



An aerial photograph of a dense urban skyline, likely New York City, with numerous skyscrapers and buildings. The image is overlaid with a semi-transparent blue filter. The text is positioned in the lower-left quadrant of the image.

# THE LINK BETWEEN HISTORY, POLICY, AND HEALTH OUTCOMES

Richmond's Story

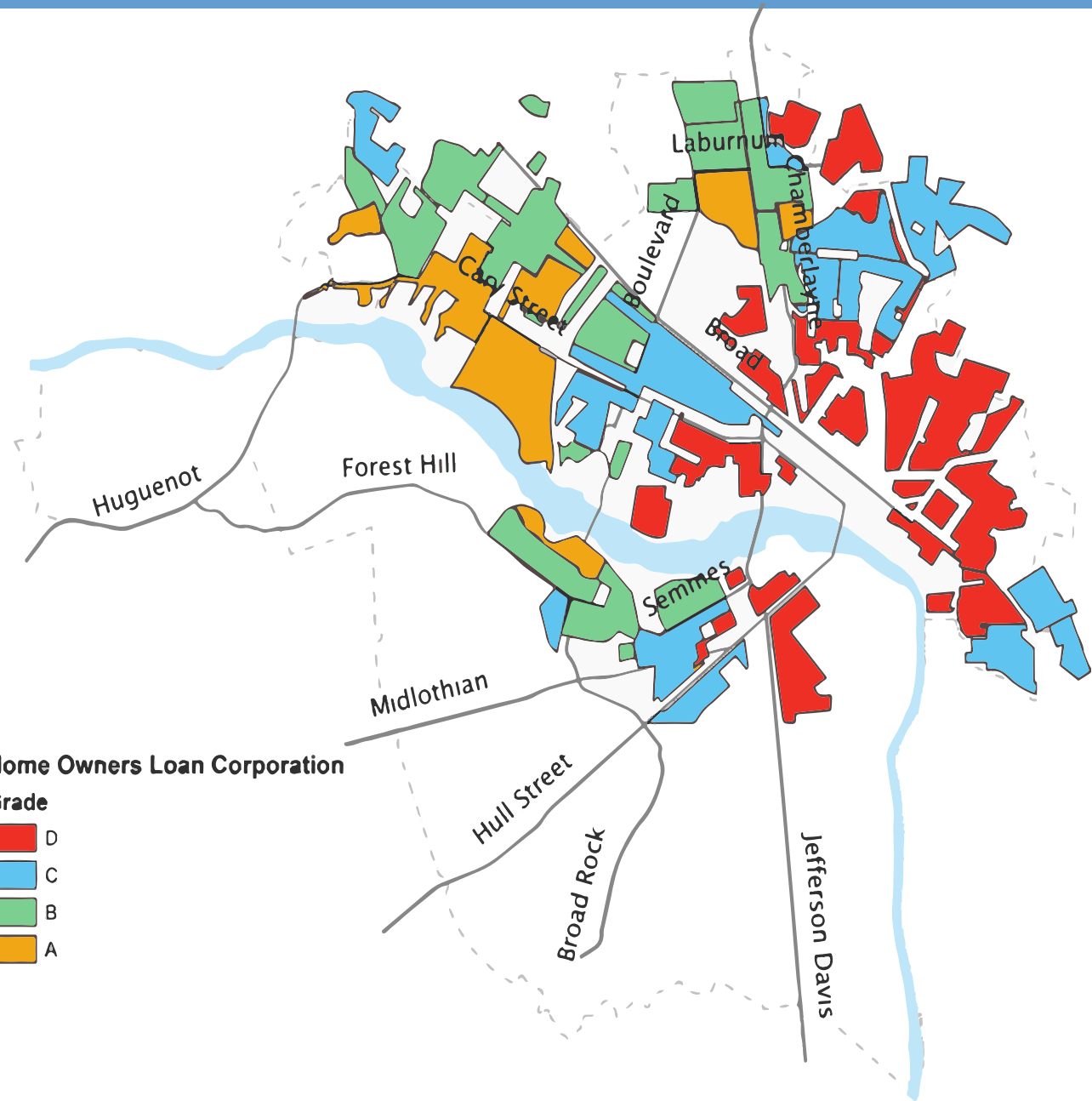
# HOW FEDERAL POLICIES SHAPED RICHMOND

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## National Housing Act of 1934

- Federal Housing Administration
  - Insured loans made by banks
    - Encourage homeownership
    - Economic growth
  - Home Owners Loan Corporation

# RICHMOND AND HOLC



Home Owners Loan Corporation

Grade

- D
- C
- B
- A

# HOME OWNERS LOAN CORPORATION

A

“Areas were ‘hot spots... where good mortgage lenders... are willing to make their maximum loans.’”

