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# Healthy Homes *Greensboro*

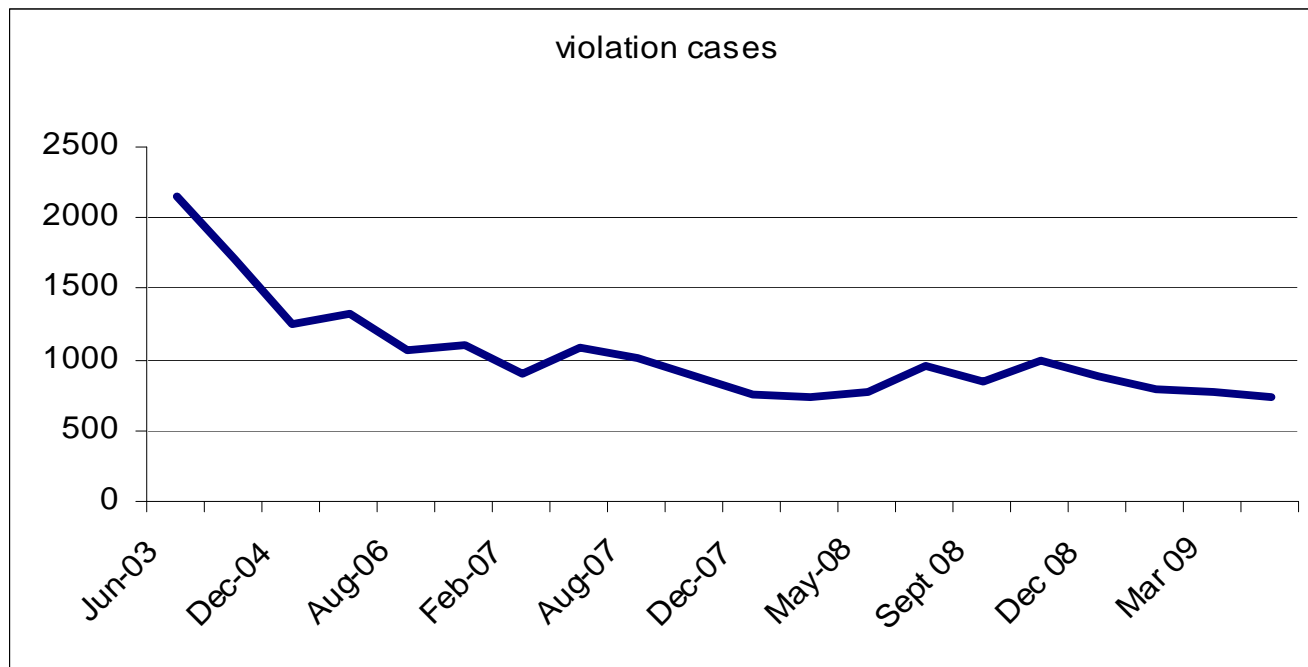


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Ground-up Approach to  
Code Enforcement”  
Healthy Homes Policy  
Summit, May 7, 2009

# 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



Thursday, September 28, 2006

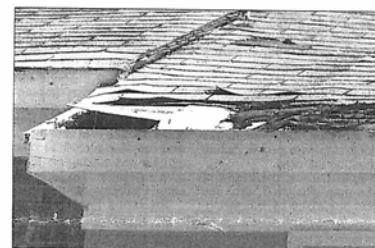
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## TOP 10 NOT UP TO CODE

