# Determining Success of the Neighborhood Stabilization Program in Jacksonville, Florida

A Response to the Housing Collapse During the Great Recession

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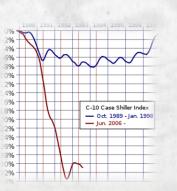
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#### **Background to NSP**

- Home values went down nationally by 31% from early 2006 to early 2009
- Part of the Housing and Economic Recovery Act (HERA) in 2008
- Goal bring qualified buyers back to neighborhoods suffering from heavy foreclosure and associated blight, thus stopping the trend of decline
- U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) funded local governments nearly \$7 billion to stabilize neighborhoods hit hardest by housing crisis.
- This funding occurred in three phases, referred to as NSP1, NSP2 & NSP3





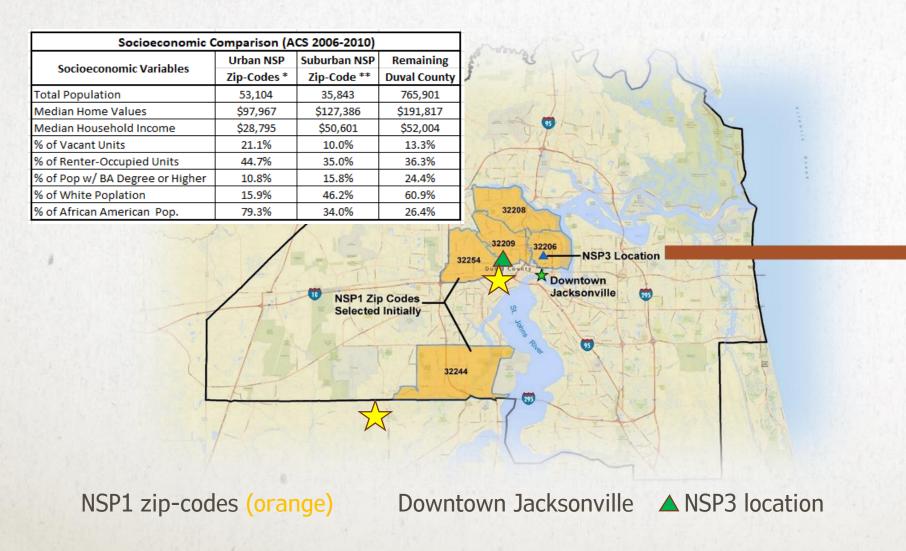






Jacksonville, Florida

- Received \$22.4 million from HUD during NSP1
- Selected 5 target zip codes during NSP1
- City jumped to #17 in nation in foreclosures by 2010
- Received \$4.75 million from HUD during NSP3
- Selected the East-Springfield neighborhood for NSP3



#### Jacksonville's Foreclosure Crisis and NSP Response

#### • NSP3 within 32206 zip-code

East-Springfield neighborhood



## **Jacksonville's NSP Investments**

- NSP1 funding more spread out based on reaction to foreclosures; HUD guidelines more loosely defined
- NSP3 funding more concentrated; goals more structured

NSP1	SF units	MF units	Total units	Rental units	SF Investment	MF Investment	Total Investment	Rental Investment	Downtown
32206	6	52	58	52	\$586,784.62	\$6,606,000.00	\$7,192,784.62	\$6,606,000.00	Jacksonville
32208	30	0	33	3	\$3,671,808.09	\$0.00	\$4,256,624.40	\$584,816.31	St.
32209	25	110	137	112	\$1,757,562.79	\$1,358,207.75	\$3,488,595.67	\$1,731,032.88	
32254	7	0	7	0	\$645,751.01	\$0.00	\$645,751.01	\$0.00	NSP 3 East-Springfie
32244	30	0	30	0	\$2,378,574.89	\$0.00	\$2,378,574.89	\$0.00	Neighborhood
Subtotal	98	162	265	167	\$9,040,481.40	\$7,964,207.75	\$17,962,330.59	\$8,921,849.19	
	37%	61%		63%	50%	44%		50%	
NSP3	SF units	MF units	Total units	Rental units	SF Investment	MF Investment	Total Investment	Rental Investment	Statistical Statist
32206	17	38	55	38	\$4,320,733.36	\$5,300,000.00	\$9,620,733.36	\$5,300,000.00	
Subtotal	17	38	55	38	\$4,320,733.36	\$5,300,000.00	\$9,620,733.36	\$5,300,000.00	
	31%	69%		69%	45%	55%		55%	
Total	115	200	320	205	\$13,361,214.76	\$13,264,207.75	\$27,583,063.95	\$14,221,849.19	
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Jacksonville's NSP investments, received from Dayatra Coles, 2018

