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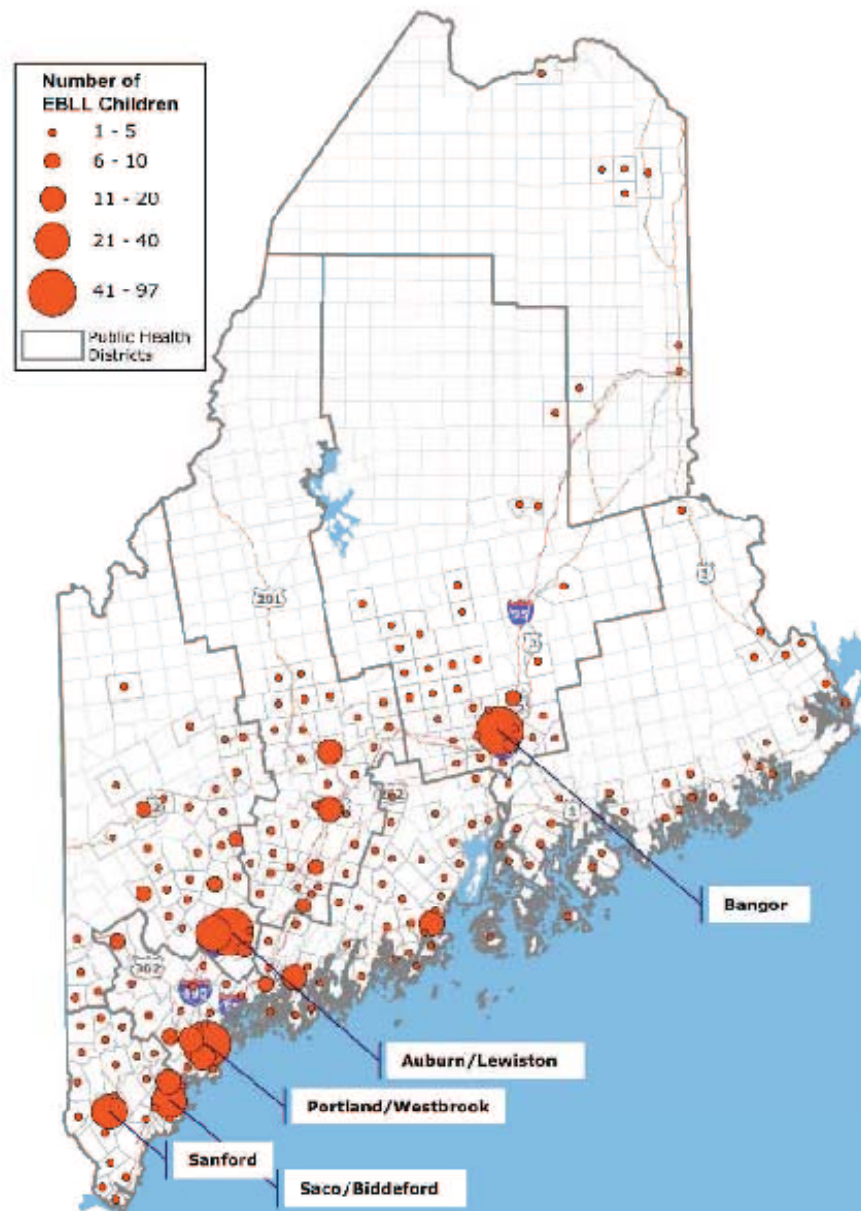
The Neighborhood Housing League

