

Mapping Prejudice in Minneapolis

Kirsten Delegard

2019

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Racial covenant used in Hennepin County



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Minneapolis Promotional Video, late 1960s



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Poverty Rate

Raking out of the top 25 most populous metros

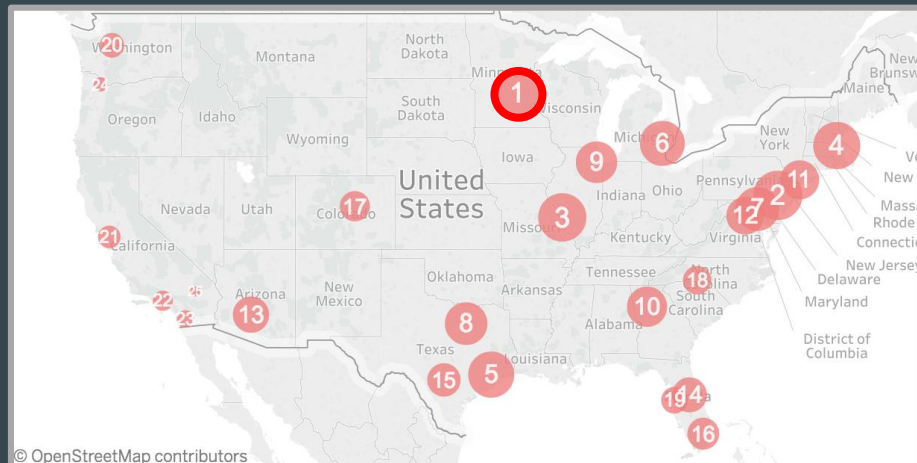
PROSPERITY



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2nd lowest share of total residents living in poverty

DISPARITY



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Highest disparity between the number of white residents and the number of residents of color living in poverty

Homeownership

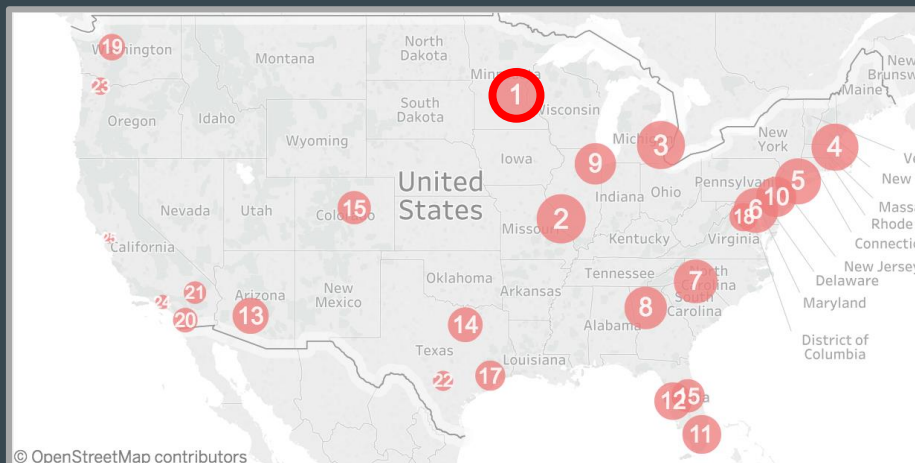
Raking out of the top 25 most populous metros

PROSPERITY



Highest share of residents that own their home

DISPARITY



Largest racial disparity in homeownership

Racial Covenant

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Henry B. Scott & Wf.
to
Wels A. Anderson

THIS INDENTURE, Made on the 25th day of May A. D. One Thousand Nine Hundred and ten (1910) by and between Henry B. Scott and Leonora C. Scott, his wife, by W. P. McFarland, her attorney in fact, of the City of Burlington, Iowa, parties of the first part, and Wels A. Anderson of the County of Hennepin in the State of Minnesota, party of the second part:

WITNESSETH, That the said parties of the first part, in consideration of the sum of Five Hundred Twenty-five and No/100ths (\$525.00) 100 Dollars, to them paid by the said party of the second part, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, do by these presents Grant, Bargain, Sell, Convey and Confirm, unto the said party of the second part, his heirs and assigns, the following described Lots, Tract, or Parcels of Land, lying, being and situate in the County of Hennepin and State of Minnesota, to-wit:

The East One-half (E $\frac{1}{2}$) of Lot numbered Five (5), in Block numbered Eleven (11), Seven Oaks Acres, Minneapolis, Minnesota according to the recorded map or plat thereof on file and of

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then are broken by the grantee herein or his heirs or his assigns, then and in that case this conveyance shall be void.