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## **City's Goal**

City wanted to provide housing opportunities to a diversity of mixed-income families in the NSP 3
East-Springfield neighborhood without encouraging gentrification (Dayatra Coles, 2018)

## **Project's Goals and Objectives**

- Determine if target neighborhoods receiving NSP funding changed in comparison to similar neighborhoods not receiving NSP funding
- Look for trends in recovery to suggest change was a result of NSP policy
- Determine if types of investments or certain amounts had measurable or better results in neighborhoods receiving NSP funding
- Look for a correlation between the City's goal of providing housing to mixed-income populations to a recovery from the recession

## **Project's Hypothesis**

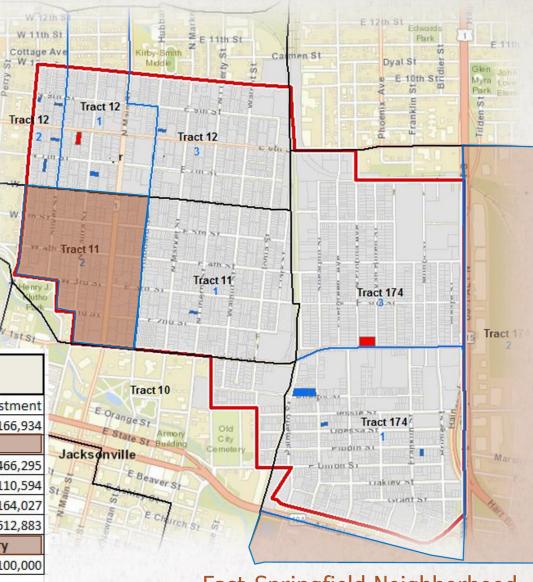
 NSP neighborhoods with more diversified median incomes would have greater measurable success in recession recovery than other NSP neighborhoods

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## **Defining a NSP "Neighborhood"**

- A NSP neighborhood = a census block group containing a NSP investment property
- Tract margins of error for American Community Survey data are normally less than block groups
- To find better comparable "neighborhoods", block groups may still be better to use for areas with more racial and economic diversity

		NSP3 Comparison of Investment per Dwelling Unit (DU) type and Black/White Percentages at Block and Tract levels										
	WhitePop%		-					Total Investment				
Census Tract 11, Block 1	25.7%	53.7%	1	0	1	\$166,934	\$0	\$166,934				
Census Tract 11, Block 2	70.6%	29.4%	0	0	0		No Investmen	t				
Census Tract 12, Block 1	29.4%	64.0%	1	14	15	266,295	2,200,000	\$2,466,295				
Census Tract 12, Block 2	42.2%	45.9%	4	0	4	1,110,594	0	\$1,110,594				
Census Tract 12, Block 1	20.5%	71.3%	1	0	1	164,027	0	\$164,027				
Census Tract 174, Block 1	17.9%	80.5%	10	0	10	\$2,612,883	\$0	\$2,612,883				
Census Tract 174, Block 2	38.2%	61.8%	0	0	0	No Invest	ment - out of NS	P3 boundary				
Census Tract 174, Block 3	6.9%	91.7%	0	24	24	\$0	\$3,100,000	\$3,100,000				
Census Tract 11	34.0%	42.9%	1	0	1	\$166,934	\$0	\$166,934				
Census Tract 12	29.5%	61.1%	6	14	20	\$1,540,916	\$2,200,000	\$3,740,916				
Census Tract 174	15.4%	81.9%	10	24	34	\$2,612,883	\$3,100,000	\$5,712,883				



