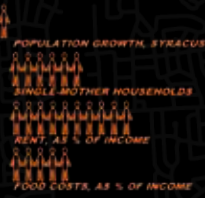


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pop 229,583

33.2% population decrease in Syracuse between 1950 and 2000

Demographics



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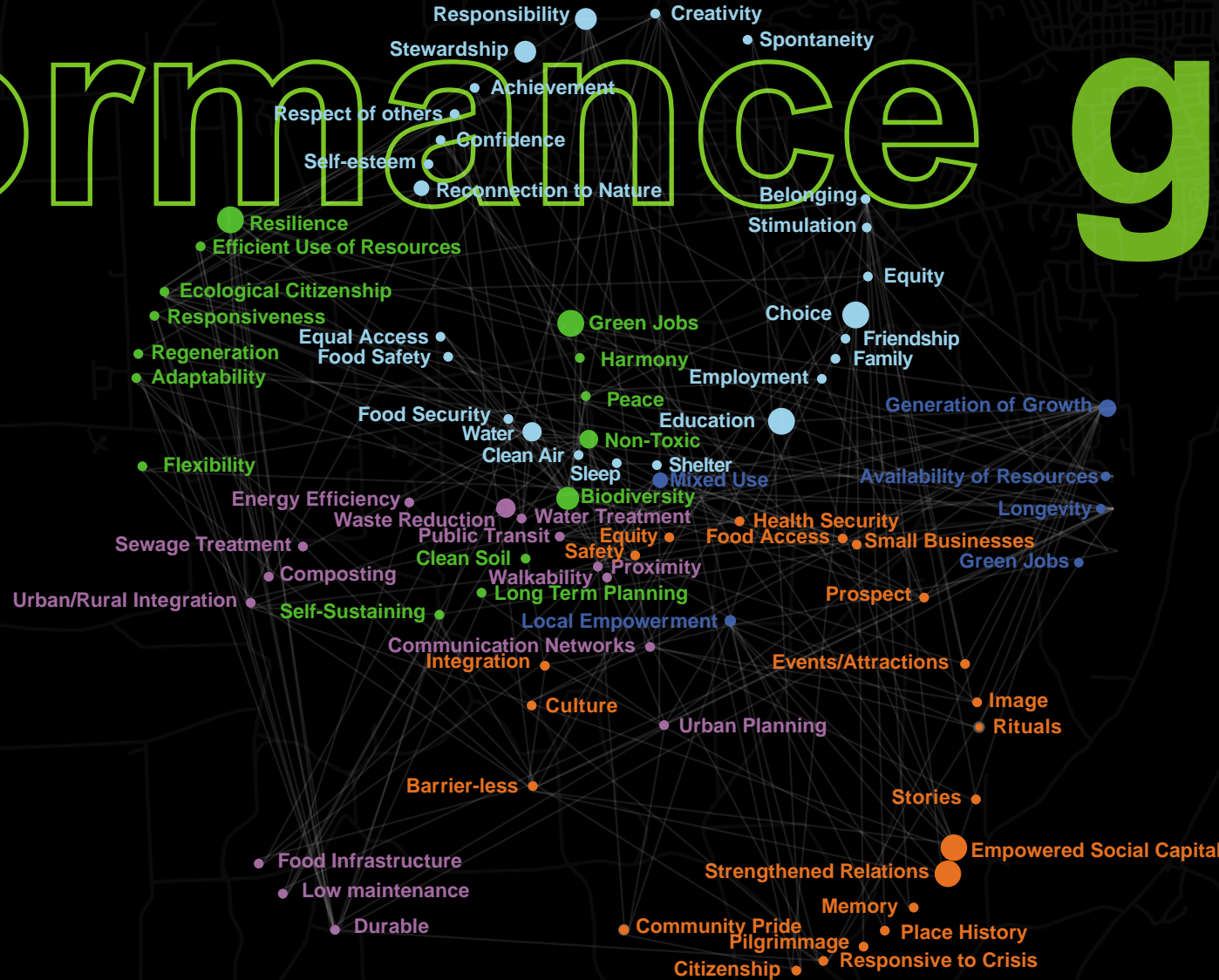
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Index of Social stress: >1,25: Far above average