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TO HAVE AND TO HOLD THE SAME, Together with all the hereditaments and appurtenances thereto in anywise appertaining, and the said Henry B. Scott, one of the parties of the first part does covenant with the said party of the second part his heirs and assigns, as follows: That they are lawfully seized of said premises in fee simple, and that they have good right and power to grant and convey the same; that the same are free from all incumbrances whatsoever except special installments of taxes, if any, levied, but not paid and that the said party of the second part his heirs and assigns, shall quietly enjoy and possess the same: and that the said parties of the first part will WARRANT AND DEFEND the title to the same against all lawful claims.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the said parties of the first part have hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year first above written.

Signed, Sealed and Delivered
in Presence of
E R Hanbold
Edwin J Smith

Henry B Scott (Seal)
Leonora C Scott (Seal)
by W.P. McFarland Atty in fact.

D. No noxious or offensive trade or activity shall be carried on upon any lot nor shall anything be done thereon which may be or become an annoyance or nuisance to the neighborhood.

E. No persons of any race other than the Aryan race shall use or occupy any building or any lot, except that this covenant shall not prevent occupancy by domestic servants of a different race domiciled with an owner or tenant.

"And this condition and covenant shall run with the land and bind the heirs, executors administrators and assigns of the party of the second part." (The grantee therein.)

"This deed is further given on the express condition that, and the party of the second part agrees, that the said premises shall not at any time be sold, conveyed, leased, or sublet, or occupied by any person or persons who are not full bloods of the so-called Caucasian or White race.

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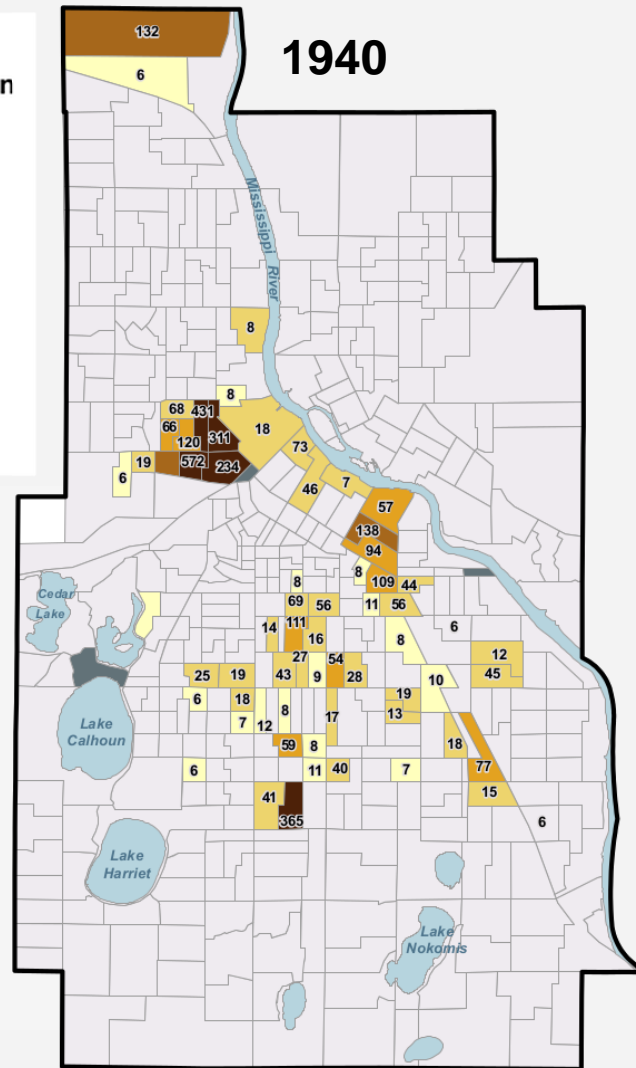
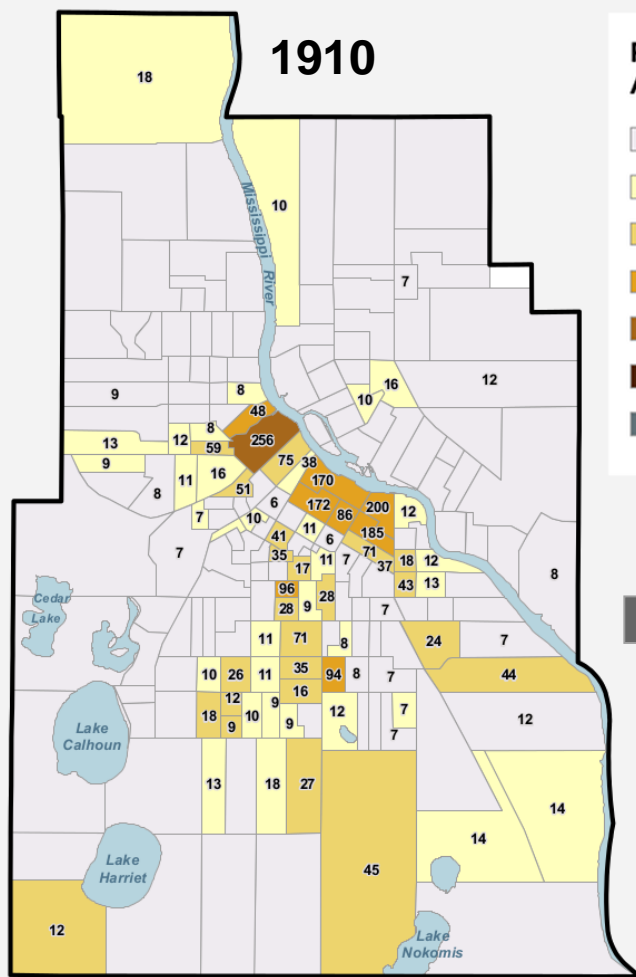