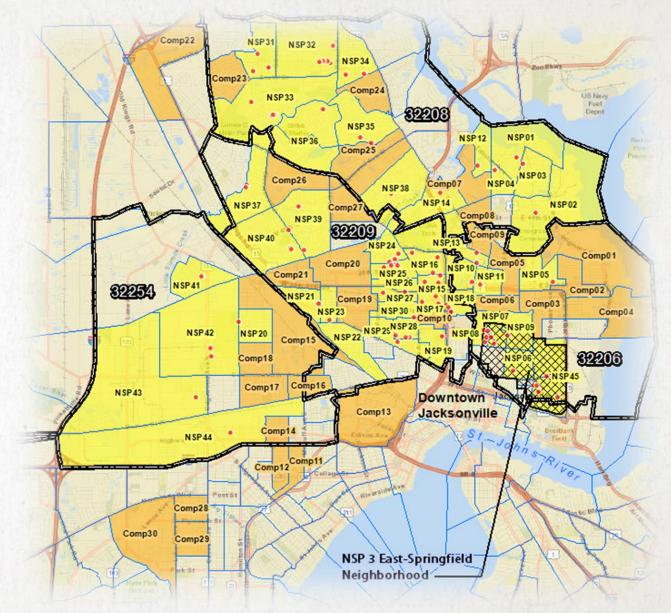
East-Springfield Neighborhood

## Finding Comparable (Non-NSP) Neighborhoods

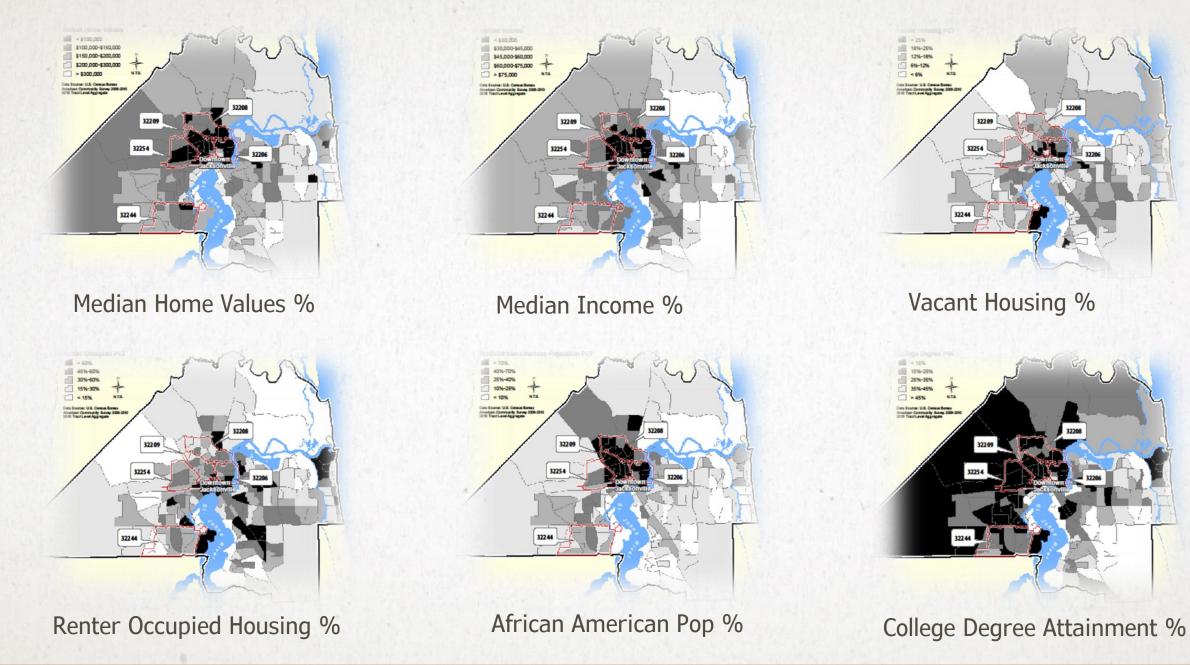
- Used a Socioeconomic Index formula that produced similar standardized values for all NSP block group neighborhoods; created a composite index value
- Neighborhood index components: Median housing value, Median Income, Race/Ethnicity, Tenure (renter-occupied), Education Attainment & Vacant Housing
- Located census block groups with comparable index values to NSP composite index value
- Used ACS 2006-2010 estimated data for finding comparable block groups

