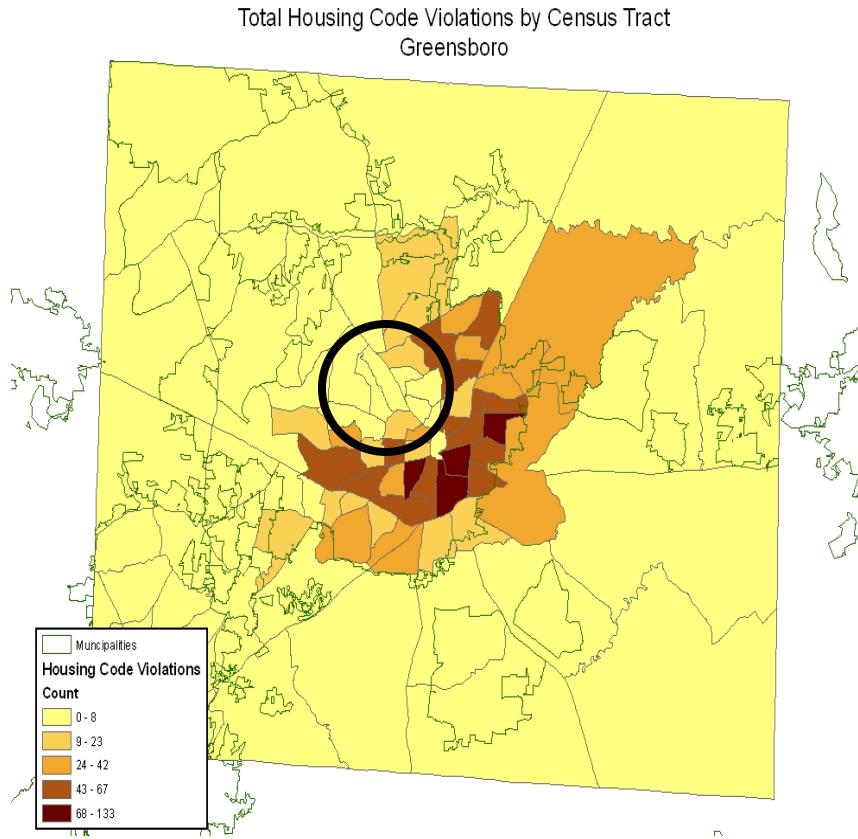


Homes with Code Violations AND Asthma Patients,
by Census Tract





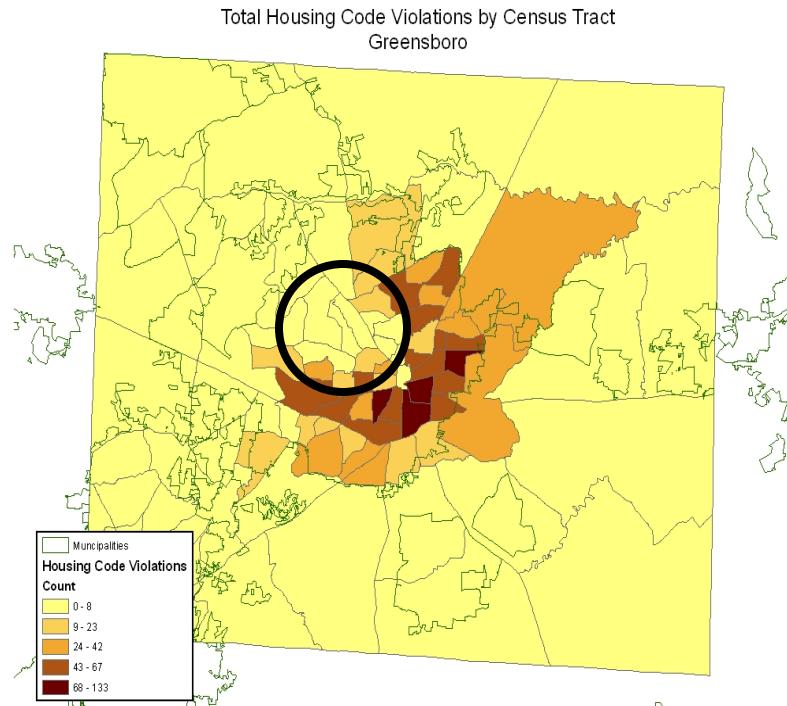
Documenting disparities—separate and unequal: substandard housing in non-majority-white areas.



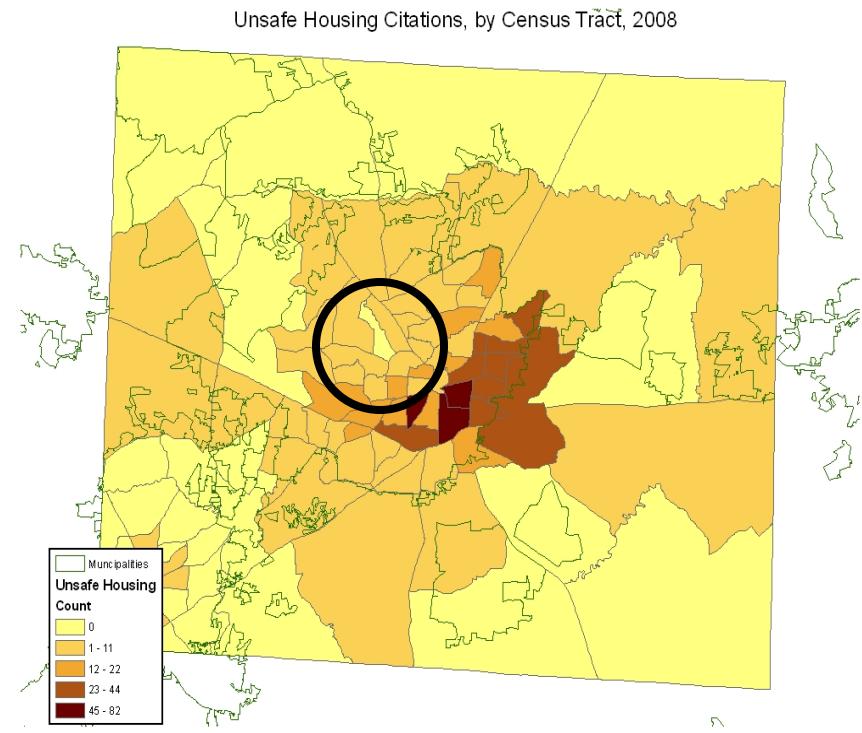


Documenting progress: reducing disparities through RUCO and healthy homes efforts

Historical data



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Recommending healthy homes policies: Greensboro's Ground-up Approach

- Raise public visibility of housing conditions and the impact on health, environment, and social justice
 - Combine proactive code enforcement with resident education and repair resources
 - Build broad collaboration for greater effectiveness and community-wide buy-in
 - Train community workers in housing assessment and holistic green/healthy repairs
 - Analyze disparities and measure outcomes
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