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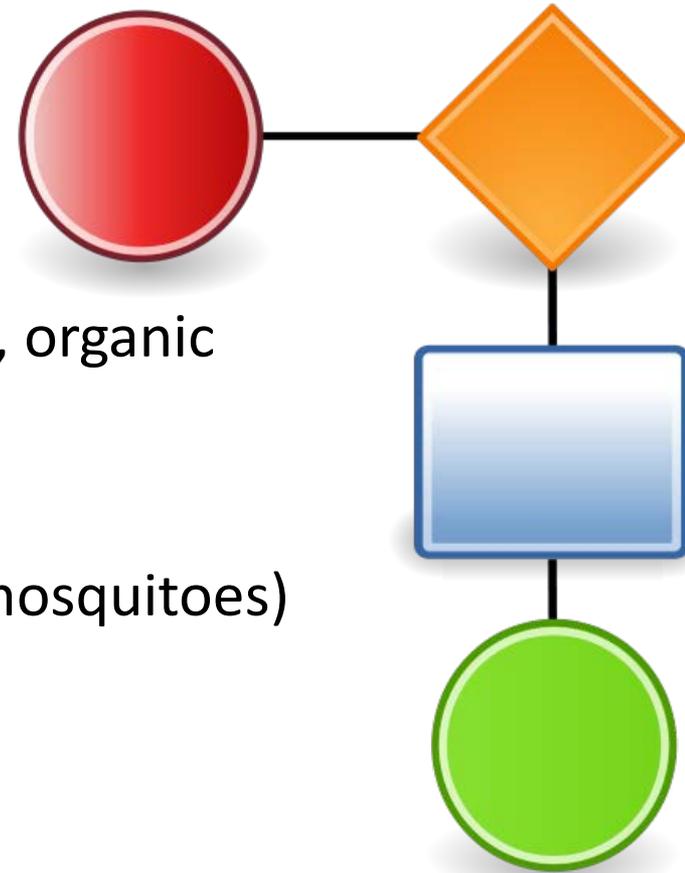
Eau Claire City-County Health Department: Neighborhood Improvement Programs

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Housing as a “Determinant” of Health Outcomes

- Sanitary conditions
- Fire prevention
- Safety hazards
- Indoor air pollutants (CO, mold, organic chemicals, radon)
- Lead and asbestos
- Insects (fleas, roaches, mites, mosquitoes)
- Rats, mice and other animals





Neighborhood Activities

- Public Health Nursing Home Visits
- Garbage Complaint Program
- Housing Complaint Program
- Rooming House Licensing Program
- Intensified Housing Code Compliance Program
- Radon Information Center Program
- Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program

Garbage Ordinance

- Complaint-based reactive program
- 450 – 500 complaints/year
- Efficiencies in recent years



Housing Code



- Based on the American Public Health Association and Center for Disease Control “Housing and Health” model code
- Establishes minimum standards
 - Provide a reasonable degree of sanitation, safety, and quality of life
 - Preserve and conserve dwellings