#### **NSP Composite Socioeconomic Index** =

Median Housing Value + Median Income + Vacant Housing % + African American Population % + Renter-Occupied Housing % + Population with College Degree % / 6



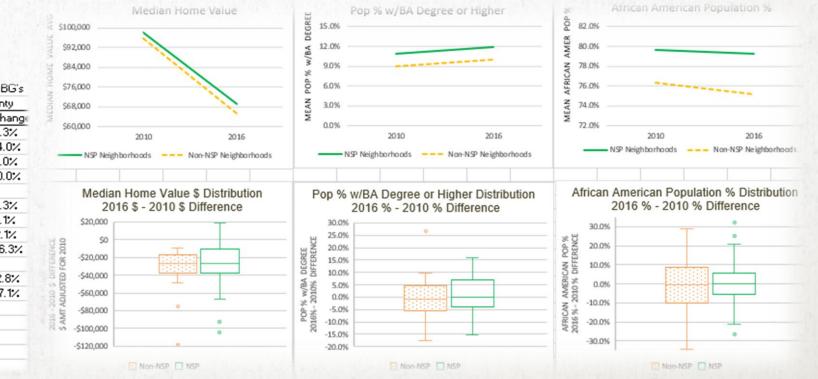
#### **A Socioeconomic Thumbnail-View of Jacksonville**



#### **Methodology for Detecting Neighborhood Change**

% Vacant Housing Units	change					
Anova: Single Factor						
SUMMARY						
Groups	Count	Sum	Average	Variance		
Non-NSP	30	0.073787249	0.00246	0.02398		
NSP	47	2.114910369	0.045	0.01125		
ANOVA						
Source of Variation	SS	df	MS	F	P-value	F crit
Between Groups	0.03314	1	0.03314	2.04871	0.15649	3.96847
Within Groups	1.21304	75	0.01617			
Total	1.24617	76				

- Created trend line graphs and used analysis of variance (ANOVAR) on each socioeconomic index variable to determine statistically significant change between NSP & non-NSP areas
- Utilized descriptive mean statistics for visual and comparative analysis of change
- Analyzed neighborhood distributions using box and whisker plots



2010-2016 Pct vacant housing units: no statistically significant difference between the means of NSP vs non-NSP change

	C	ity-Select	ted	Compara	itive Study	-Selected	No NSP o	r Compara	tive BG's
	NSP Neighborhoods			Non-N	SP Neight	porhoods	The rest of Duval County		
Indicators	2010*	2016**	% Change	2010"	2016**	% Change	2010"	2016**	% Chang
Total Population	1165	1116	-4.2%	1163	1105	-5.0%	1866	1984	6.3%
% white	15.6%	15.8%	1.6%	18.4%	19.3%	4.8%	63.7%	61.2%	-4.0%
% African American	79.6%	79.2%	-0.5%	76.3%	75.1%	-1.5%	23.0%	23.4%	2.0%
% Hispanic	2.8%	2.3%	-19.4%	3.1%	3.1%	-0.5%	7.1%	8.5%	20.0%
Educational attainment:									
% with BA degree or higher	10.8%	11.9%	9.5%	9.0%	10.0%	10.3%	25.3%	27.7%	9.3%
Median household income	\$28,454	\$28,717	0.9%	\$28,110	\$26,722	-4.9%	\$53,800	\$54,391	1.1%
% Vacant housing units	21.2%	25.7%	21.3%	20.1%	20.4%	1.2%	12.7%	13.0%	2.1%
Median home value	\$97,966	\$69,220	-29.3%	\$95,733	\$65,173	-31.9%	\$197,029	\$164,957	-16.3%
Tenure occupancy:									
% renter-occupied	45.4%	49.5%	9.1%	43.7%	51.4%	17.6%	35.8%	40.4%	12.8%
% owner-occupied	54.6%	50.5%	-7.5%	56.3%	48.6%	-13.7%	64.2%	59.6%	-7.1%