Part of Crowd About Negro's Home

Stones Again Hurlled at House on Colum-Bus Avenue.

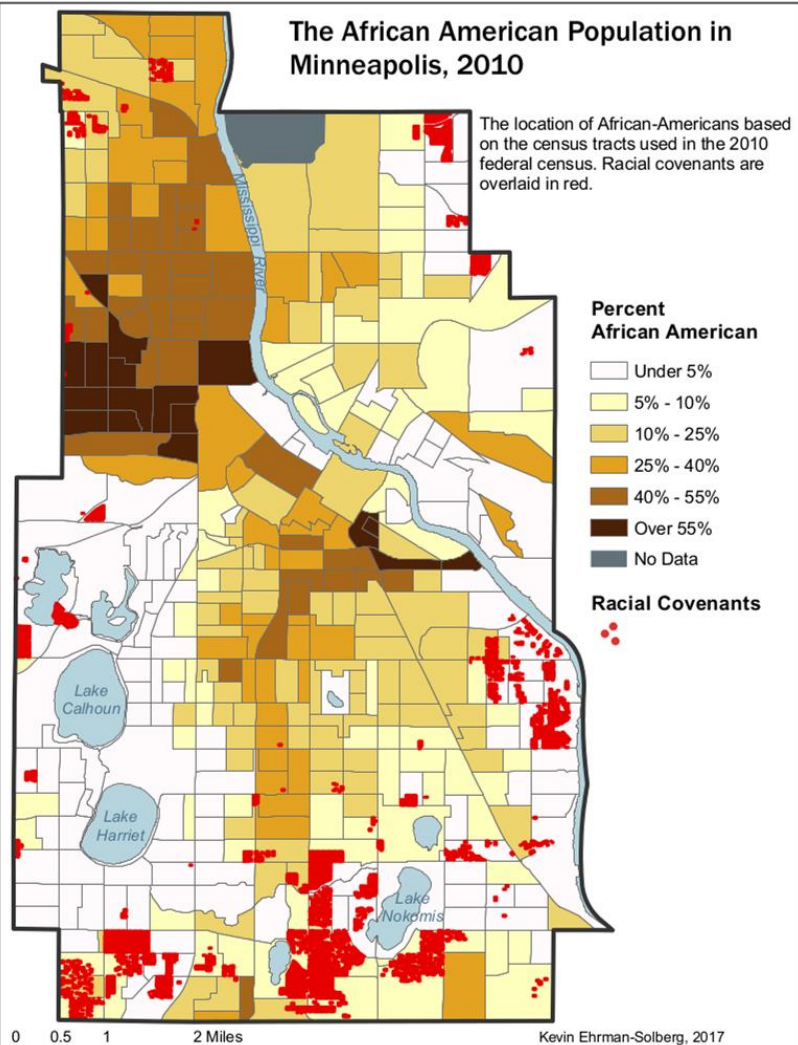


*Crowd of 3,000 Renews
Attack on Negroes' Home*



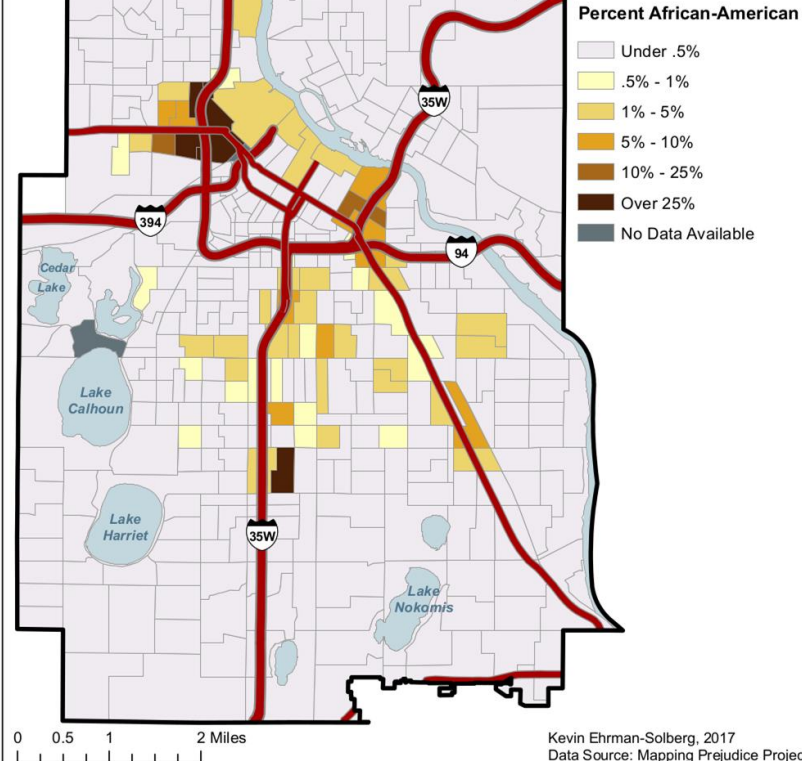
The African American Population in Minneapolis, 2010

The location of African-Americans based on the census tracts used in the 2010 federal census. Racial covenants are overlaid in red.



The African American Population in Minneapolis, 1940

This map shows the location of historic African-American communities in Minneapolis based on the enumeration districts used in the 1940 federal census. Contemporary highways and interstates are shown in red.