B

“Areas were not as desirable but ‘still good.’”

C

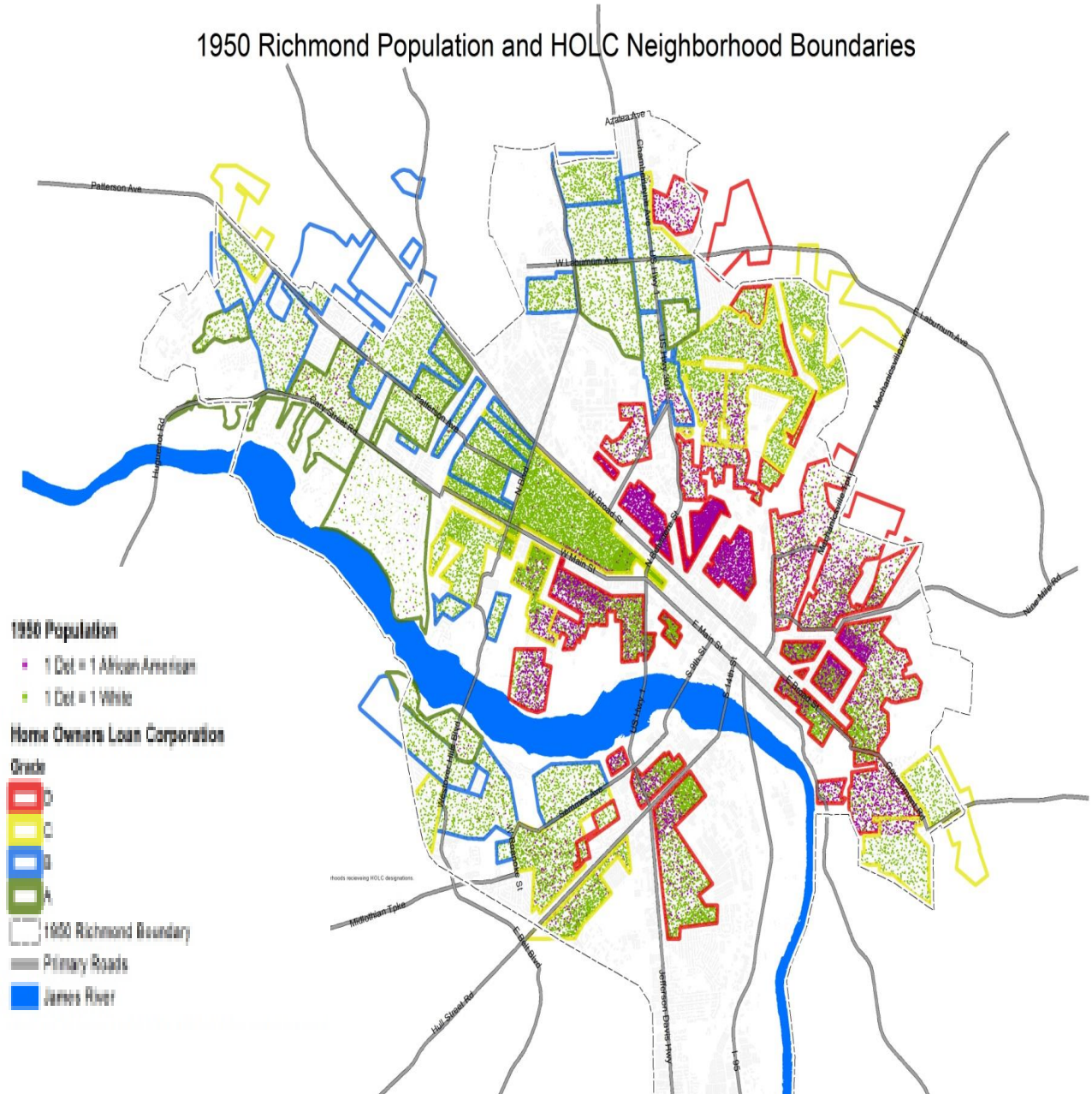
“Areas had reached ‘the transition period’ where they were in decline due to factors such as age, obsolescence, and change of style **and infiltration of a lower grade population**. *Any threat of infiltration of foreign-born, negro or lower grade population? If so, indicate these by nationality and rate of infiltration like this: ‘Negro-rapid’...*”

D

“Areas had fully declined and were ‘characterized by detrimental influence in a pronounced degree.’”

