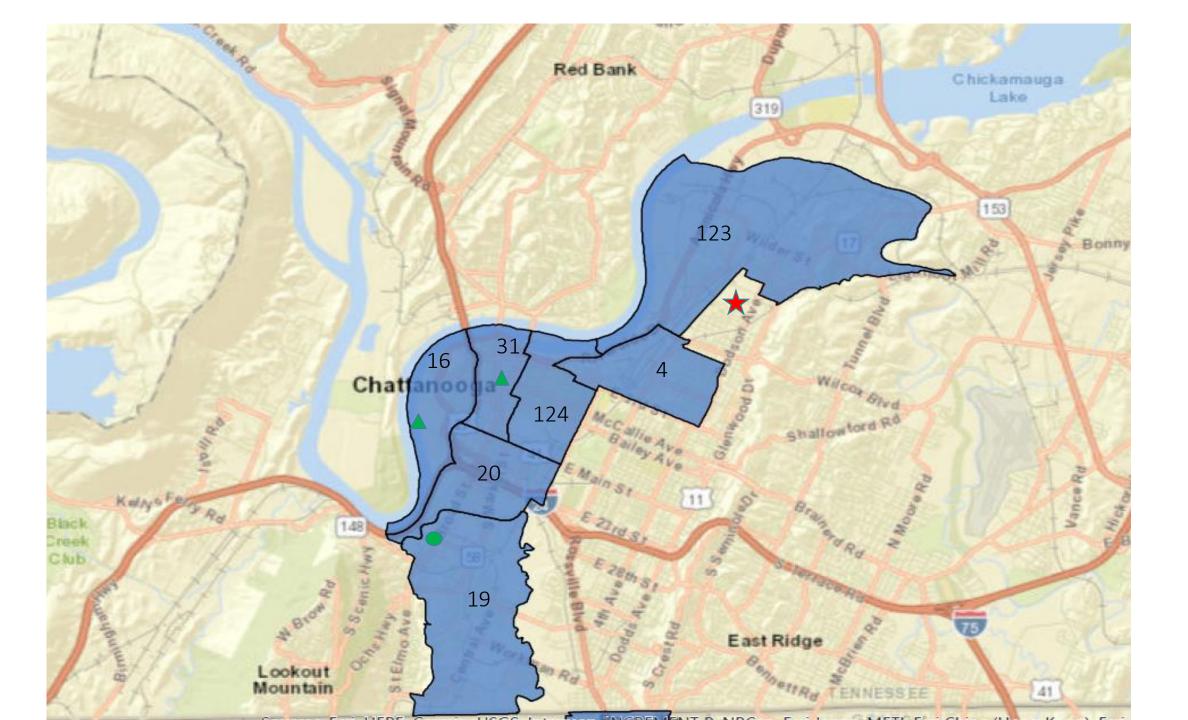
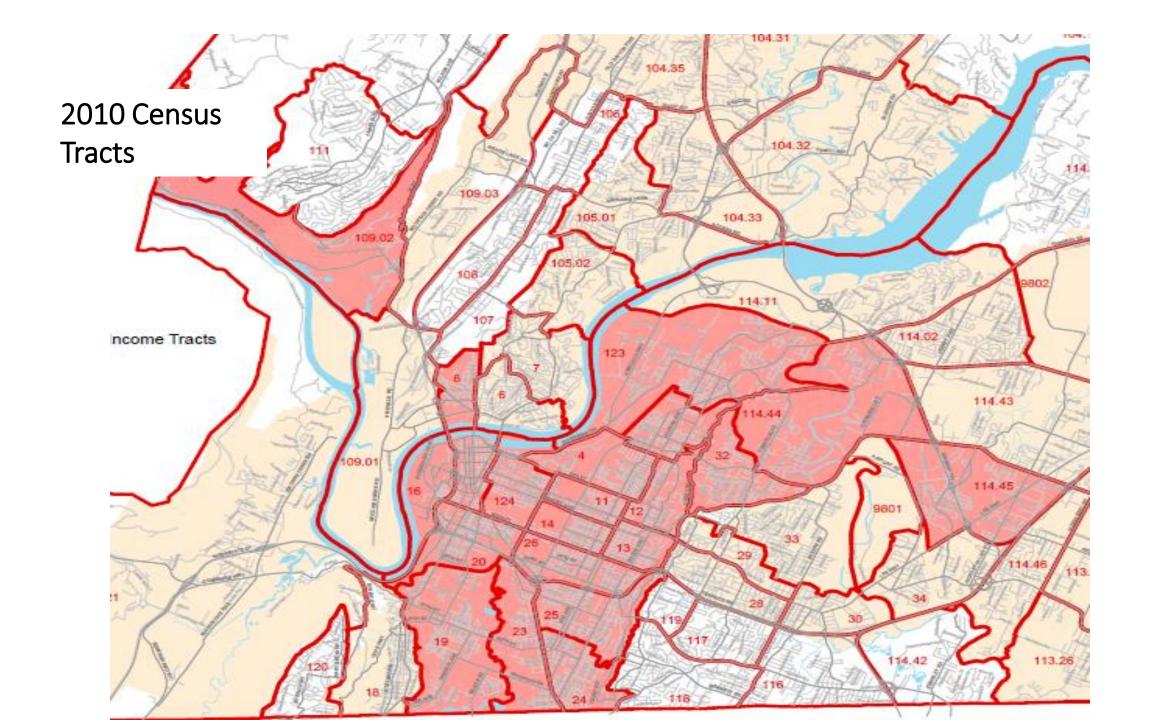
