

Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice (AI)

Public Meeting
February 6, 2017
City Council Chambers

Definitions

Fair Housing is the right to choose housing free from unlawful discrimination

- Federal, state, and local laws protect people from discrimination in housing transactions such as rentals, sales, mortgage lending, and insurance
- Protected Class: Group of people with a common characteristic who are legally protected from discrimination on the basis of that characteristic
 - Federal: race, color, national origin, ancestry, age, marital status, familial status, disability, religion
 - State: military status, sexual orientation, order of protection status
 - o Local: source of income

Definitions (cont.)

An Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice is an analysis of fair housing data, an assessment of fair housing issues, identification of impediments to fair housing choice, and development of an action plan to overcome impediments

Fair Housing Obligation

As recipients of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, the City is legally obligated to **Affirmatively Further Fair Housing**:

- The City must work to stop housing discrimination, and
- The City must work to de-segregate and integrate any racially concentrated areas of poverty in Naperville

Completing the AI is required to meet this obligation

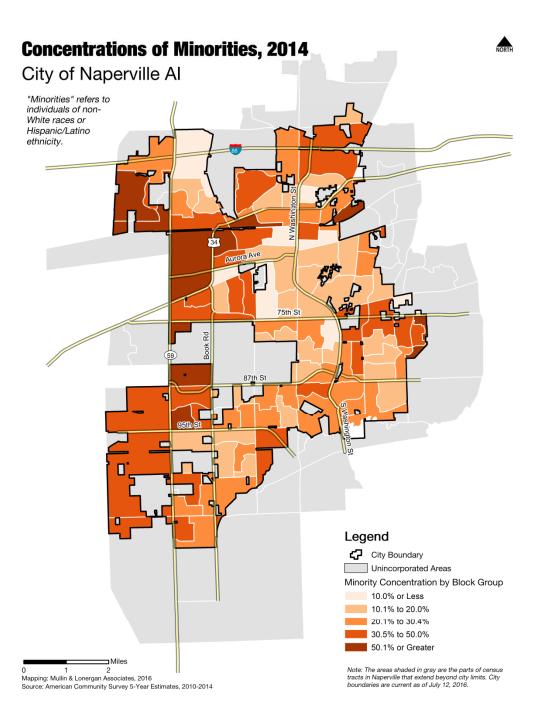
Al Process

- Community and stakeholder outreach
 - Initial public meeting held at Housing Advisory Commission, July 11, 2016
 - Met with staff and stakeholders week of July 11, 2016 to gather feedback
 - Online community survey 205 respondents
- Review goals in previous AI and assess progress
- Analysis of demographic, economic, housing market trends
- Identify impediments to fair housing choice based on outreach and data analysis
- Develop action plan to overcome impediments

Al Process (continued)

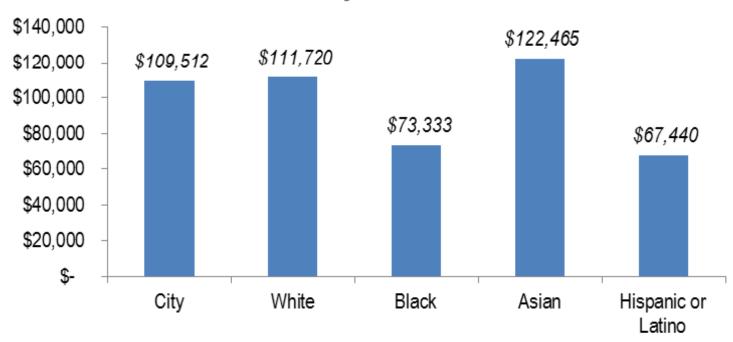
- Public meeting on draft AI held February 6, 2017
- Comments on draft Al accepted through February 21, 2017