Code Enforcement, Lead and
Partnerships

History: the cause

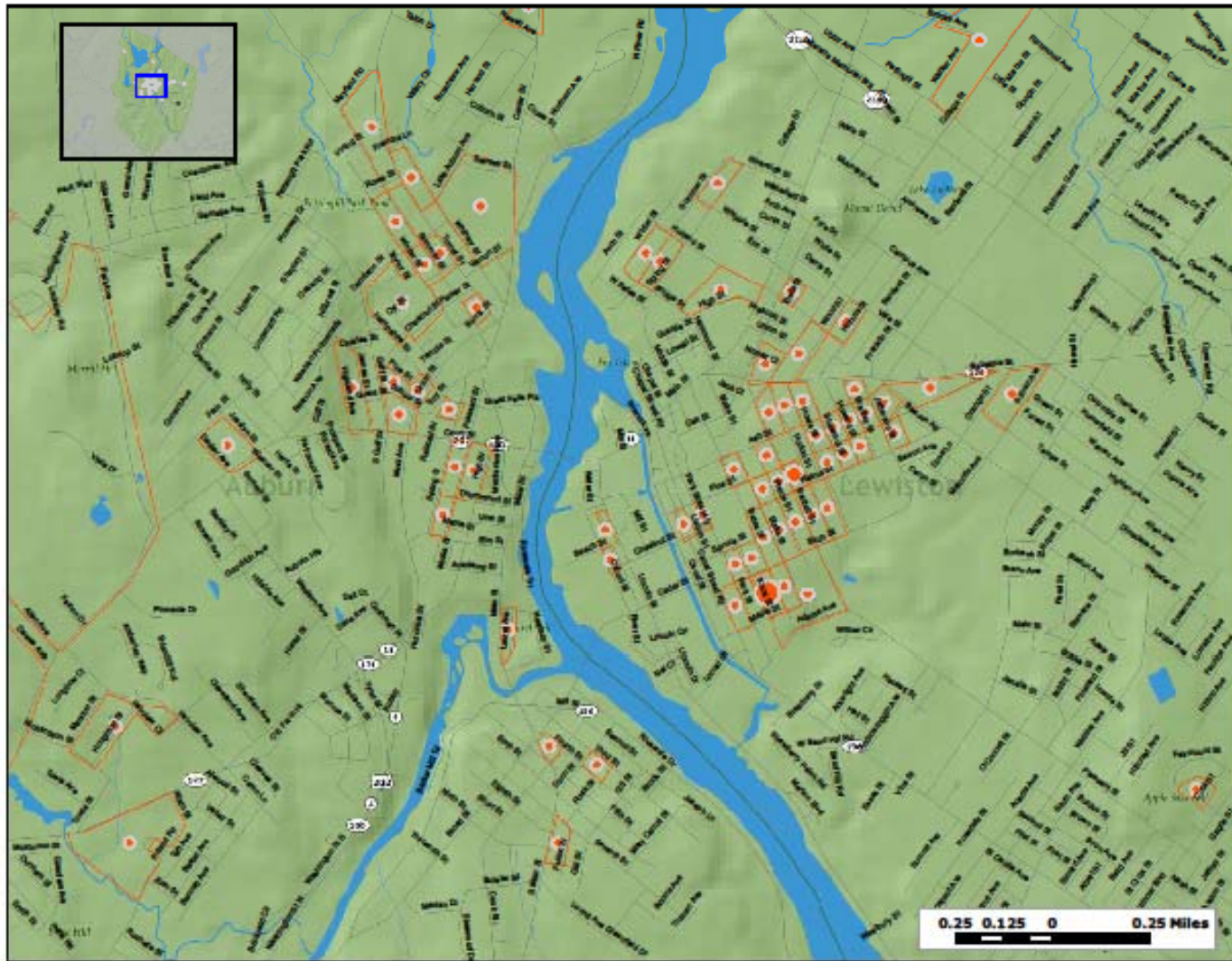
- Lewiston's housing stock is 62% older than state averages
- In 2010, the Code Enforcement office was staffed at half the national average
- Code Enforcement was **reactive**, not proactive
- Lewiston's Child Lead poisonings are the highest in the state

2003-2007 EBLL Data was used to identify the 5 High Density Areas. Evaluation of these locales also confirmed the rates were higher than surrounding areas.