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



PHOTOS BY ILL. SCOTT HOFFMANN/News & Record

## #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 Holleman 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

By MARGARET MOFFETT JANKS  
Staff Writer

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

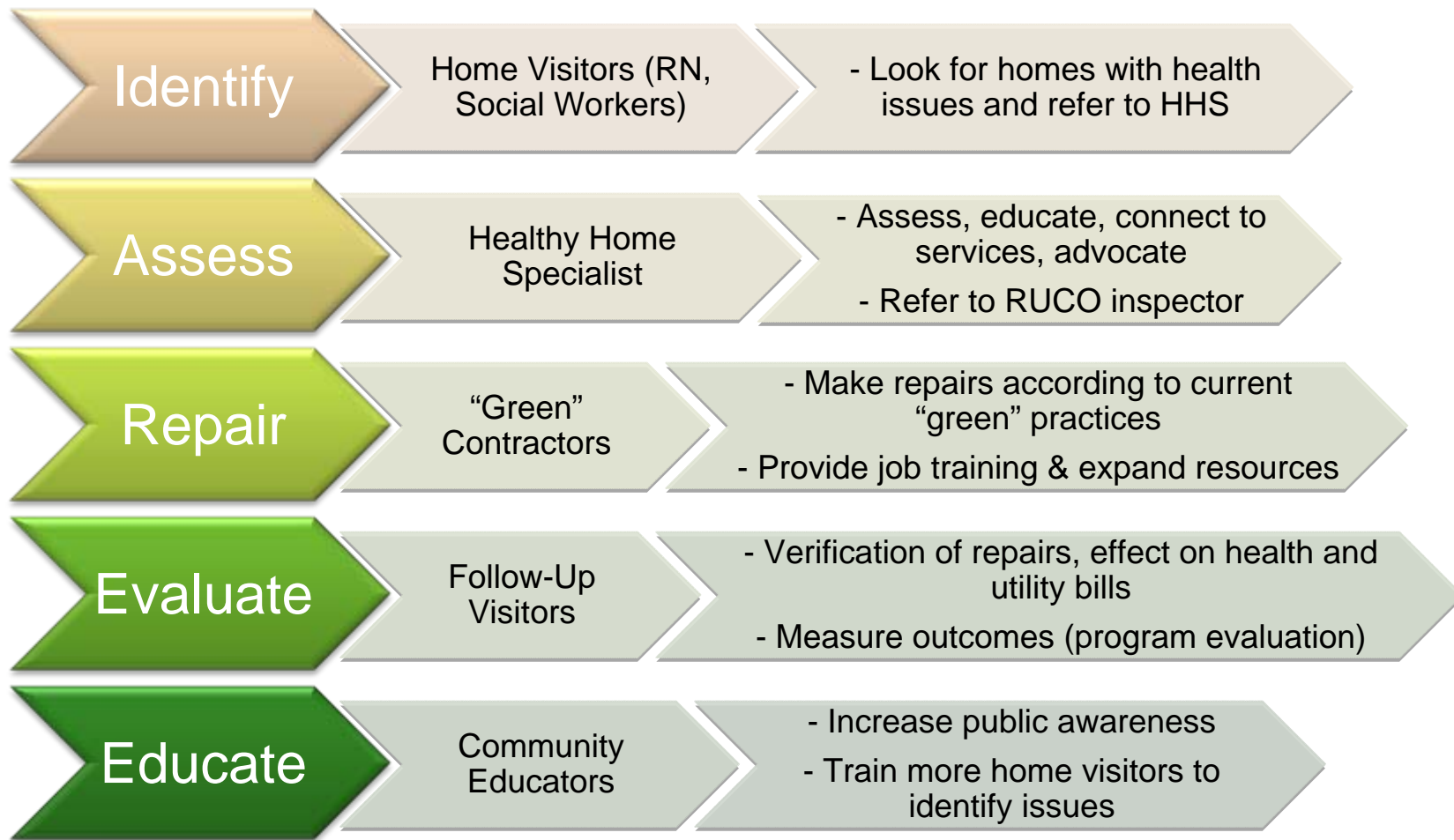
"These were the first apartments I got when I came here, and I was very disappointed," Fields said.

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

**GREENSBORO** — The cabinet under Frances Fields' bathroom sink is rotting. And the ceiling tiles in her hall droop. Worst of all, there's standing water inside her dishwasher. The water hasn't drained since she started renting the two-bedroom, two-bathroom apartment in

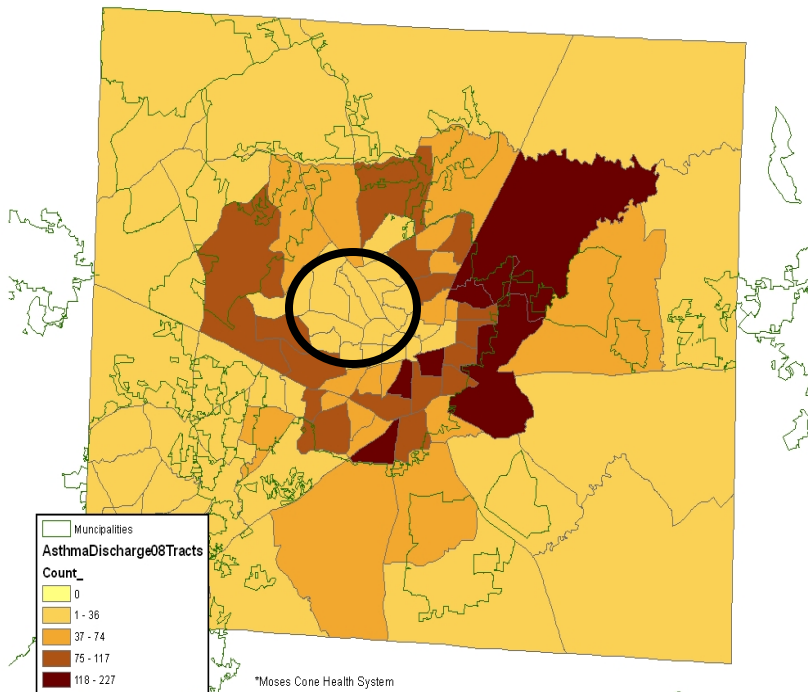
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# Expanding the Healthy Homes Greensboro Initiative