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Saint Paul, March 26th 1864

CHARLES SCHEFFER, State Treasurer,

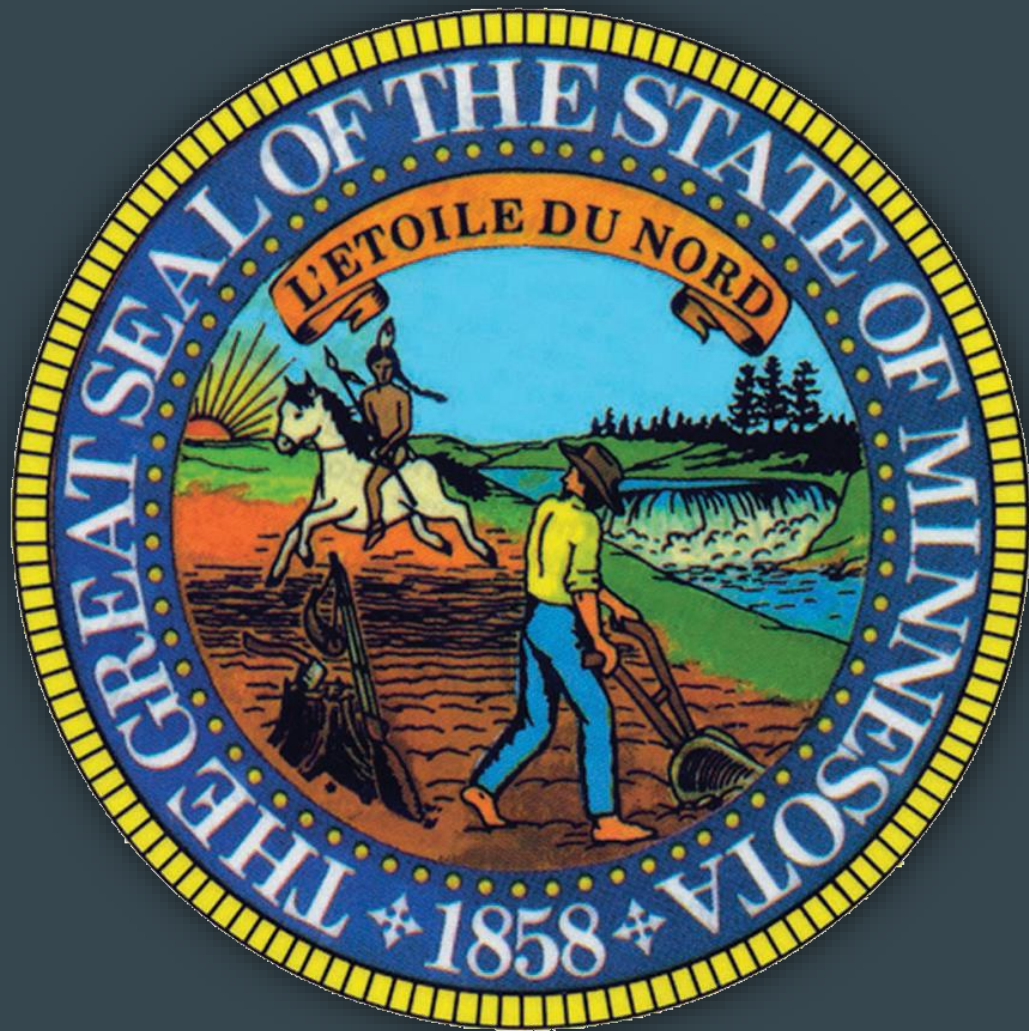
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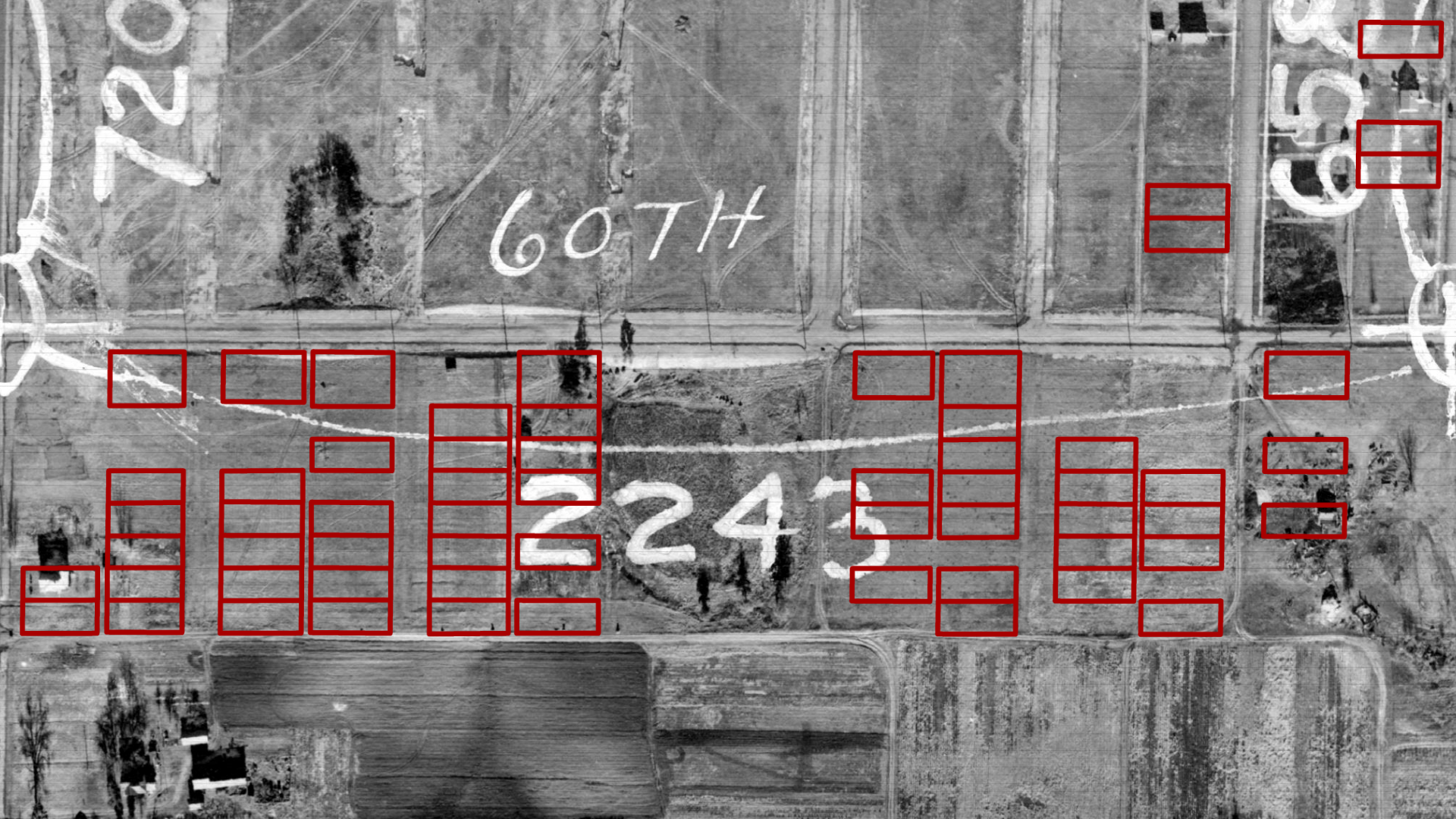
Five-hundred 100 Dollars,

The same being for Killing Little Crow

Fund Nathan Samson

Chas. A. McWhorter
State Auditor.





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LAKE OF THE ISLES BARGAIN



I appeal to the instincts of those about to marry. Isn't this the most remarkable offering you ever heard of. Restrictions—

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A fellow cannot interest the dollar without using dollar instincts, and this lot is purposely slashed in price to attract the dollar. The map shows you where it is and what it looks at. The lot has curb and gutter, stone sidewalk, city water, gas and electricity. It is a beautiful lot, high and commanding, with a frontage of 75 feet and a depth of 140 feet. Mr. Stiff lives next door, at 2815 Benton boulevard.