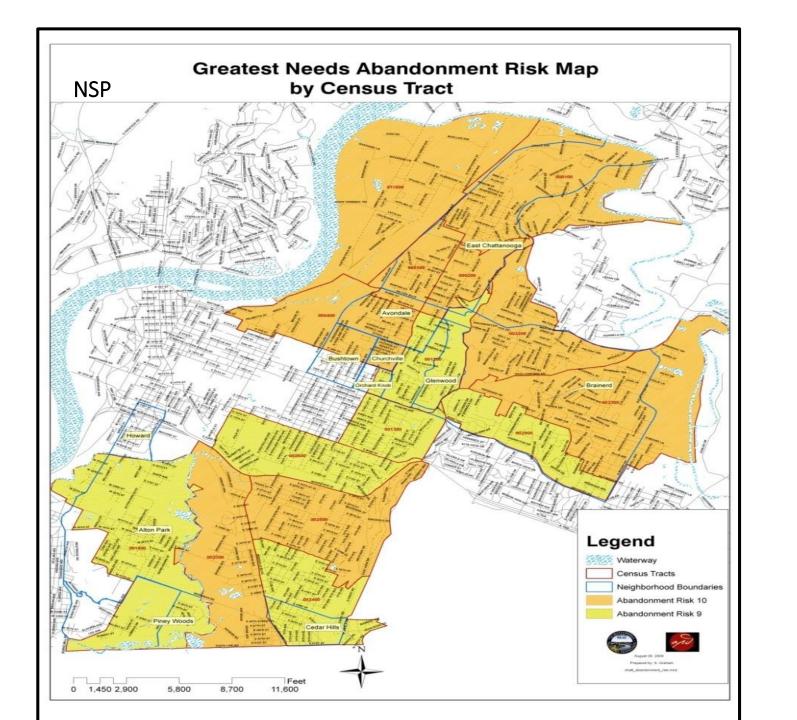
Chattanooga, TN

