Social Issues.

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What is our role in the charrette?

- By using GIS to map demographic data and assembling anecdotal local knowledge, we can offer help to the design teams in understanding:
  - the challenges of rebuilding *communities*.
  - the character and social diversity of the communities of the Gulf Coast.
  - the social characteristics of different neighborhoods, and to understand the needs of diverse populations.
  - the social assets and the relatively vulnerable populations of these communities.

Research on recovery.

- People and population who have the hardest time in the aftermath of a disaster are those who had limited resources and fewer options prior to the disaster.
- Low income people and families depend most heavily on place-based social support networks.
- Relatively isolated people and populations are most likely to have:
  - unmet needs,
  - long term problems;
  - frustration and distrust of government and agencies of recovery and rebuilding.

Social capital

- Patterns and habits of association generate important social resources:
  - Safety and security.
  - Sense of community.
  - Problem-solving capacity.
  - "Collective efficacy"
  - Civic engagement: Trust and responsibility necessary for democratic self governance.

Case of HOPE VI

- Unintended effects of relocating people "temporarily" with the goal of "deconcentrating" poverty:
  - Disruption of social support networks.
  - Worsening of living conditions.
 - Undermining the ability of some to "move to opportunity."

Ideas for reconstituting neighborhoods

- Temporary, transitional, and permanent housing construction inserted in restoration of neighborhoods.
- "Centers."
  - Places for people to gather.
  - Facilitate opportunities for returning residents to create and inhabit shared places.
  - Don't forget about neighborhood oriented businesses and variety of "third places" as neighborhood institutions.
- Civic engagement.
  - Involving citizens in a the process of planning and building the future of their communities.
  - Reconstituting social capital by using opportunities to convene stakeholders.
  - Reviving and coordinating the participation of community-based organizations (faith-based organizations, civic associations, social service providers, and others).

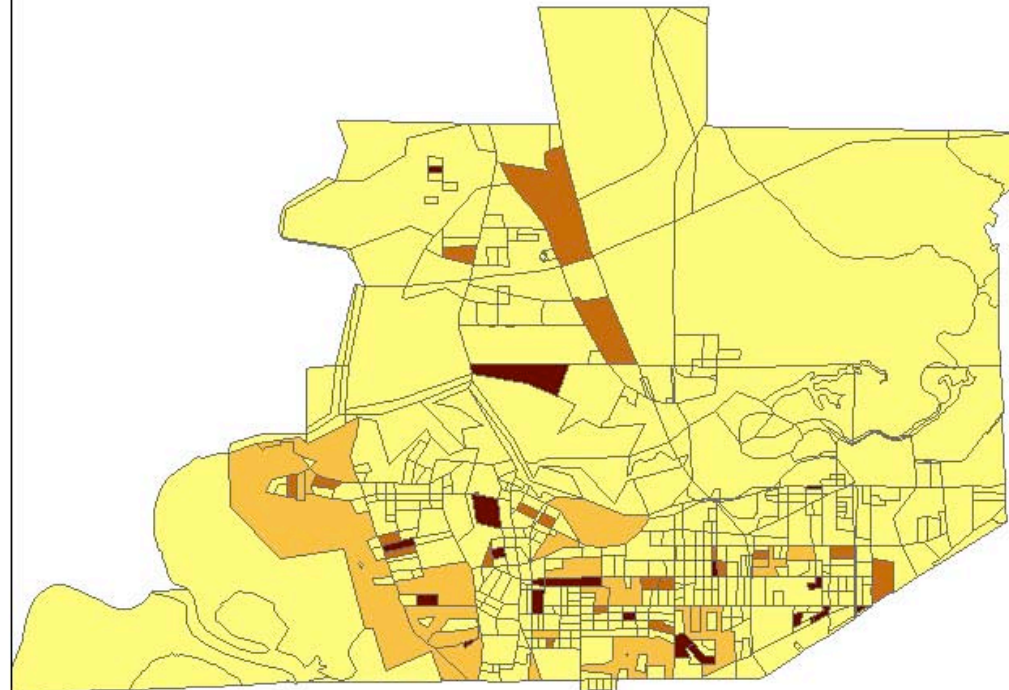# Getting to know the neighborhoods and cities.