Summary of Findings

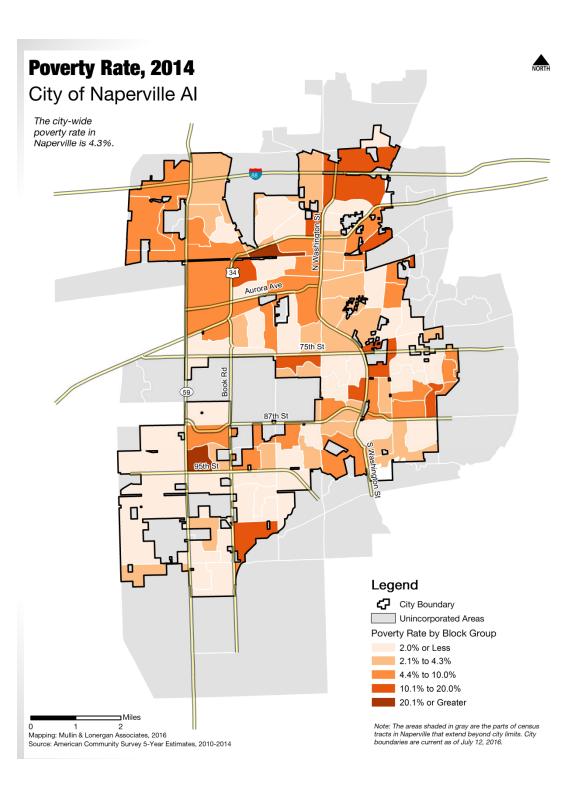


Naperville is becoming more racially and ethnically diverse, with a large Asian community and a growing Hispanic population.

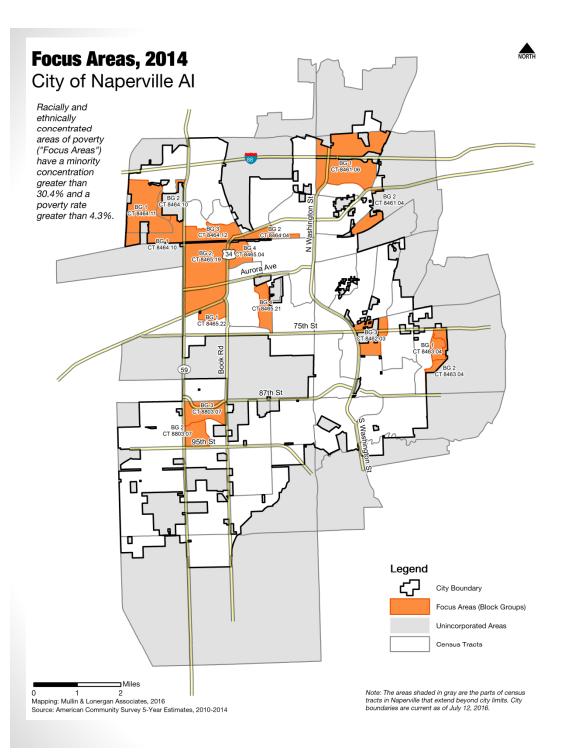
Median Household Income in Naperville, 2014



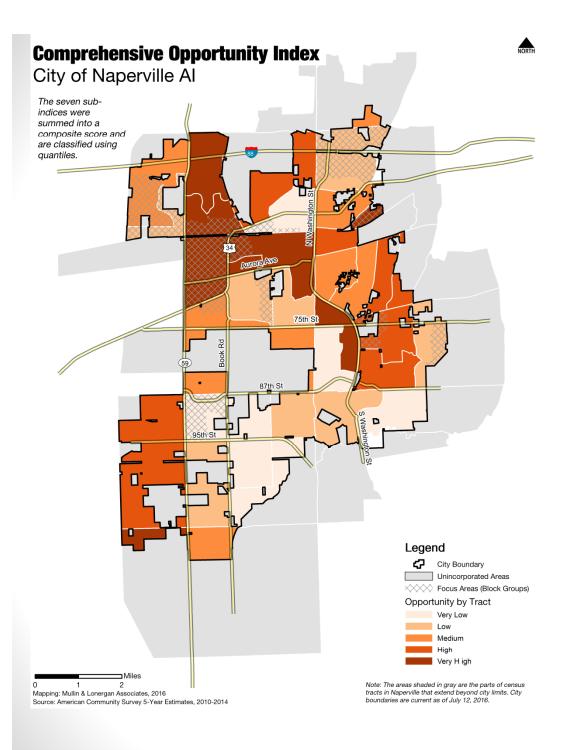
Generally, Naperville's residents have high incomes, with a median household income of \$109,512. There is a vast income disparity between racial and ethnic groups, however, with Black and Hispanic residents earning far less than the City's White and Asian population.



