

Interactive Redlining Map Prompting Questions

Instructions: Explore your designated city using the Interactive Redlining Map, and answer prompts accordingly. Assign someone the role of recorder to write down answers. Answers must be made in agreement with all group members.

1. What is the population size, and what are the population demographics of your city?
2. What do the different colors on the map represent?
3. How are the different zones laid out on the map? (i.e., is blue next to green, or is green next to red?)
4. How does proximity to the city center affect zoning types?
5. Compare zone types and population density. Do you see any themes arise?
6. Find documentation for each zone type (“Best,” “Still Desirable,” “Definitely Declining,” and “Hazardous.”) What differences in income level do you notice among them?
7. Can you find the city’s “Security Grade?” What do you think this means?
8. Find and compare “Clarifying Remarks” for each zone type.
9. What method are the surveyors using to define zones? Is it systemic or standardized? Would you be able to replicate their decision-making process? Should you?