- Design teams need to get familiar with the available data resources.
- An example from Moss Point.

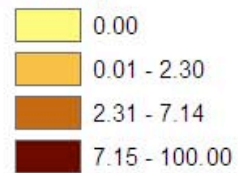# Moss Point, Child density
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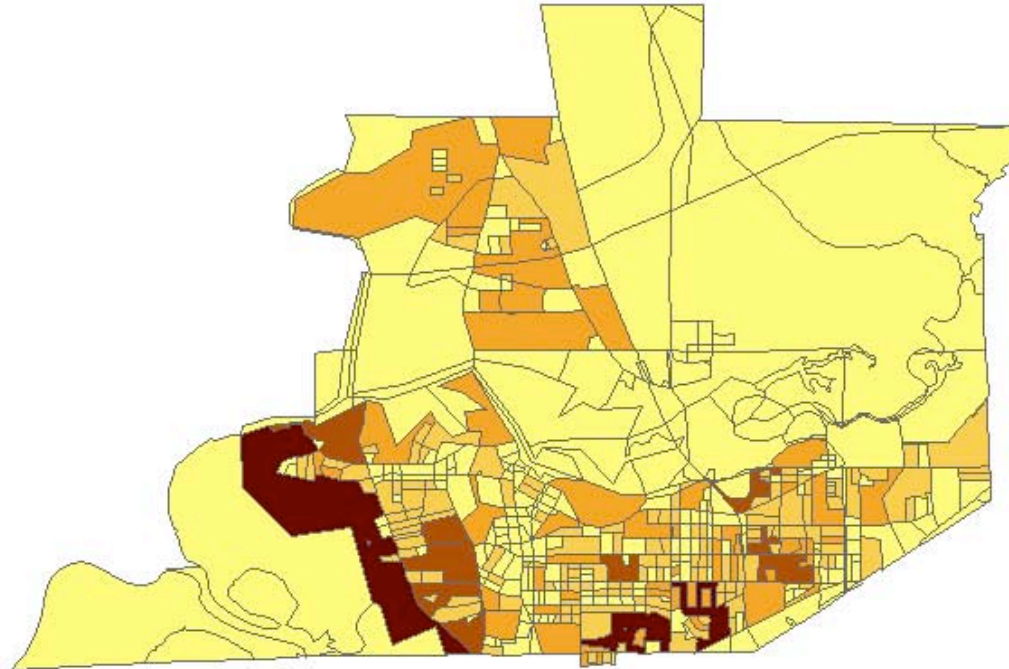
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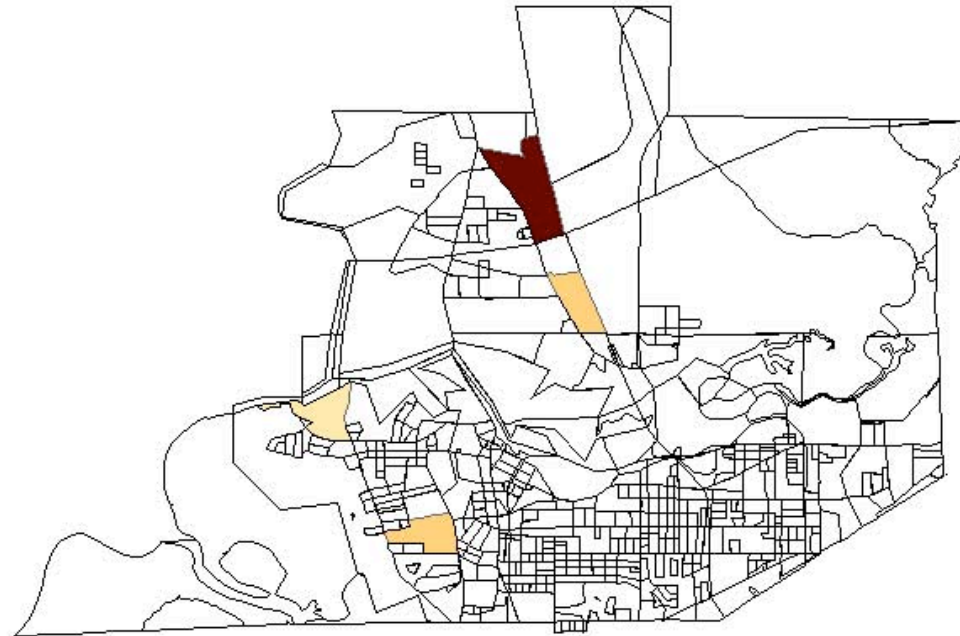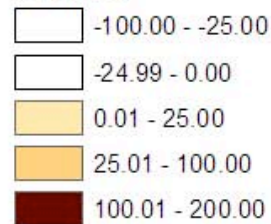Percent Hispanic
(by Census block).