Housing Complaint Program

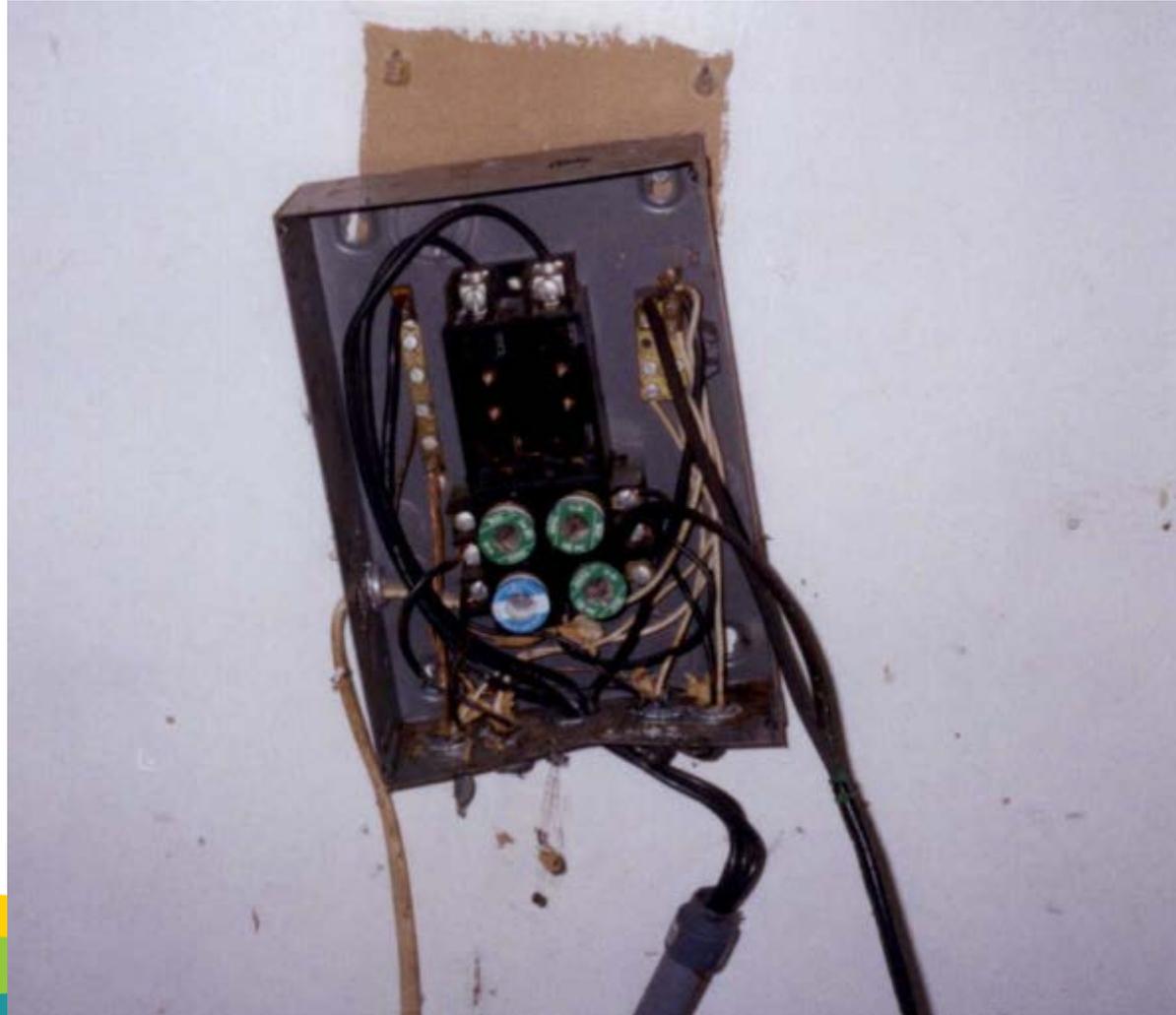
- Complaint-based reactive program
- 800 – 1300 complaints/year
- So what are we finding?