# 1950 RICHMOND POPULATION AND HOLC

1950 Richmond Population and HOLC Neighborhood Boundaries



# WAGNER-STEAGALL ACT, 1937



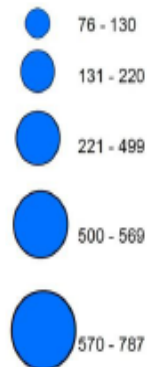
Man stands outside Gilpin Court Public Housing Development.  
Source: Galuszka, Peter. "Why There's No Swimming Pool in Gilpin Court."  
Bacon's Rebellion. June 25, 2015.  
<http://www.baconsrebellion.com/category/housing>

- Established a permanent public housing program in the United States
- Built largely at the most undesirable locations
- Income requirements ensured that only low-income residents move in, guaranteeing the concentration of poverty

# CONCENTRATED POVERTY

**Windsor Farms:**  
Population Density: 936

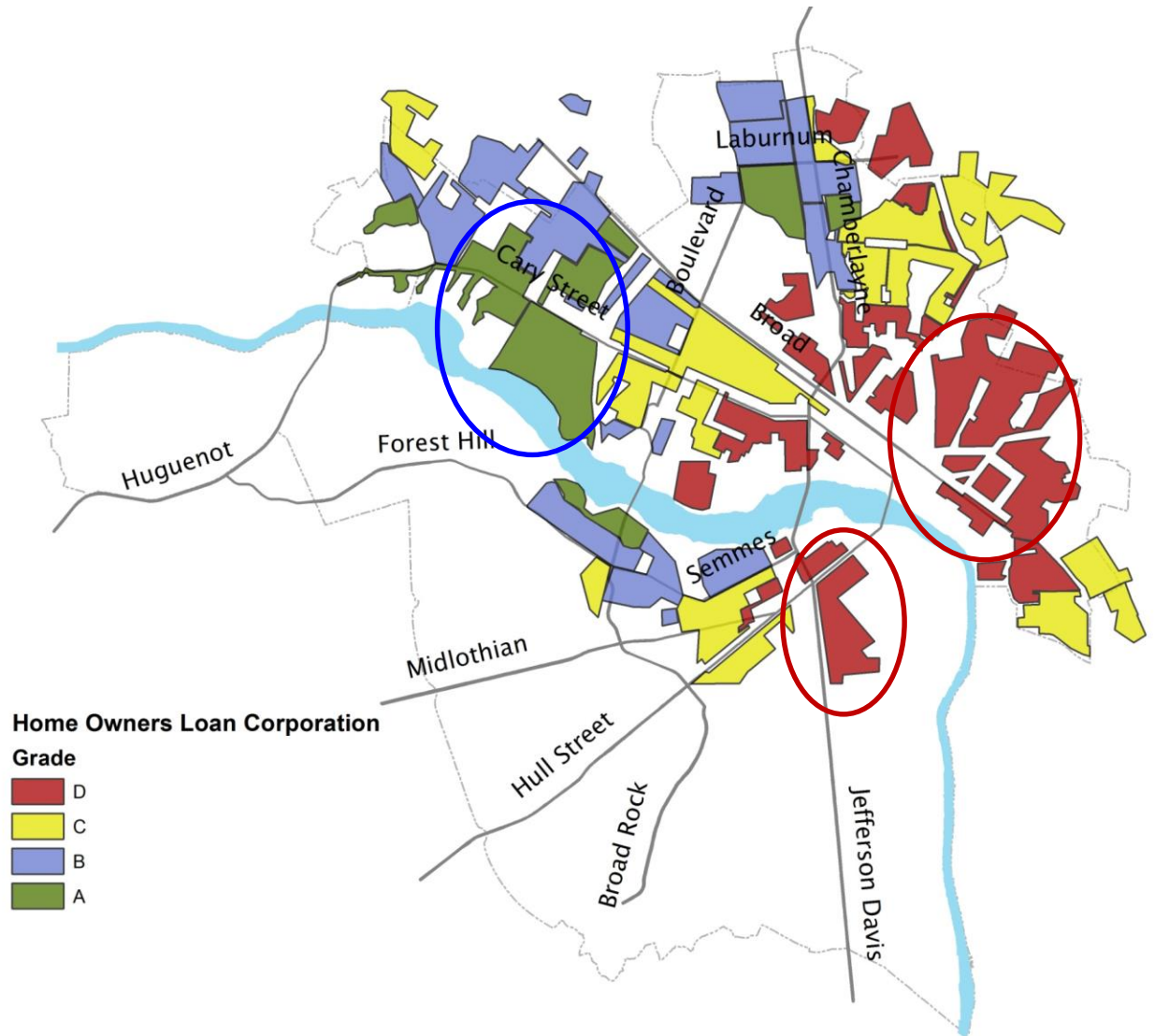
## Project Based Public Housing Units



**Gilpin Court:**  
Population Density: 10,287

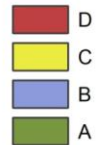