Neighborhood statistics for the Near Westside, Syracuse, NY

1 = 5 %

plug-in performance ground



- People
- Environment
- Economy
- Community
- Infrastructure

[PERFORM]:

Perform on a certain location, act or have an effect in a specified way or with a specific effect or outcome, act: play a role or part, be at play; be engaged in playful activity; amuse oneself in a way characteristic of children, perform music on (a musical instrument)

[GROUND]:

Anchor: fix firmly and stably, land: the solid part of the earth's surface, reason: a rational motive for a belief or action, instruct someone in the fundamentals of a subject, footing: a relation that provides the foundation for something, a position to be won or defended in battle, land: material in the top layer of the surface of the earth in which plants can grow

[PERFORMANCE GROUND]:

Strengthening of the weakest link through the power of networking. Interaction, mutual learning, exposure, recreation, work, physical, flexible, adaptable. A place for action, a meeting place for multiple players, a generator of knowledge, where shared output is always greater than individual input.

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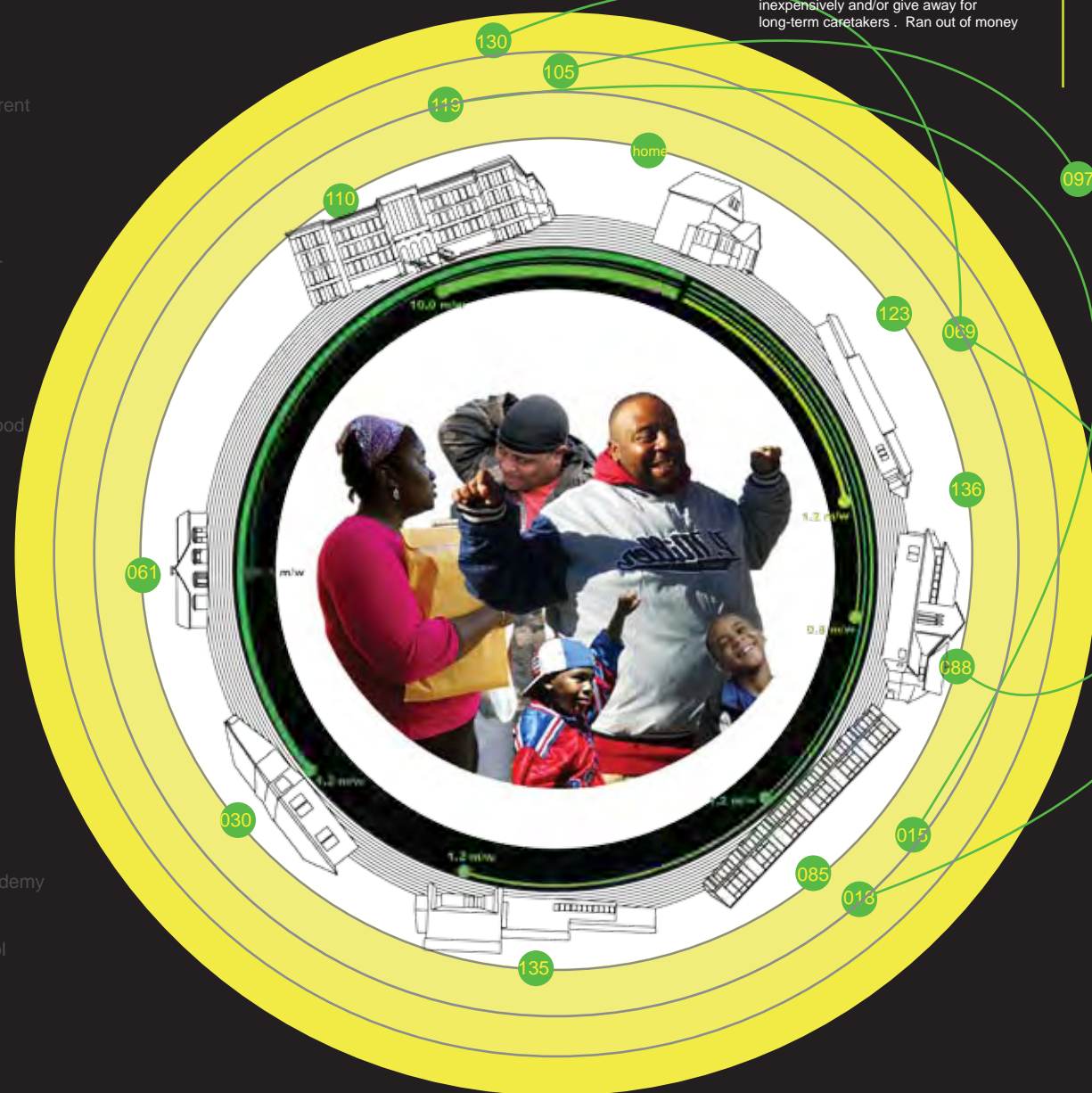
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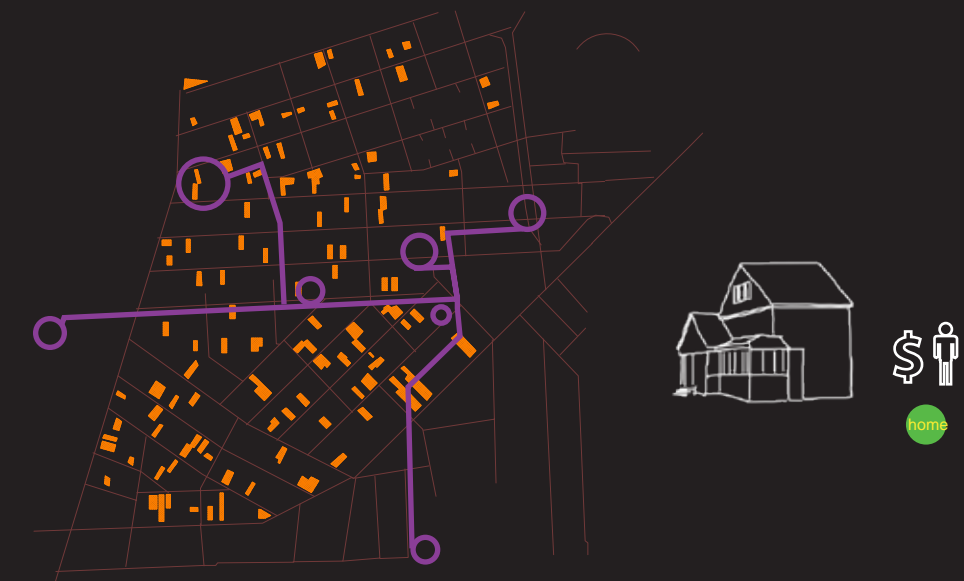