Mold



Electrical



Pressurized Tanks



Lead Hazards



Siding



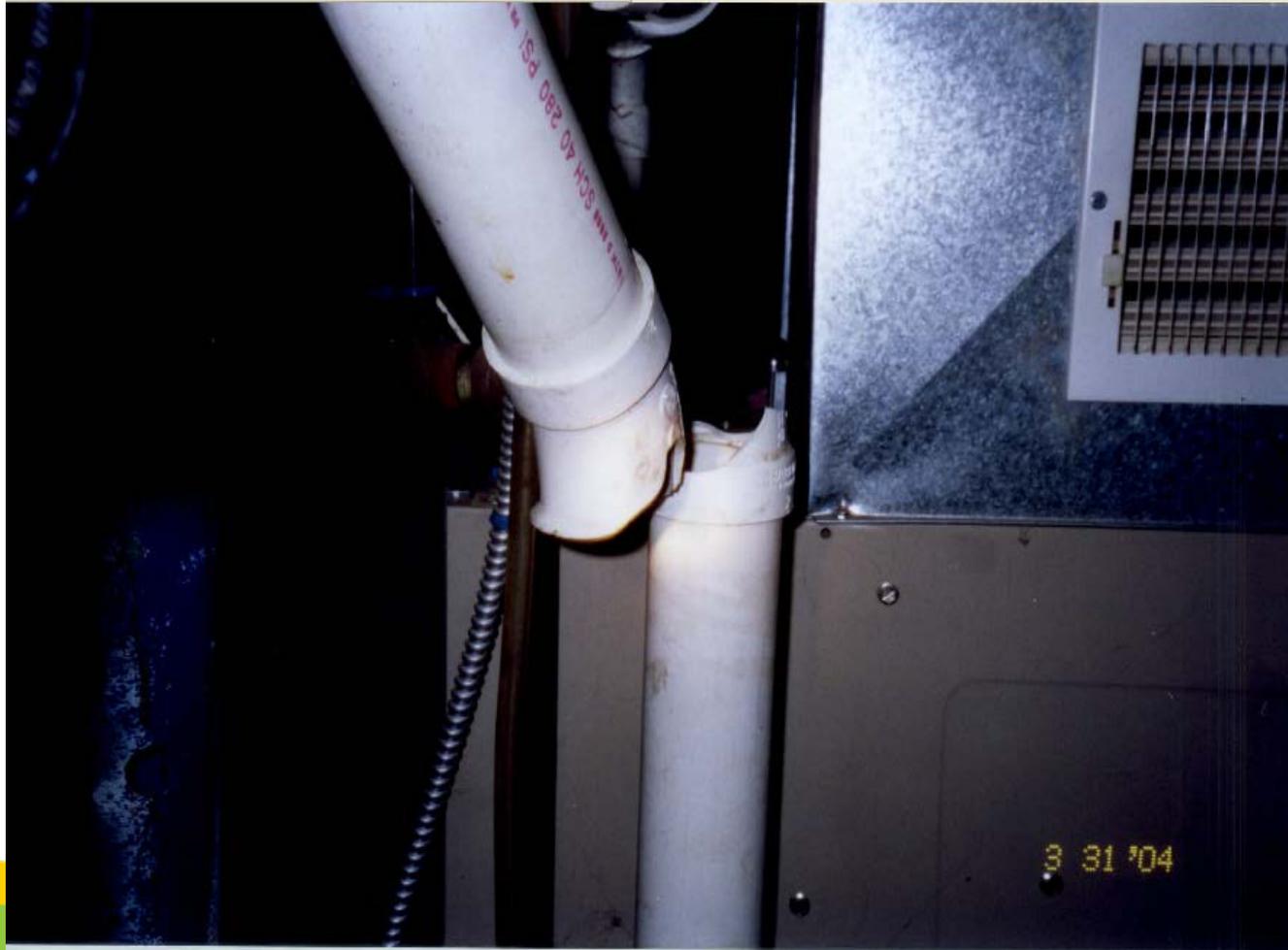
Sewage Back-up



Wood Burning Exhaust



Carbon Monoxide Risks



Asbestos Risks



Garbage



Hoarding



Children's Toys Amidst Feces



Animal Abuse



Basic Amenities



Intensified Housing Code Compliance

- Initiated in 1980 in response to neighborhood associations concerns about deteriorated housing
 - Priority based proactive housing inspections determined by:
 - Surveys that rate exterior property conditions