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Moss Point,
Change in Hispanic Population

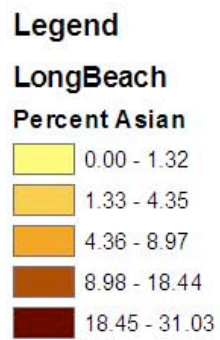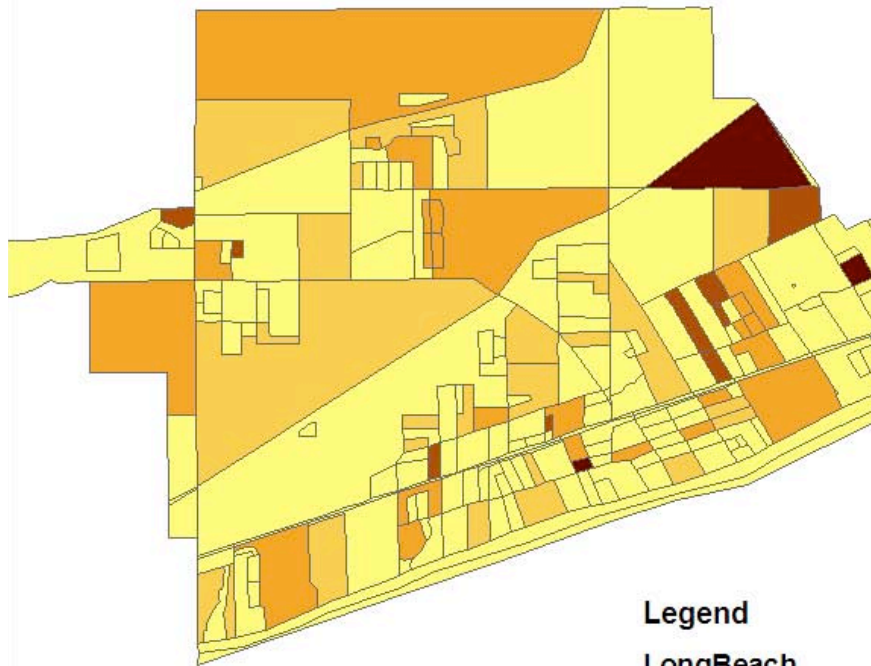### (by Census block).

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Legend

LongBeach

Percent Asian

- 0.00 - 1.32
- 1.33 - 4.35
- 4.36 - 8.97
- 8.98 - 18.44
- 18.45 - 31.03

Legend

LongBeach

PctChild

- 0.00 - 8.43
- 8.44 - 20.00
- 20.01 - 27.27
- 27.28 - 37.50
- 37.51 - 58.06

Thank you…