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RESEARCH-PRACTICE- COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS FOR CRIME PREVENTION: LESSONS FROM SEATTLE

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A COMMUNITY-LED, NON-ARREST APPROACH TO YOUTH HOT SPOTS



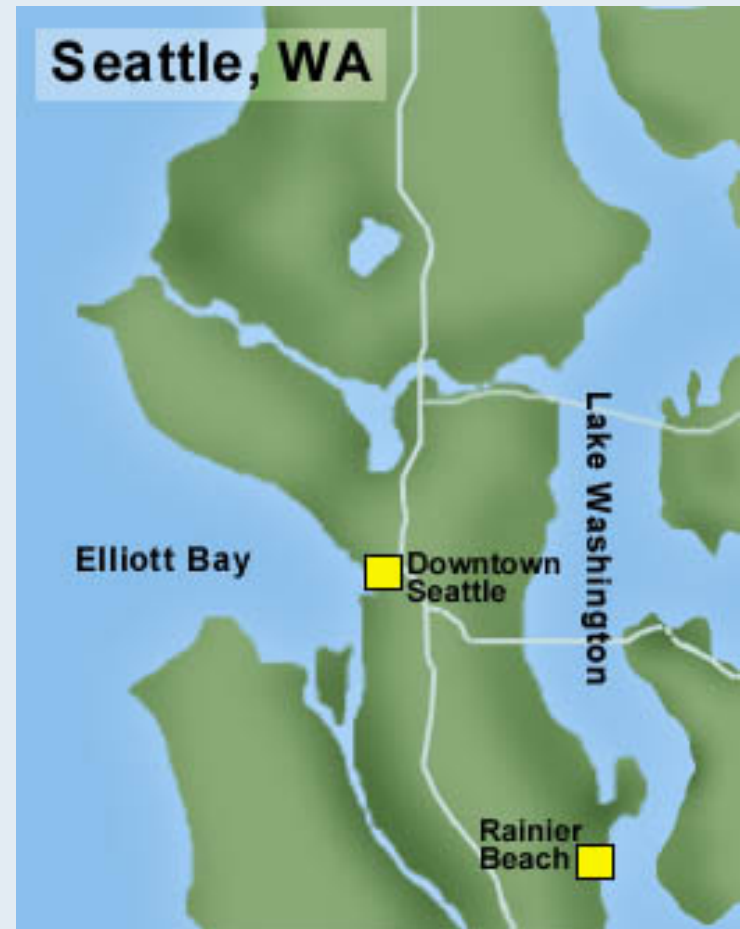
- Rainier Beach (southeast Seattle)
- Bureau of Justice Assistance
- January 2013—December 2015
- Research partners: GMU-CEBCP, Seattle Youth Violence Prevention Initiative, Seattle Neighborhood Group

ADDRESSING A GAP: COMMUNITY AS SOURCE OF CRIME PREVENTION

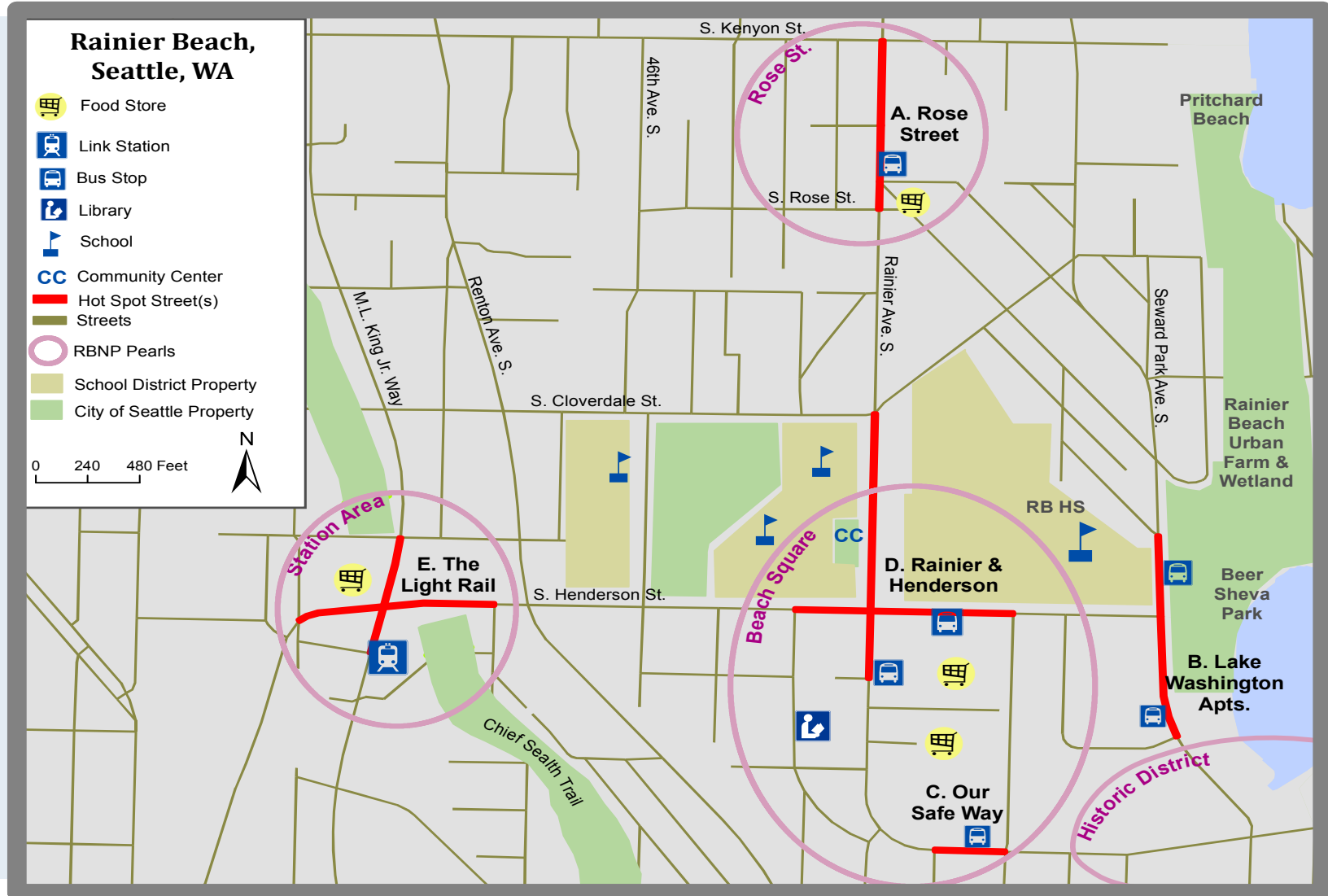
- Central role of the community
 - Legitimacy vs. collective efficacy
 - Problem-solving within groups rather than imposing solutions
 - Building a foundation for longer-term crime control gains
 - Sustainability