Socio-economic variables used in index to select comparable (non-NSP) neighborhoods to NSP neighborhoods using 2010 Census Bureau block group data

\* 2010 data derived from ACS 5-year range 2006–2010 estimated block group Census Bureau data

\*\* 2016 data derived from ACS 5-year range 2012-2016 estimated block group Census Bureau data

## **Methodology for Detecting NSP Change as a Function of Investment**

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- No literature found analyzing effect caused by NSP investment size or type
  - Classified all NSP block group neighborhoods into six investment groups based on amounts or types of investment
  - Utilized analysis of various (ANOVAR) on each socioeconomic component to determine for statistical significance within each investment group
  - Utilized descriptive mean statistics, trend line graphs & box and whisker plots for further visual analysis

la. Total Inves	tment Size Groups	2. Land Use Type In	vestment % Groups
<= \$75k	Very Low (VLI)	100% SF	All Single Family (SF) Units
>\$75k - \$150k	Low (LI)	Mix of SF and MF	Mix of SF and MF Units
>\$150k - \$200k	Moderately Low (MLI)	100% MF	All Multi-Family (MF) Units
>\$200k - \$400k	Moderately High (MHI)		
>\$400k - \$800k	High (HI)		
>\$800k	Very High (VHI)		
1b. Minimum I	nvestment Size Groups	3. Dwelling Units (d	u) # Investment Groups
<= \$30k	Very Low (VLI)	1 du	Very Low (VLdu)
>\$30k - \$60k	Low (LI)	2 du	Low (Ldu)
>\$60k - \$90k	Moderately Low (MLI)	3 du - 4 du	Moderately Low (MLdu)
>\$90k - \$120k	Moderately High (MHI)	5 du - 7 du	Moderately High (MHdu)
>\$120k - \$180k	High (HI)	8 du-15 du	High (Hdu)
>\$180k	Very High (VHI)	> 15 du	Very High (VHdu)
1c. Maximum I	nvestment Size Groups	4. Tenure Type Inve	estment % Groups
<= \$100k	Very Low (VLI)	100% owner	All Owner-Occupied Units
>\$100k - \$200k	Low (LI)	Mix of owner/renter	Mix of Owner and Renter-Occupied
>\$200k - \$500k	Moderately Low (MLI)	100% renter	All Renter-Occupied Units
>\$500k - \$1m	Moderately High (MHI)		
>\$1m - \$3m	High (HI)		
>\$3m	Very High (VHI)		

#### **Methodology for Testing Neighborhood Income Diversity**

- Socioeconomic change in a neighborhood may facilitate recovery from recession (Hyra & Rugh, 2016) •
- Assign each tract a household income group (based on HUD's income groupings)
  - Extremely Low-Income: households earning income not more than 30% of AMI (≤30%)
  - Very Low-Income: households earning income not more than 50 percent of AMI (31%-50%)
  - Low-Income: Households earning income not more than 80 percent of AMI (51%-80%)
  - Moderate Income: Households earning income now more than 120 percent of AMI (81%-120%)
  - Middle Income: Households earning income not more than 165 percent of AMI (121%-165%)
  - High Income: Households earning income above 165 percent of AMI (>165%)