Poverty in Naperville is generally very low (4.3%), but there are some areas in the City with higher than average poverty levels.



Some areas of
Naperville have both
higher poverty rates
and racial/ethnic
minority concentrations
than the City overall –
these are called "Focus
Areas"



Some Focus Areas are located in Census
Tracts with high access to opportunity.

Opportunity measured according to national indexes: job proximity, environmental health, access to transportation, school proficiency, labor market participation, exposure to poverty.

Fair Housing Action Plan

Impediments

- Fair housing education and outreach efforts continue to be necessary to educate residents about their rights and responsibilities and to deter housing discrimination
- Persons with limited English proficiency may not be able to fully access Naperville's housing and community development programs and services for which they are eligible due to language barriers
- An inadequate supply of affordable housing throughout Naperville
- The public transportation system within Naperville restricts housing choice and access to employment and education opportunities for residents who are transitdependent

Goal	Action Items
Increase fair housing education and outreach opportunities available to residents; landlords, property	1A. Designate the Housing Advisory Commission as the entity responsible for overseeing the implementation of this Fair Housing Action Plan with support from the staff liaison to the Housing Advisory Commission, the Transportation, Engineering, and Development (TED) Business Group and the City Clerk's Office
	1B. Contract with a HUD-certified fair housing organization to conduct paired real estate testing in the rental market based on source of income, disability and race
	1C. Contract with a HUD-certified fair housing organization to conduct fair housing education and outreach workshops for residents, landlords, real estate agents, property management agents, lenders, City staff, City Council, and City boards and commissions
	1D. Contract with a HUD-certified homebuyer counseling organization to provide homebuyer education and financial management training, especially for groups with low homeownership rates
	1E. Direct all housing discrimination complaints received from City residents to a HUD-certified fair housing organization for investigation and enforcement
	1F. Amend Title 10, Section 5, §10-5-6-1 of the Naperville Municipal Code to allow a housing discrimination complaint to be investigated as long as it is filed within one year of the alleged unlawful act that forms the basis of the complaint
	1G. Annually review progress on achieving the AI goals and objectives

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Ensure that persons with limited English proficiency can access the City's affordable housing and community development services and programs	2A. Develop and implement a Language Access Plan that conforms to HUD'S Final Guidance to Federal Financial Assistance Recipients Regarding Title VI Prohibition Against National Origin Discrimination Affecting Limited English Proficient Persons (72 Fed. Reg. 13; Jan. 22, 2007)
	3A. Prepare an Affordable Housing Plan to determine the degree to which affordable housing demand exceeds current housing supply; implement any recommendations as supplemental initiatives to this Fair Housing Action Plan
Expand affordable housing choice throughout Naperville to meet existing and future market demand for members of the protected classes	3B. Fully integrate planning for affordable housing and fair housing into the comprehensive planning and implementation process with plan amendments
	3C. Identify parcels of land appropriate for rezoning for multi-family development; amend the City Zoning Map to rezone these parcels and create opportunities for new affordable housing development

Goal	Action Items
	4A. Work with social service providers to better understand the transportation needs of the protected classes and other lower income households
connect lower income neighborhoods and affordable housing communities	4B. Establish a formal policy of locating public service facilities for City agencies on bus lines, whenever possible, and encourage other agencies (e.g. social services) to do the same
	4C. Work with Chicago RTA and PACE to coordinate future transit route development with the review and approval process for affordable housing development

Next Steps

Adoption of Al

- Comments on draft Al accepted through February 21, 2017
- Draft is available online:
 - http://www.naperville.il.us/residents/fair-housing-anddiscrimination/affirmatively-furthering-fair-housing/
- Comments will be summarized in the final document and incorporated as revisions as appropriate
- City Council will vote to adopt the Al after the public comment period is over – either in late February or early March.

Accountability

- Goals will be incorporated into the City's annual action plan, which discusses how CDBG funds will be spent, as appropriate
- HAC will regularly evaluate progress on Fair Housing Action Plan
- Progress will be formally evaluated through required annual reports to HUD

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