 - Input from neighborhood association
 - 4,100 + homes brought into compliance
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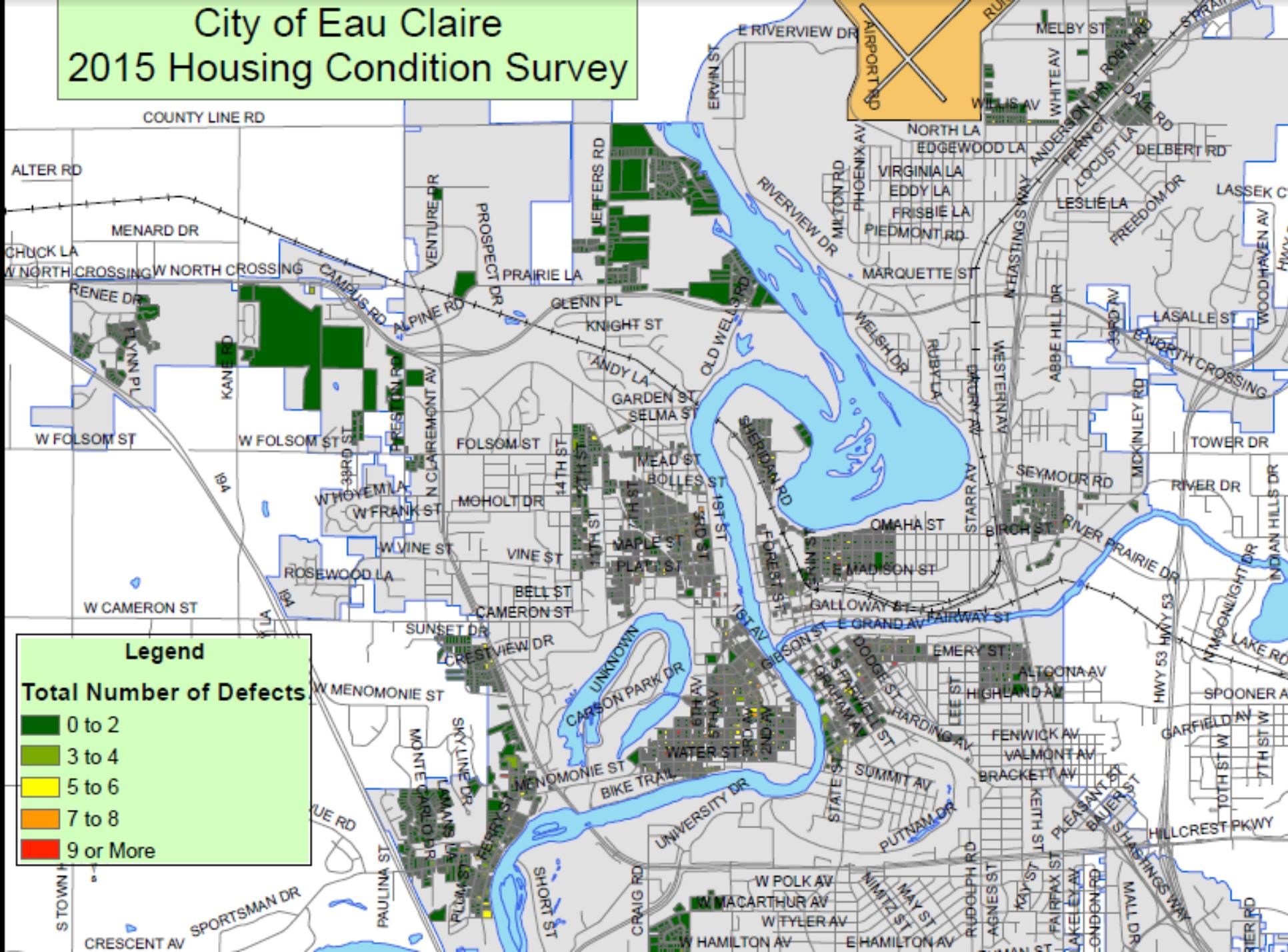
Residential Exterior Condition Survey

- Provides an objective tool to assess the physical quality of the residential environment
 - Provides an objective means to prioritize and select dwellings to be inspected for compliance with the housing code.
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Survey Methodology