#### Create income diversity groups from household income groups

#### **Diversity Group**

#### If maximum group percentage of a household income group in zip-code was

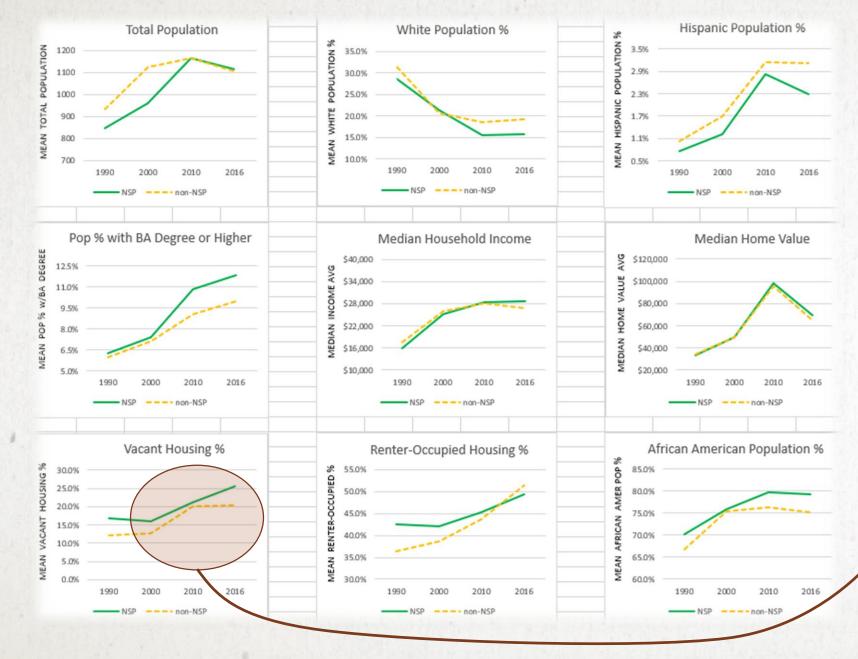
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- Moderate Diversity
- Low Diversity
- Very Low Diversity

< 40%				#of Neig	hborhood	s within AC	S 2006-20	10 Househ	old Incom	e Groups
< 55%	Zipcode	Income Diversity Group	Max Group %	ELow-I	VLow-I	Low-I	Mod-I	Mid-I	High-I	Total
\$ 33%0	32206	Low Income Diversity	60%	0	3	6	1	0	0	10
70%	32208	High Income Diversity	38%	0	3	5	5	0	0	13
	32209	Moderate Income Diversity	50%	з	9	6	0	0	0	18
> 70%	32254	Very Low Income Diversity	80%	0	0	4	1	0	0	5

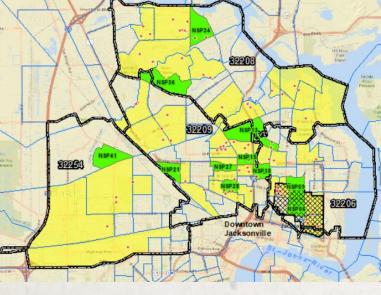
#### Adapted from methodology in "Income Diversity Within Neighborhoods and Very Low-Income" (Galster, et al., 2008)

### **Results for NSP and Comparable Neighborhood Change**

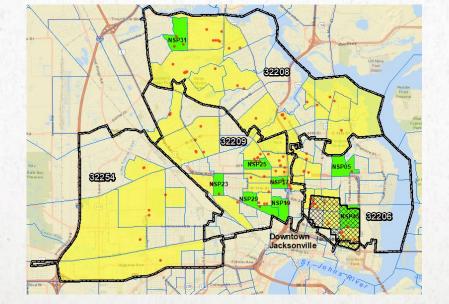


- NSP and non-NSP neighborhood index components only had subtle differences (change) over each period of a 26-year timespan from 1990 to 2016
- There was no statistically significant change between NSP & non-NSP neighborhoods for any index component percentage difference during
  - -- 1990-2000 (historical to pre-recession)
  - -- 2000-2010 (pre-recession/recession)
  - -- 2010-2016 (post-recession)
- This suggests NSP had no composite impact on neighborhoods as a whole
- Most surprising post-recession change variable was *vacant housing percentage*

- Analysis of investment size and type allowed comparison of NSP neighborhoods during recession recovery period
- The majority of NSP neighborhoods with highest vacant housing % (34%-54%) had investments in owner-occupied, single-family land use with low (2.6) dwelling unit avg per neighborhood and with a *total investment* under \$200k (left map)
- Where City invested 100% in renter-occupied housing with a high (22) dwelling unit avg per neighborhood, vacant housing % was 58% lower (middle map)
- 2010-2016 vacant housing % differences declined when min starting investment was greater than \$120k (right map and top right graph)