Opportunity Zones

- Eight Tracts
 - Seven tracts in Chattanooga
 - One tract in North Georgia







Skepticism & Concerns

- Displacement
- Gentrification
- Investments going into projects that would happen anyway
- •Investors "sitting on" holding property
- Projects that are not effective for our community and its needs
- •Outside investments not in alignment with our community's priorities
- Communities have limited control

Skepticism & Concerns, Cont

Rather than bringing critical resources to struggling neighborhoods, there's a possibility that the tax benefits could accelerate displacement trends in economically shifting neighborhoods by favoring developers and investors who already stand to have large capital gains.

The value of the tax subsidy is ultimately dependent on rising property values, rising rents, and higher business profitability. That means Opportunity Zones could also serve as a subsidy for displacing local residents in favor of higher-income professionals and the businesses that cater to them—a subsidy for gentrification. The highest returns to investors, and thus the largest tax subsidies will flow to those investing in the fastest gentrifying areas.

Most major metropolitan areas are already grappling with the right balance between promoting development and helping existing residents

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Skepticism & Concerns, Cont

Impact on Affordable Housing

For many companies that finance and build new affordable housing, the primary tool they utilize is the Low Income Housing Tax Credit program. In order to receive opportunity zone benefits, investors need to redeploy capital gains into a project, but the vast majority of LIHTC investors are not using capital gains

The program can help create mixed-use developments with retail and amenities that can improve neighborhoods with large concentrations of affordable housing

What Tools/Defenses Do We Have?

- Effective Leadership
- Community Benefits Agreements
- Zoning and policy alignment
- Commitment to communities and inviting community member participation
- Community education and awareness

City of Chattanooga Low- Moderate Income Census Tracts

	Census Percentage				Race/Ethnicity			
Area	Tract	Pop.	L/M	White	Black	Hispanic	Am. Indian	Asian
Orchard Knob, Avondale	4	3,143	68.45%	6.8%	89.2%	2.4%	0.6%	0.0%
Hill City	8	1,348	68.31%	64.7%	32.8%	1.1%	1.6%	0.0%
Fortwood	11	1,774	62.87%	29.5%	50.2%	23.3%	0.0%	0.0%
Glenwood	12	3,513	61.11%	13.6%	84.8%	0.7%	1.2%	0.0%
East Lake, Ridgedale	13	2,064	74.25%	38.6%	50.5%	18.5%	0.4%	0.0%
Highland Park	14	2,066	66.42%	56.1%	42.2%	9.7%	0.0%	0.2%
Westside	16	2,481	100.00%	18.3%	80.0%	0.0%	0.9%	0.8%
South Chattanooga, Alton Park, Piney Woods	19	3,959	85.83%	2.8%	94.7%	1.3%	0.3%	0.0%
Southside	20	1,211	85.02%	21.0%	65.1%	11.5%	2.4%	0.0%
Clifton Hills,	23	1,492	68.56%	43.4%	29.3%	26.5%	0.9%	0.0%
Cedar Hill, East Lake	24	4,256	78.12%	72.9%	13.0%	28.3%	2.0%	3.7%
East Lake	25	4,773	80.76%	35.7%	55.1%	11.4%	2.1%	0.0%
Oak Grove	26	2,734	75.76%	34.5%	49.4%	24.3%	0.0%	0.0%
Downtown	31	1,708	60.53%	64.2%	34.7%	3.3%	0.0%	0.0%
Foxwood Heights	32	3,385	61.81%	15.5%	75.6%	5.2%	3.9%	0.0%
Signal Mt. Blvd.	109.02	1,007	70.31%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Eastdale	114.44	3,813	59.59%	17.3%	80.8%	2.4%	0.0%	0.0%
Shepherd	114.45	3,704	51.24%	55.2%	39.5%	10.2%	0.0%	1.1%
Avondale, East Chattanooga	122	2,908	86.55%	5.7%	92.9%	2.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Amnicola, East Chatt, Glass Farm	123	4,609	66.32%	30.5%	63.9%	0.8%	2.0%	1.2%
ML King, Fortwood	124	5,092	68.17%	64.1%	28.5%	2.1%	0.1%	6.6%
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 Census								