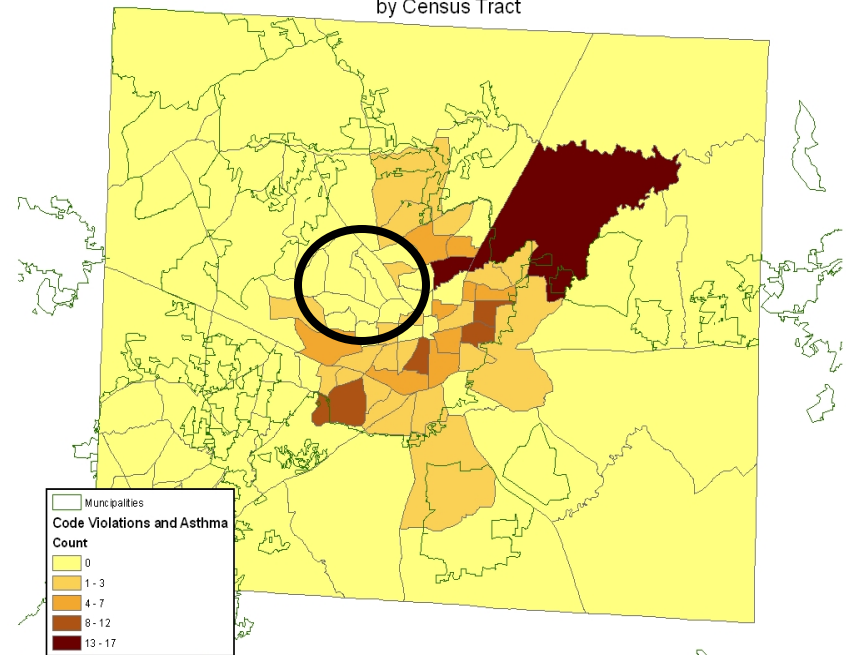


# Making the connection between health and housing: asthma hospitalizations in homes with code violations.

Asthma Hospital Patients\*, by Census Tract, 2008



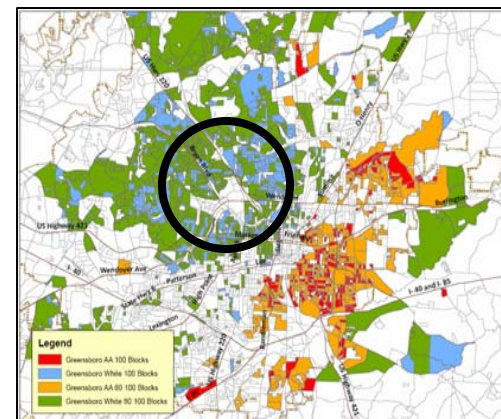
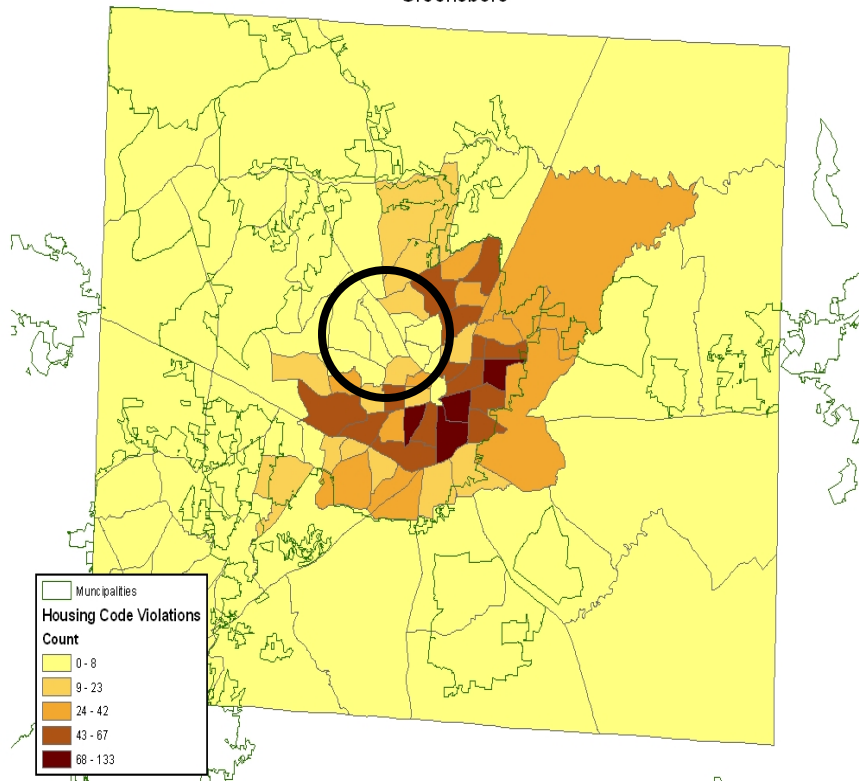
Homes with Code Violations AND Asthma Patients, by Census Tract