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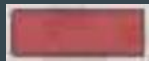


Victor and Florence Delegard move into their new home, 1942

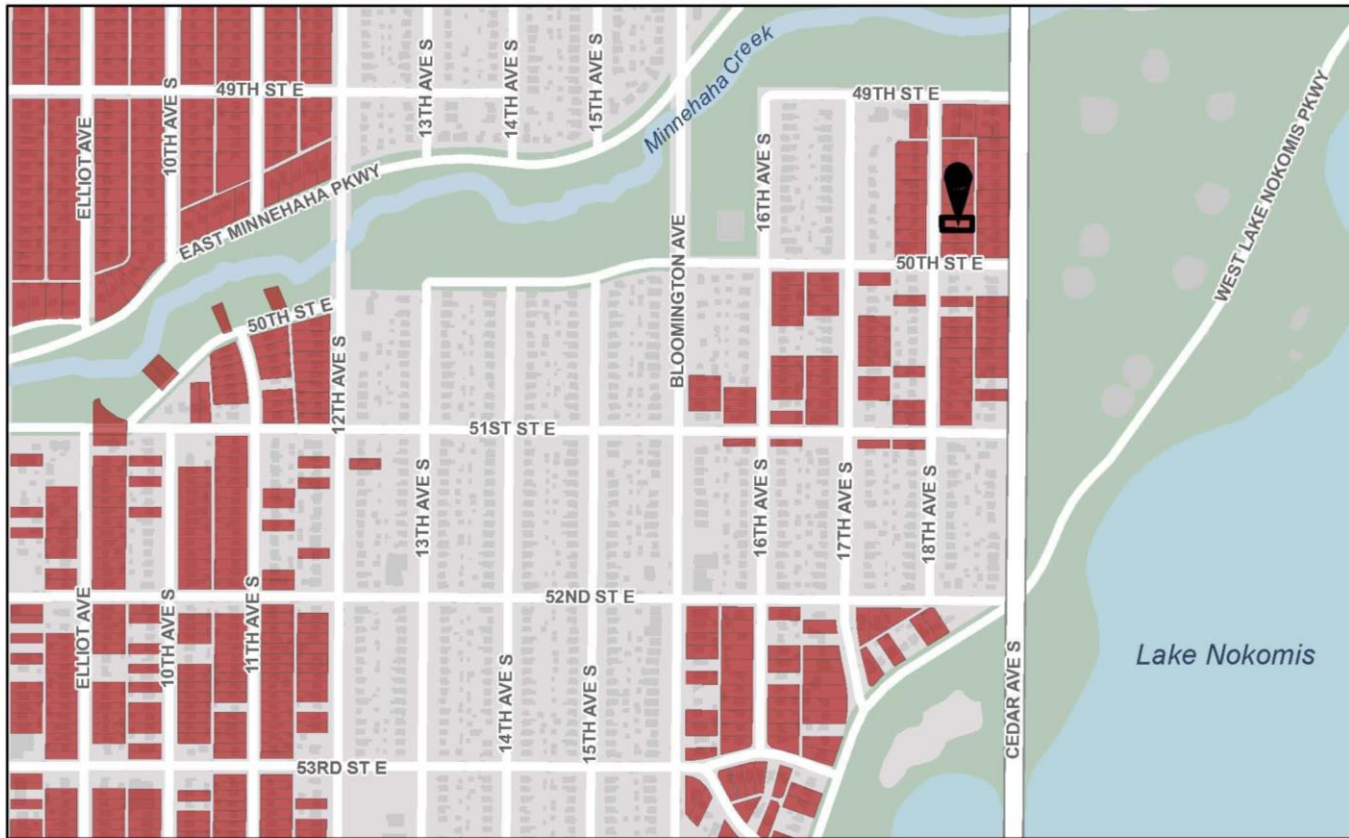




Delegard
family home
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Racial
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Children at Lake Nokomis

