Place-Based Policing

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Policing has long focused on individuals.

Three important points.

1. Police have to respond to individual cases of victimization.

2. The individual approach is not enough to prevent, reduce, or deter crime.

3. The crime and disorder canvas can be responsive to changes in deployment, policies, and practices.
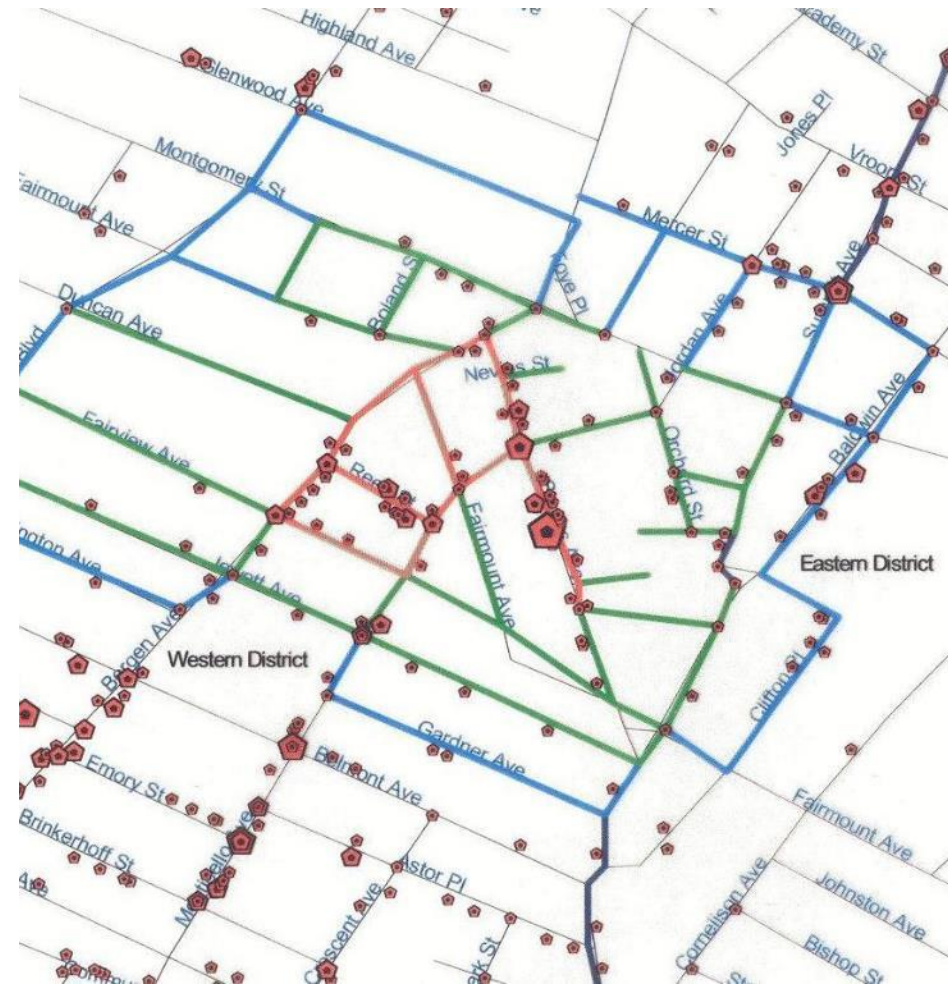
Place-Based Policing

- Community/neighborhood-based policing

- Repeat address/location problem-solving

- Crime prevention through environmental design (CPTED)

- Situational crime prevention

- Hot spots policing

- Collaborative policing/third party policing

- Pulling levers at places
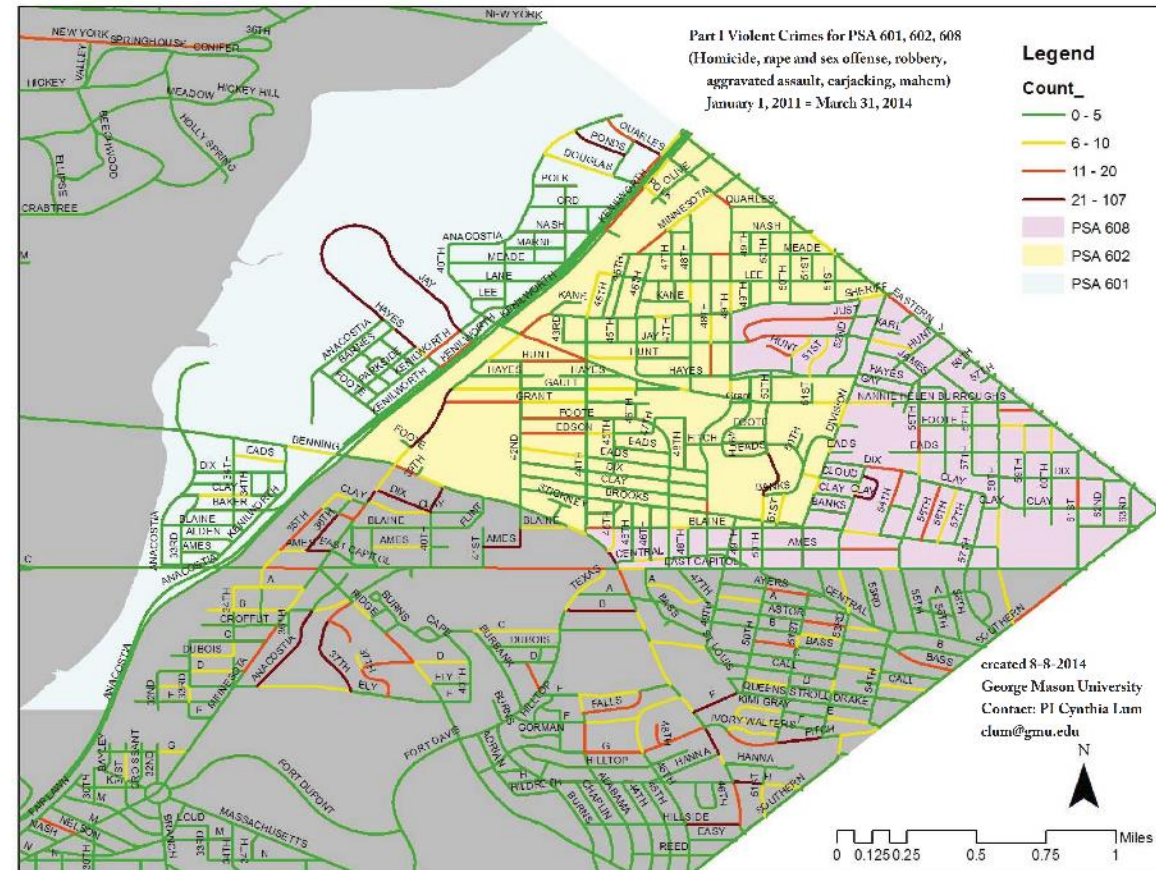
Justification for Place-Based Policing

- Crime concentrates, and at very small locations.

- Concentration of crime at place is stable over time.

- Environmental, routine, structural, situational explanations.

- When police focus on places, they can reduce crime at those places.

- Spatial displacement is not consistently found in place-based studies.

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4. Engage the community when deploying at crime concentrations.

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