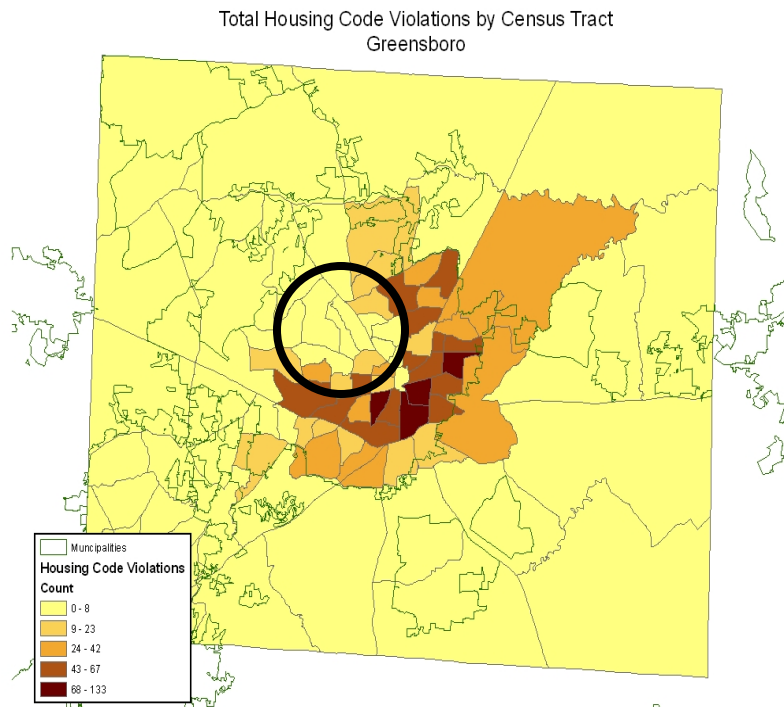
# Documenting disparities—separate and unequal: substandard housing in non-majority-white areas.

Total Housing Code Violations by Census Tract  
Greensboro

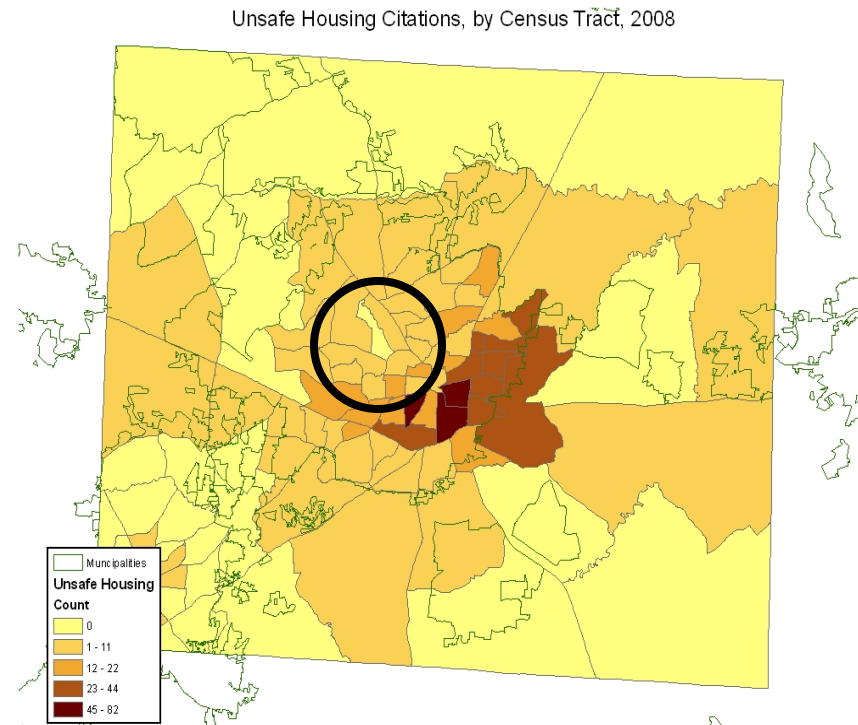


# Documenting progress: reducing disparities through RUCO and healthy homes efforts

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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