January, 1941



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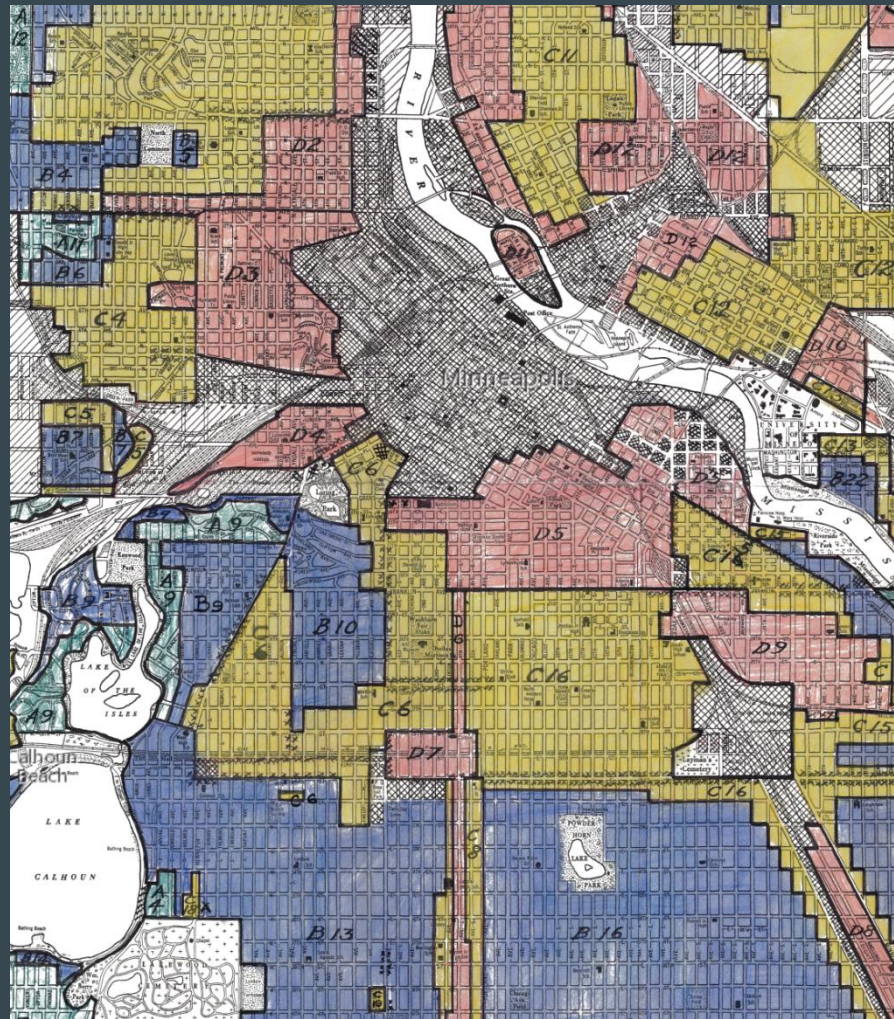
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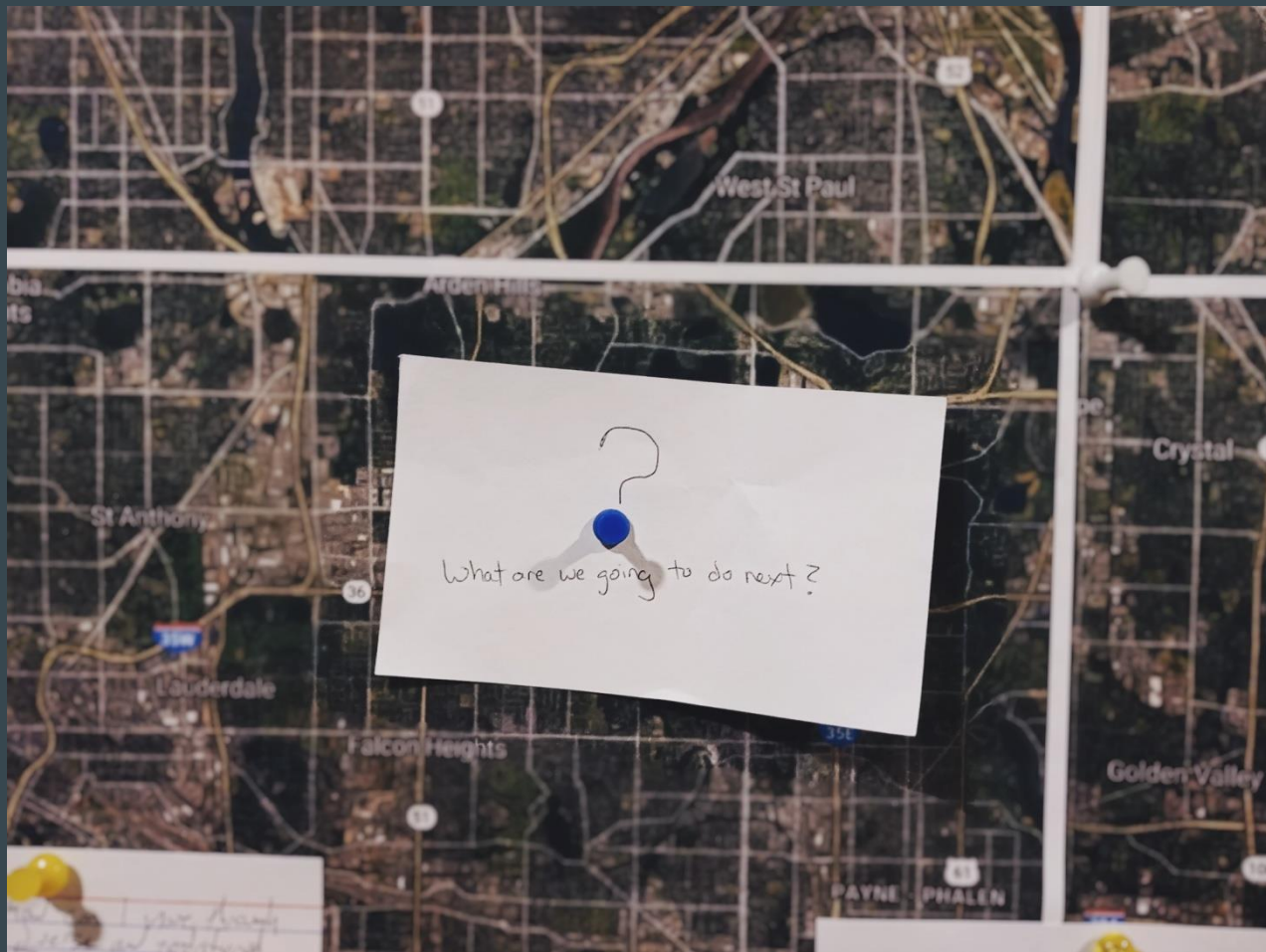
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Redlining Map Minneapolis