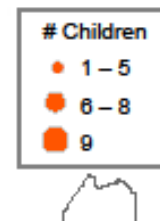
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Number of children with an elevated blood lead test, among those screened, age 0-71 months, by Census Block in Auburn and Lewiston, Maine 2003-2007



About this map

This map shows where children have been found with elevated blood lead levels (eBLLs). Orange dots are placed in the center of each Census Block where the children lived. The borders of the Census Block are outlined in orange. The size of the dot indicates the number of children in the Census Block found to have eBLLs. In order to protect privacy as per the Maine CDC Privacy Policy and State Law, if less than 8 children had an eBLL, the



History: the effect

- The NHL put housing in the public sphere, and changed the debate
- The NHL campaigned for increased code enforcement
- NHL, with its partner Healthy Androscoggin, worked with officials to create policy addressing ambient lead dust

How it happened: Grassroots!

- Staff and volunteers engaged the community through canvassing
- Trained membership at monthly meetings
- Remained member lead



Strategy:

- Remove Cultural barriers
- Power analysis
- Bring the issue to the target (City Hall)
- Engage stakeholders





The Victory:

- Granted \$3,800 of CDBG monies for interpretation equipment and services
- One full time Code Enforcement officer, focusing on the downtown.
- Increased focus increases condemnations
- November election's debates focused on housing

Current Condemnation list: 77 buildings

May 10, 2012.					
Currently Identified Vacant/Abandoned Residential Buildings					
#	ST #	STREET NAME	Number of Units	CONDENNED	Notes
1	73	Bartlett St	Single Family Home	Yes	
2	114	Bartlett St	8 Unit Apt Building	No	
3	116	Bartlett St	8 Unit Apt Building	No	
4	139	Bartlett St	3 Unit Apt Building	Yes	
5	155	Bartlett St	8 Unit Apt Building	Yes	
6	184	Bartlett St	8 Unit Apt Building	Yes	
7	305	Bates St	5 Unit Apt Building	Yes	Pending Demolition
8	320	Bates St	8 Unit Apt Building	Yes	
9	44	Birch St	3 Unit Apt Building	Yes	
10	80	Birch St	3 Unit Apt Building	Yes	
11	87	Birch St	3 Unit Apt Building	Yes	
12	130	Blake St	9 Unit Apt Building	Yes	
13	233	Blake St	Demolished	Yes	Demolished
14	198	Blake St	3 Unit Apt Building	Yes	
15	10	Brautl St	Single Family Home		
16	124	Campus Ave	2 Unit Apt	Yes	
17	10	College St	4 Unit Apt Building	Yes	Pending Demolition
18	112	College St	4 Unit Apt Building	Yes	
19	127	Cotton Rd	Single Family Home		
20	12	Fair St	Single Family Home		
21	112	Holland St	2 Unit Apt	No	
22	178	Holland St	3 Unit Apt Building	Yes	
23	180	Holland St	Single Family Home	Yes	
24	75	Horton St	3 Unit Apt Building	Yes	
25	21	Howard St	3 Unit Apt Building	No	
26	48	Howe St	3 Unit Apt Building	Yes	
27	60	Howe St	4 Unit Apt Building	Yes	
28	76	Irwin St	Single Family Home	Yes	
29	18	King Ave	Single Family Home	Yes	
30	47	Knox St	3 Unit Apt Building	Yes	
31	91	Knox St	4 Unit Apt Building	Yes	
32	7	Lincoln Dr	Single Family Home	Yes	
33	81	Lincoln St	3 Unit Apt Building	Yes	Pending Demolition
34	248	Lincoln St	Single Family Home	Yes	
35	251	Lincoln St	Single Family Home	Yes	
36	284	Lincoln St	2 Family Home	Yes	
37	288	Lincoln St	2 Family Home	Yes	
38	287	Lincoln St	2 Single Family- three sheds		
39	271	Lincoln St	Single Family Home		
40	390	Lincoln St	Single Family Home	Yes	
41	25	Lucille Ave	Single Family Home	Yes	Pending Demolition
42	68	Nichols St	3 Unit Apt Building		
43	10	Nomer Crt	2 Unit Apt	No	
44	67	Oak St	3 Unit Apt Building	Yes	Pending Demolition
45	50	Oak St	4 Unit Apt Building	Yes	Demolished
46	226	Oak St	4 Unit Apt Building	Yes	
47	352	Oxford St	Single Family Home	Yes	
48	205	Park St	3 Unit Apt Building	Yes	
49	220	Park St	4 Unit Apt Building	Yes	
50	6	Peter Blvd	Single Family Home	Yes	
51	146	Pierce St	2 Unit Apt	No	
52	122	Pierce St	4 Unit Apt Building	Yes	Pending Council Action
53	115	Pine St	3 Unit Apt Building	Yes	
54	158	Pine St	6 Unit Apt Building	Yes	Pending Council Action