The SALT initiative, which bought a number of residences in the Westside neighborhood, to fix up and resell inexpensively and/or give away for long-term caretakers . Ran out of money

Syracuse Hunger Project: mapped and is identifying problems around food, food access, nutritional health,

The College of Environmental Science and Forestry tested the soil of all the community gardens, finding high levels of lead and arsenic in most

mapping community



Cost to the school and city in taxpayers dollars to have a 40% dropout rate by high school level. Cost to the school and city in taxpayers' dollars to have a 34%, 37%, and 32% proficiency in reading, reading and math, and math on public test scores. Compared to the state averages of 65%, 63%, and 67% respectively. Cost to the range of professions in the neighborhood to have only 4.4% of adults having a college degree or higher.

Cost to consumer to have only \$1,000/day in money sales (store clerk at Nojaims), the bulk of sales paid for with food stamps: choice, freshness, nutritive value,...
Cost to store: limited growth ability?

Benefit to the consumer and environment in the reuse and recycling of items, both in cost and minimizing the amount that lands in the dump.

Cost to send child to daycare in New York State: \$9000/year for a 4 year old (gothamgazette.com)

Benefit of a community center library: access to information at no cost, including current and technology based. Access to a community forum or meeting space. Bringing the broad knowledge of agriculture and food to the urbanite.

Cost to city to have 25% unemployment in the westside neighborhood:
Cost to the neighborhood to have greater than 5.14% homelessness (endhomelessness.org)
in the city.