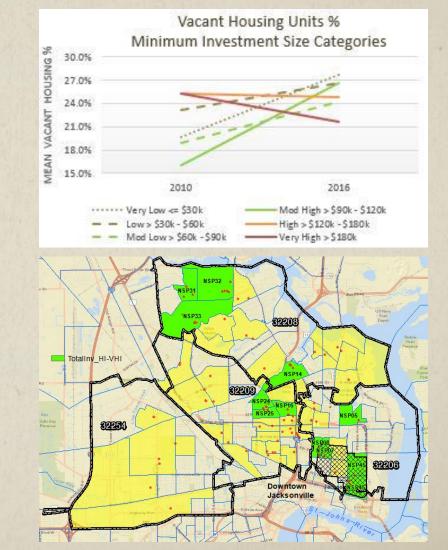
Highest NSP vacant housing percentages



100% renter-occupied NSP investments had much lower vacant housing percentages

# **Results for NSP Change as a Function of Investment**

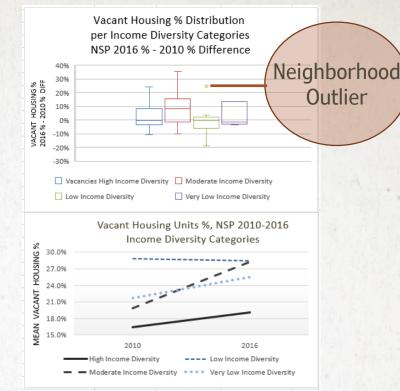
#### **Vacant Housing Percentage Analysis**



Minimum starting neighborhood investments > \$120k had declining vacant housing percentages

#### **Results for Neighborhood Income Diversity**

- Recovery from recession may depend on how a neighborhood's income diversity is trending
- Influencing neighborhood income diversity did not appear to depend on the size of the NSP investment, but how it was allocated
- The City had success where they followed their stated mixed-income investment strategy
- The 32206 zip-code increased from 'Low' to 'Moderate' income diversity and was only zip-code to decline in vacant housing % change, one outlier neighborhood from having statistically significant difference
- The 32208 zip-code fell from 'High' to 'Low' income diversity, which reflected City's lower density, owner-occupied investment strategy
- The 32209 moderate income diversity zip-code had highest vacancy % increases but performed much better where neighborhood household incomes increased, which was primarily where the City invested in rental housing



			#of Neig	hborhood	s within A(	\$ 2006-20	10 Househ	old Incom	e Groups
Zipcode	Income Diversity Group	Max Group %	ELow-I	VLow-I	Low-I	Mod-I	Mid-I	High-I	Total
32206	Low Income Diversity	60%	0	3	6	1	0	0	10
32208	High Income Diversity	38%	0	3	5	5	0	0	13
32209	Moderate Income Diversity	50%	3	9	6	0	0	0	18
32254	Very Low Income Diversity	80%	0	0	4	1	0	0	5
			#of Neig	hborhood:	s within A(	S 2012-20	16 Househ	old Incom	e Groups
Zipcode	Income Diversity Group	Max Group %	ELow-I	VLow-I	Low-I	Mod-I	Mid-I	High-I	Total
32206	Moderate Income Diversity	50%	1	3	5	1	0	0	10
32208	Moderate Income Diversity	46%	0	3	6	4	0	0	13
32209	Moderate Income Diversity	50%	1	5	8	2	0	0	16
32254	Very Low Income Diversity	80%	0	0	4	1	0	0	5
	32209 zip-code had 2 null blo	ock group's for m	edian inc	ome value					

#### Conclusion

- Finding success of the Neighborhood Stabilization Program was not at the composite level, comparing it as a whole to non-NSP neighborhoods, but upon analyzing NSP investments inside of individual investment categories
- Potential successes of the NSP were found by searching for reasons why its vacant housing percentage change was higher than comparable neighborhoods
  - inevitability of the Great Recession after early NSP investments had success
  - best results where City invested in higher density, multi-family land use providing rental-occupied housing
  - best results where City's minimum neighborhood investment > \$120k and total investments > \$200k
  - neighborhoods with increasing income diversity appeared to be more stable
- This research deemed the City of Jacksonville most successful in stabilizing neighborhoods where they followed their own renter-occupied housing and mixed-income investment strategy, then allocated larger investments to affect greater number of units in fewer neighborhoods

## **QUESTIONS?**

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