# RICHMOND AND HOLC

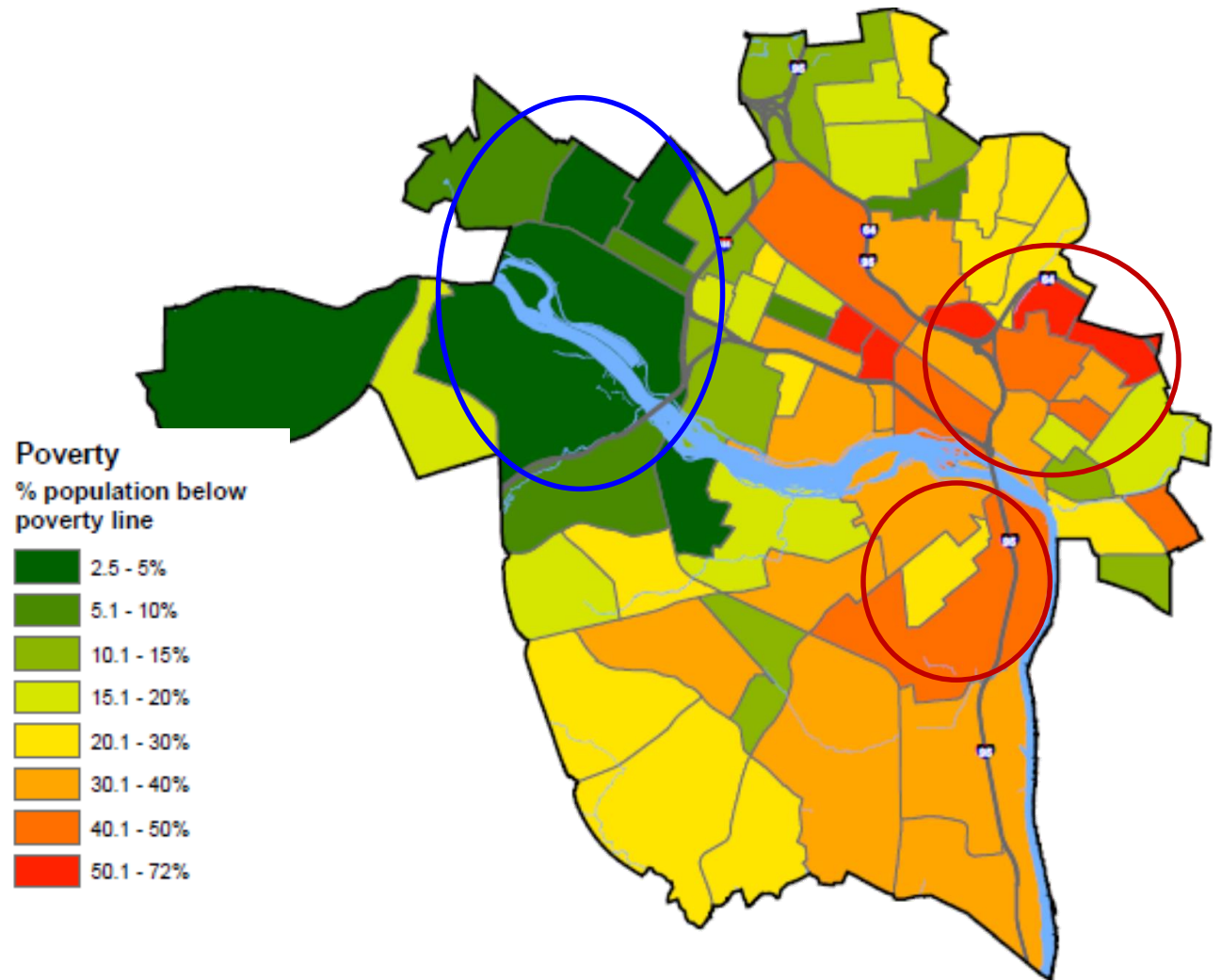


## Home Owners Loan Corporation

### Grade

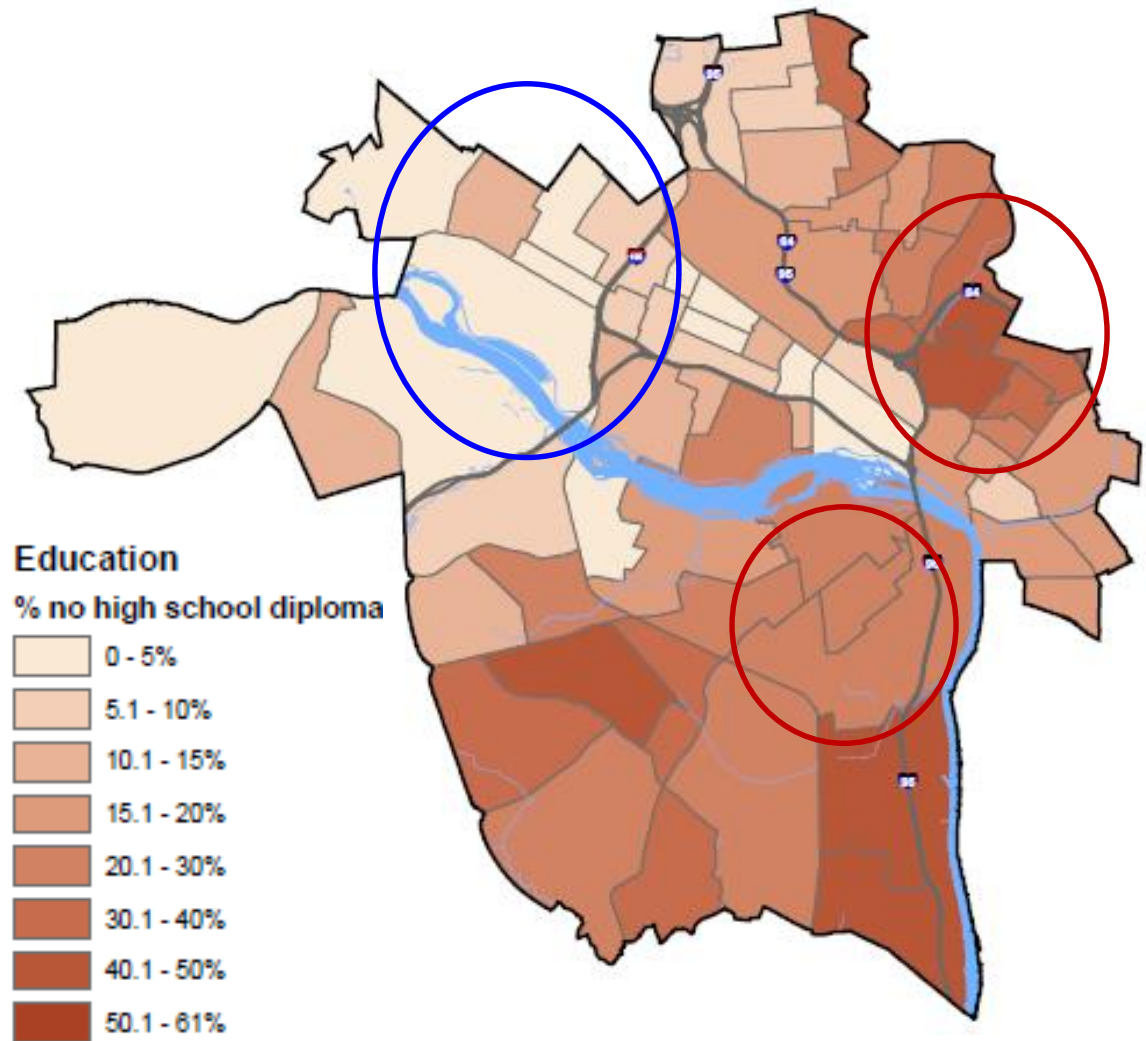


# PERCENT OF POPULATION BELOW POVERTY LINE, 2009- 2013



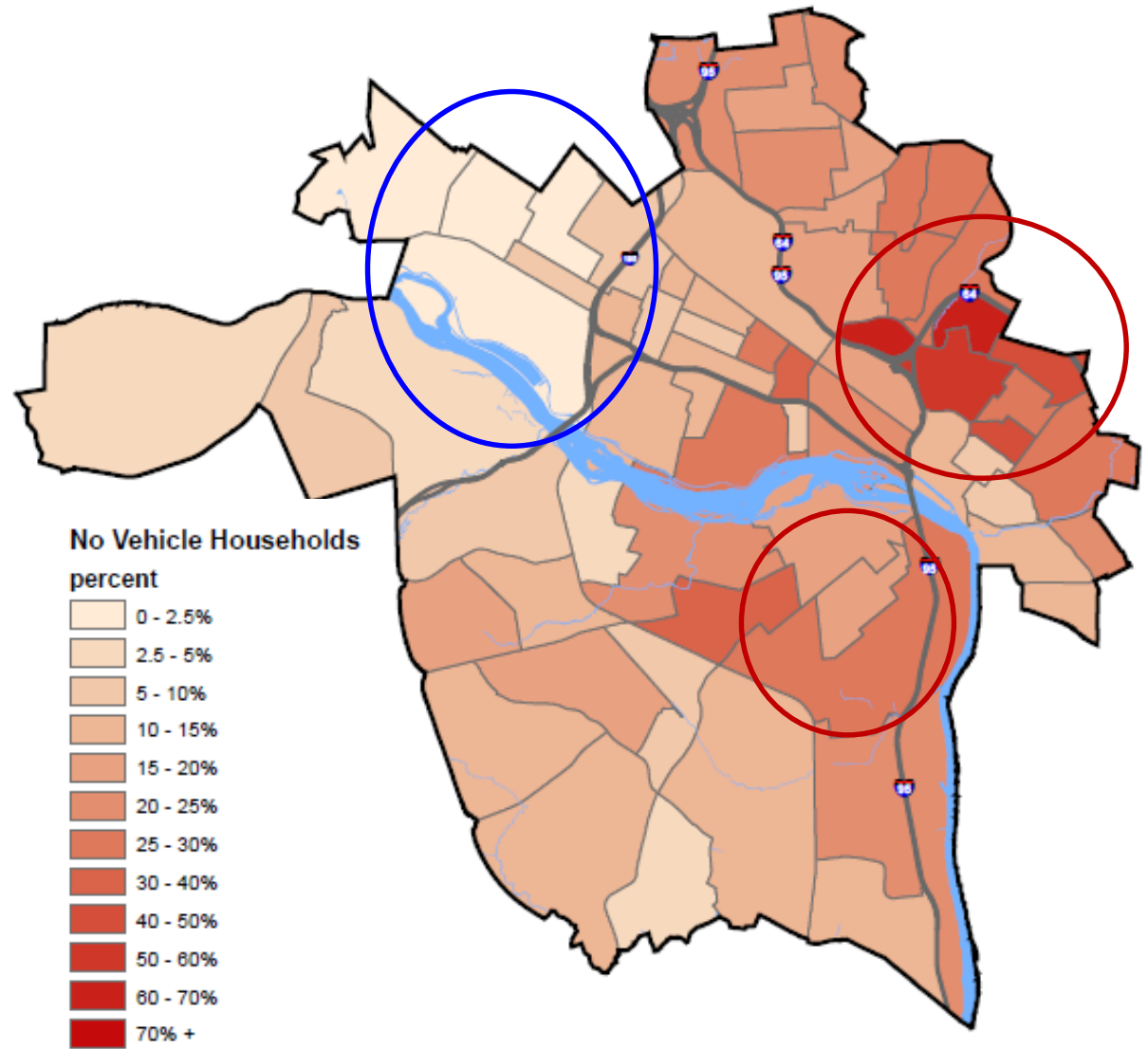
Source: U.S. Census Bureau 2009-2013 American Community Survey