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year 1

Activity	Count	Icon
Seminars from Master Gardener, Planning	105	Person
Toxins testing, Funding, Donations of tools/materials, Construction	116	Flower
Garden/Food seminars, Construction, Organized volunteer plan	120	Flower
Plant cleansing crop, Decide next season's crops, Composting	119	Flower
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Challenges and Solutions:

- Vandalism** → **aa** Grow a local volunteer base, eyes in neighborhood, fencing, open prospect design
- Inconsistent volunteerism** → **bb** Pull in equal numbers from senior towers, parent base, local elementary, community
- Loss of funding** → **cc** Have other grant/funding sources listed, approach varying organizations with comprehensive plan
- Minimal storage space** → **dd** Used truck as transport/shed, structure from recycled materials,...

year 2

J Nutritional Counseling, **Planning**,
F Addition of plots, Addition of fruit
M trees
A On-site Compost added,
M Borrow/purchase tools/materials
J Preparation of plots
J Insect and Bird biodiversity study,
A Maintenance and harvest, Training of
S adults with master gardeners
O Gardening/cooking by staff, Seek
N alternate funding , Food eat-ins with
D daycare members and volunteers

Stewardship

Education

Employment

Legend:

- ee** Police/community work together, eyes in neighborhood, open prospect design
- ff** Provide incentive for daycare owner/boss to continue plug-in, hire interested staff
- gg** Use of biologically based growing practices

year 3-5

YR 3 Continue to expand range of crops planted
Gardening/cooking incorporated into daycare activities, **Develop plans as model for daycares, Maintenance/harvest**

YR 4 Plot arrangement shifted to plant more remedial crops, **Lend out tools to other daycares starting, Maintenance/harvest**

YR 5 Ground/roofwater collection systems more fully implemented in area, **Establish website, Maintenance and harvest**

Community Pride

Disagreement

Long Term Planning

Equal Access

Water Use Sources

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Drought	Roof-water collection, rain barrels, collection tanks in bio-swales
Airborne Pollutants	Water collection with filtration for heavy metals Grow plants that sequester airborne toxins
Daycare closes	Design for mobility in design of plots, storage and compost facilities. Able to implement at nearby daycare
Bulk of funding lost	Have other grant/funding sources listed, approach varying organizations with comprehensive plan
No money for expansion	Used truck as transport/shed, structure from recycled materials,...

M5+K5+L5 = q5

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It is Saturday afternoon and Kaylee walks over to the **Food Coop**, formerly the Rescue Mission, with her kids to visit their uncle Jamal. He's been living there as part of a food cooperative for the past couple years. Jamal's past work history of small construction jobs had placed him in a good position to help build the member straw bale houses, many of which are currently under construction. The kids, Jerome and Robert, like to play tag football in the **Seymour schoolyard** lot or a game of hoops with him at the courts at **Blodgett**. They also regularly help at the school farm and market stand, since they have been gardening since preschool at the **Community Kids Daycare** and really enjoy it. Robert is completely into the experimental garden that is part of his 6th grade classroom, and Jerome is already wanting to be a chef after many food eat-in events and cooking instruction in the classrooms. Though he is only in 4th grade, he already knows how to cook several dishes, all using the fresh produce grown in the neighborhood, both in home lots and at other local institutions. He also already has a list of chefs he wants to study with when he graduates from high school. Kaylee is happy that her family as well as herself has access to all the fresh produce and fruit that is being cultivated in the westside and throughout Syracuse. The produce section at **Nojaim's supermarket** has almost doubled and Kaylee goes to their composting site to get organic matter for her own backyard plot. Some years back she had been suffering health problems, including obesity and diabetes. She is finally beginning to lose weight and feel more generally healthy, due to both the exercise the gardening activities provide and the better diet. Lots of people in the neighborhood are excited because large vacant fields at the city's edge will be remediated soon in preparation for planting wheat and corn crops. **Community Supported Agriculture** farms in the county have come together in the westside in the last couple of years as well and now provide the neighborhood with fresh meat, milk and eggs as well as the crops that are harder to grow in city lots. **Brown Methodist Church**, which Kaylee attends once a week, is growing flower gardens and fruit trees on the premises and have even taken up a neighboring lot. They sell the flowers for wedding ceremonies as well as for memorials and funerals. The gardeners are members of the congregation who have been trained by master gardeners from throughout the city. An agricultural demonstration park is under construction next to the **Library**, and Kaylee and her kids are excited to see how it turns out. They decide to make that the next destination of their Saturday walk...