RAINIER BEACH

- Diverse community
- 167 languages
- Crime risk factors
 - unemployment
 - lack of social programs
 - entrenched drug market/gang activity
- Strong community organizing resources



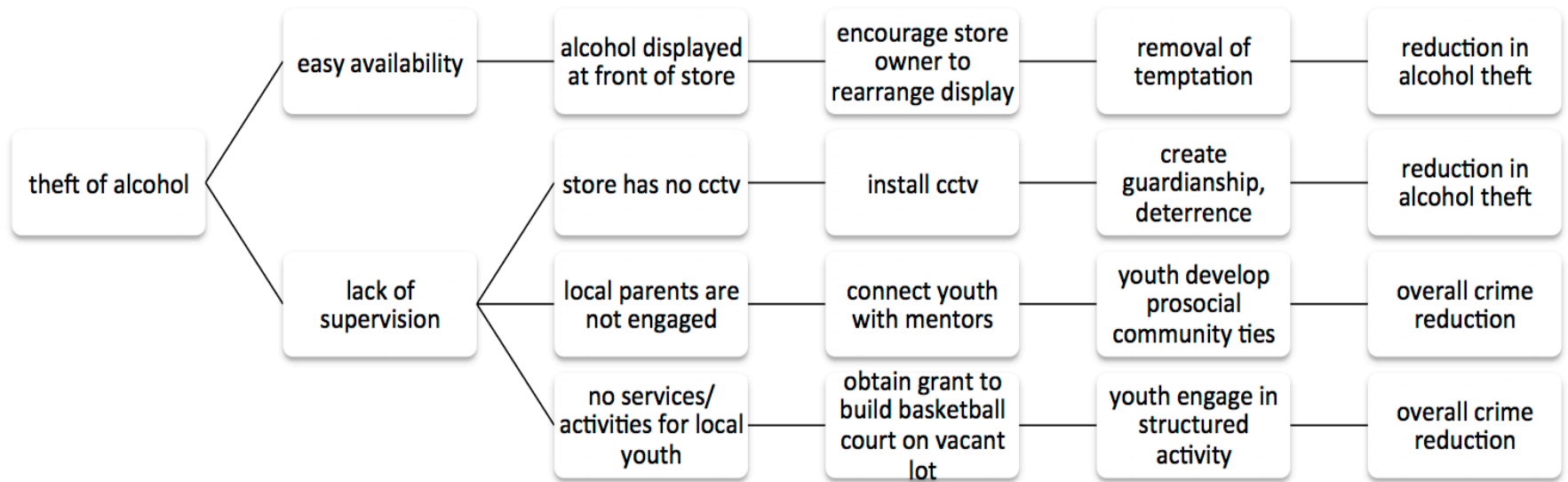
STEP 1: IDENTIFY HOT SPOTS



STEP 2: IDENTIFY NON-ARREST STRATEGIES

- Increasing structured socializing and supervision
- Changing the local environment
- Changing policies
- Building collective efficacy

STEP 3: EMPOWER LOCAL COMMUNITIES



Problem

Risk factor

Local condition

Strategy

Mechanism of effectiveness

Expected outcome

STEP 4: EVALUATION

- Two-level quasi-experimental design
 - Did the intervention reduce crime in hot spots compared to matched controls?
 - Did the intervention reduce youth crime in Rainier Beach relative to comparison neighborhoods?
 - Residents nested in hot spots
- Data collection
 - Police incidents and calls for service
 - Community surveys
 - Process data from task forces



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Using systematic Community Problem-Solving model borrowed from public health.

1. Identify hot spots
2. Build local task forces
3. Collect and analyze data
4. Establish priorities for action (using logic model)
5. Select and implement evidence-based strategies
6. Evaluate, adapt, adjust, and modify.

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THANK YOU



Questions?

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