- Exterior criteria selected to evaluate housing conditions
 - Criteria rating system developed
 - Low income neighborhoods selected to survey
 - Visual exterior inspections done of each home (approximately 7,000 homes)
 - GIS utilized for recording and assessment of survey data
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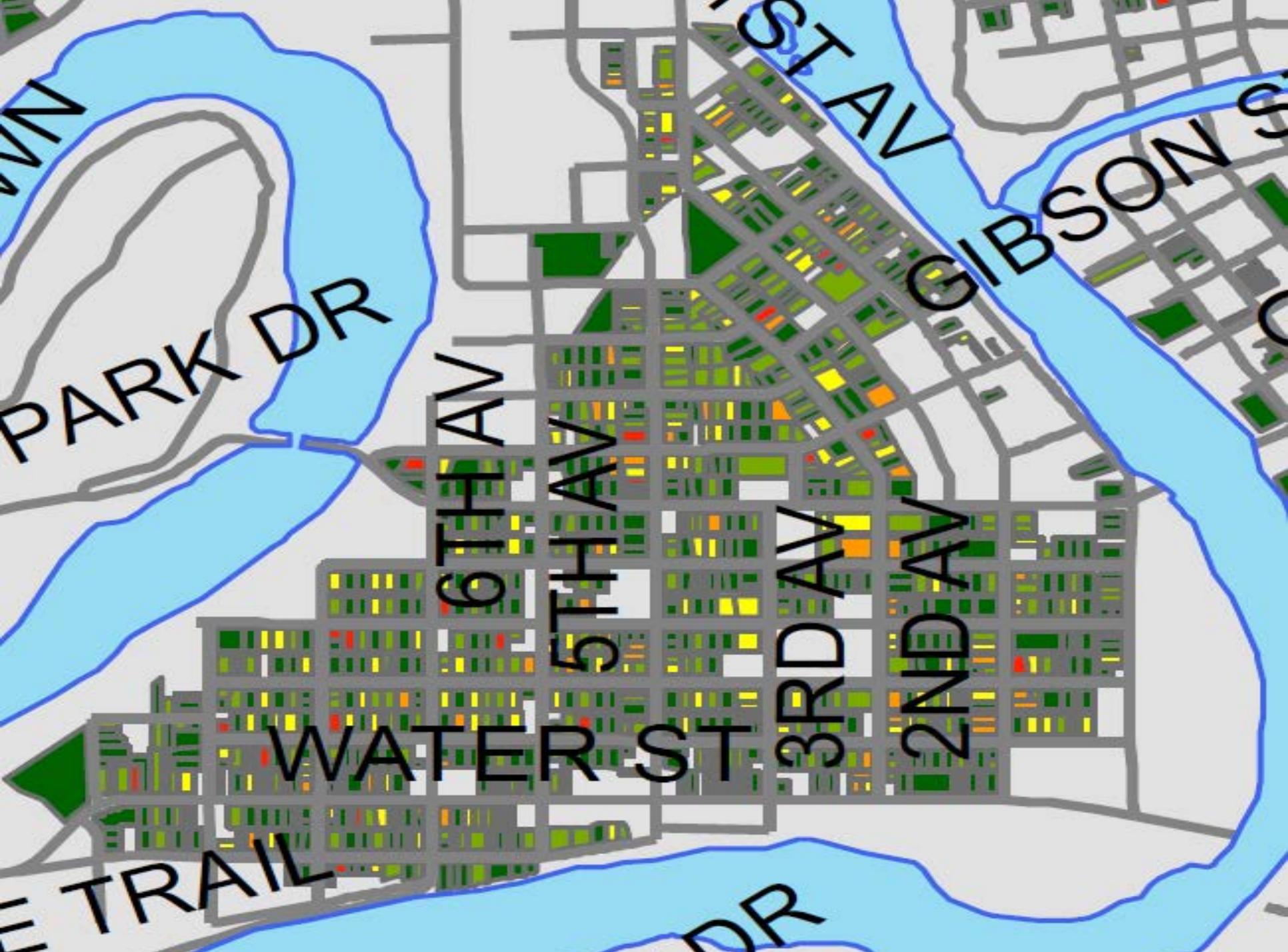
City of Eau Claire 2015 Housing Condition Survey



Legend

Total Number of Defects

- 0 to 2
- 3 to 4
- 5 to 6
- 7 to 8
- 9 or More



Application of survey Data

- Prioritizing housing code enforcement
 - Measuring changes/outcomes
 - Partners that make the program possible
 - City Housing Authority
 - City Community Development Department
 - Neighborhood Associations
 - Police and Fire Departments
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Wrap-up

- Environmental Health Programming
 - Garbage Program
 - Housing Complaint Program
 - Rooming House Inspection Program
 - Intensified Housing Code Compliance Program
 - The Importance of “Place”
 - Housing as a Determinant of Health
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Thanks for your time!

QUESTIONS?