1930s





What are we going to do next?

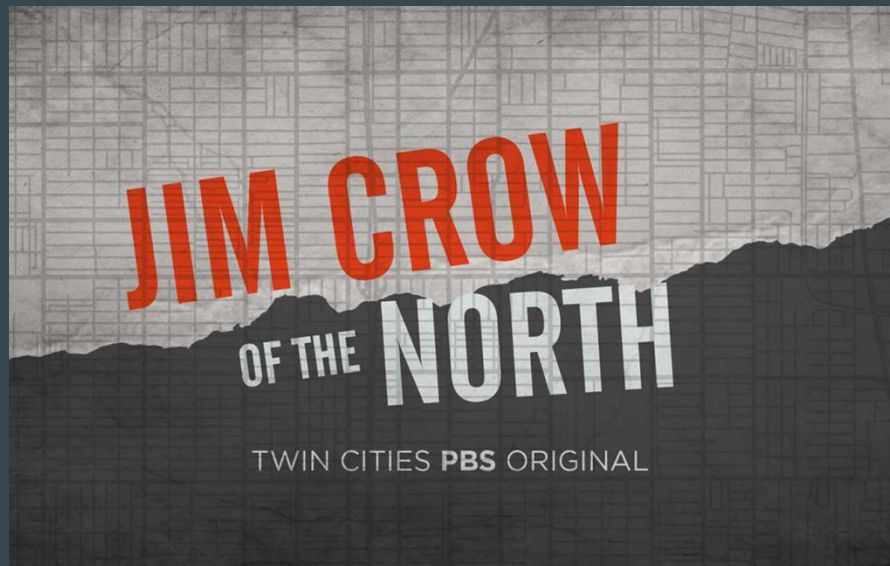


Zooniverse

- Crowd-sourcing platform for big data
- Volunteers look at flagged deeds and answer a series of questions
- Answers exported and used to map restricted lots

The screenshot displays a Zooniverse project interface. On the left, a document page is shown with the page number '420' at the top. The document text includes a notary public statement for Florence M. DuBose, Notary Public, Hennepin Co., Minn., whose commission expires July 15th, 1925. Below this, a line of text reads 'Doc. No. 1207791 Filed Apr 21 1924, at 1:20 o'clock P. M.'. The main body of the document is a deed dated February 6th, 1924, involving Seven Oaks Corporation and William G. Iversen. The deed describes a lot in Hennepin County, Minnesota, and mentions a recorded map or plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the Register of Deeds in and for said Hennepin County, State of Minnesota.

On the right side of the interface, there is a sidebar with instructions and a data entry form. The instructions state: 'The recorded date usually comes at the top of the deed. This date will always be the same or later than the executed date. It is often referred to as the "filed date" in the document.' Below this, there is a button labeled 'Need Some Help With This Task?'. The form section is titled 'When was the deed recorded?' and contains three dropdown menus for 'Month (recorded)', 'Date (recorded)', and 'Year (recorded)'. At the bottom of the sidebar, there are buttons for 'Back', 'Next', and 'Show the project tutorial'.





Minnesota Governor Tim Walz signs covenants bill, June 11, 2019



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