55	158	Pine St	3 Unit Apt Building	No	Rehab Completed
56	551	Pond Rd	Single Family Home		
57	9	Radio Circle	Single Family Home		
58	48	River St	4 Unit Apt Building	Yes	
59	86	River St	Shed		
60	88	River St	Shed		
61	145	Sabattus St	4 Unit Apt Building	Yes	
62	147	Sabattus St	4 Unit Apt Building	Yes	
63	357	Sabattus St	2 Unit Apt	Yes	Pending Council Action
64	478	Sabattus St	2 Unit Apt	Yes	
65	97	Sabattus St	2 Unit Apt	Yes	
66	3	Shawmut St	4 Unit Apt Building	Yes	
67	80	Shawmut St	3 Unit Apt Building	Yes	
68	29	Spring St	Single Family Home	Yes	
69	82	Summer St	Single Family Home	Yes	
70	2	Summer St	Single Family Home	Yes	
71	140	Summer St	4 Unit Apt Building	No	
72	48	Tampa St	2 Unit Apt	Yes	
73	27	Thorn Ave	Single Family Home	Yes	
74	40	Union St	3 Unit Apt Building	Yes	
75	28	Wakefield St	4 Unit Apt Building	Yes	
76	84	Walnut St	8 Unit Apt Building	No	
77	131	Webber Ave	3 Unit Apt Building		
78	83	Webster St	3 Unit Apt Building	No	
79	582	Webster St	Single Family Home	No	
80	741	Webster St	Single Family Home	No	
81	72	Wellman St	Single Family Home	Yes	
82	7	Willow Circle	Single Family Home	Yes	

Next Steps:

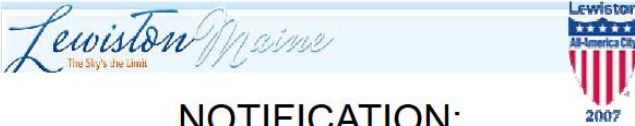
- Watchdog role with new code officer
- Testing the system (reporting)





Next Steps:

- Condemnations and Demolitions
- Policy Development addressing ambient lead dust



NOTIFICATION:
Neighboring Demolition Work

The City of Lewiston will be demolishing a building near you in the next 5-10 days. Lewiston is committed to improving our community and the safety of our residents. We will be demolishing unsafe housing near this location to improve the overall housing stock of our community. Because buildings built before 1978 are a potential lead risk, we want you to know a few things to keep you and your family safe:

- When demolition is occurring, please keep windows shut so that demolition dust does not enter your home.
- During demolition process, leave all shoes outside your living space, so as not to bring demolition dust into your home.
- Read the materials given to you today, and wet clean your home with the MAINTENANCE method once demolition is complete.
- If demolition dust settled inside your apartment, use the INTENSIVE CLEANING method.
- Keep children away from demolition site during and shortly after demolition.

Review and Recommendations

Landlord Testing

1. Maintain & continue to link to LHCG
2. Decrease goals
3. Use incentives to encourage LLs to participate
4. Direct placement of home kits to tenants.
5. Allow grantee flexibility
6. Cost neutral

Targeted Mailing

1. Maintain, decrease money set aside.

Expand lead dust test offer to 5 to 9 – use money that was set aside for targeted mailing

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