# PERCENT WITH NO HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA, 2009-2013



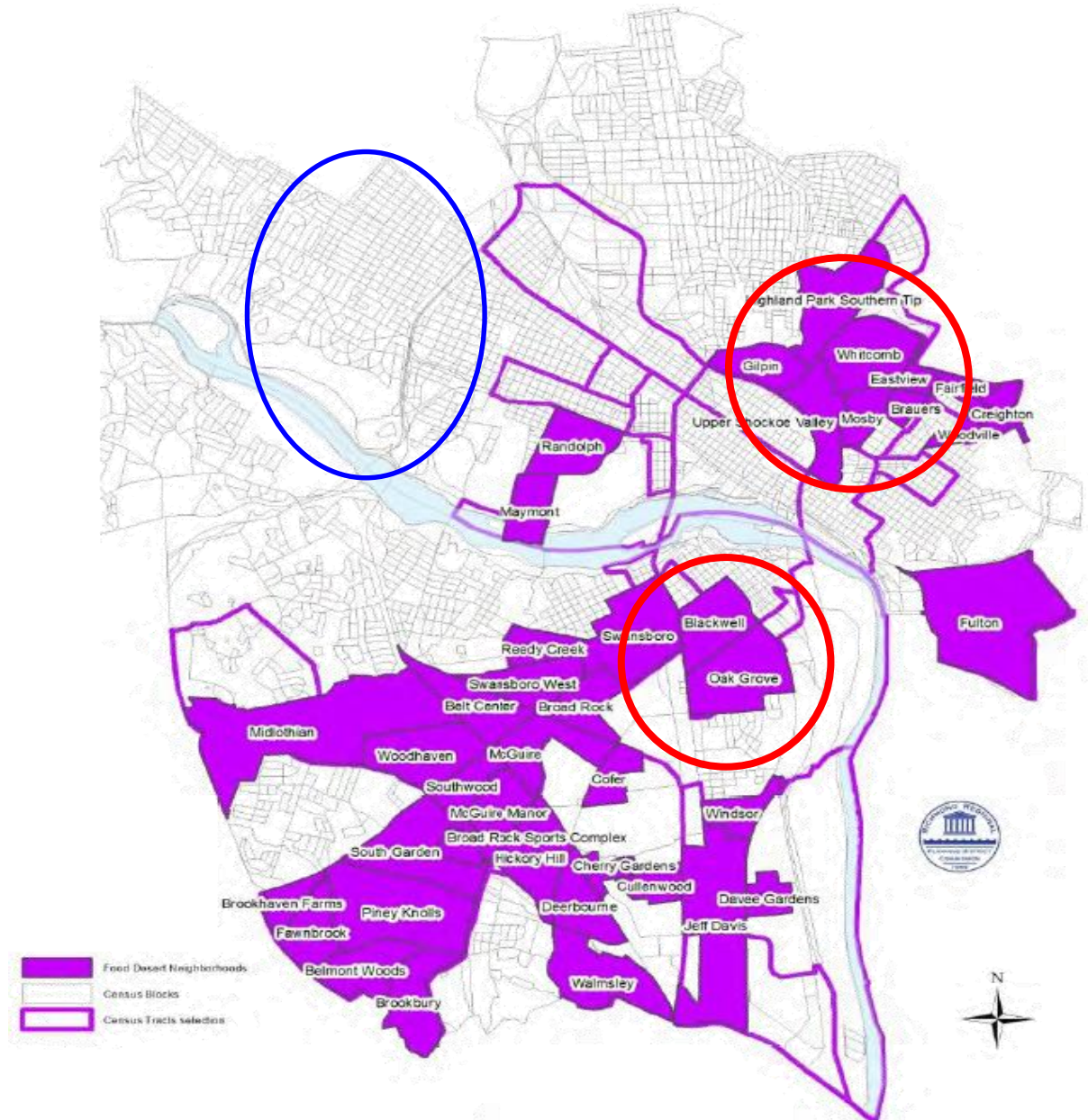
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# PERCENT OF HOUSEHOLDS WITH NO VEHICLE, 2009-2013



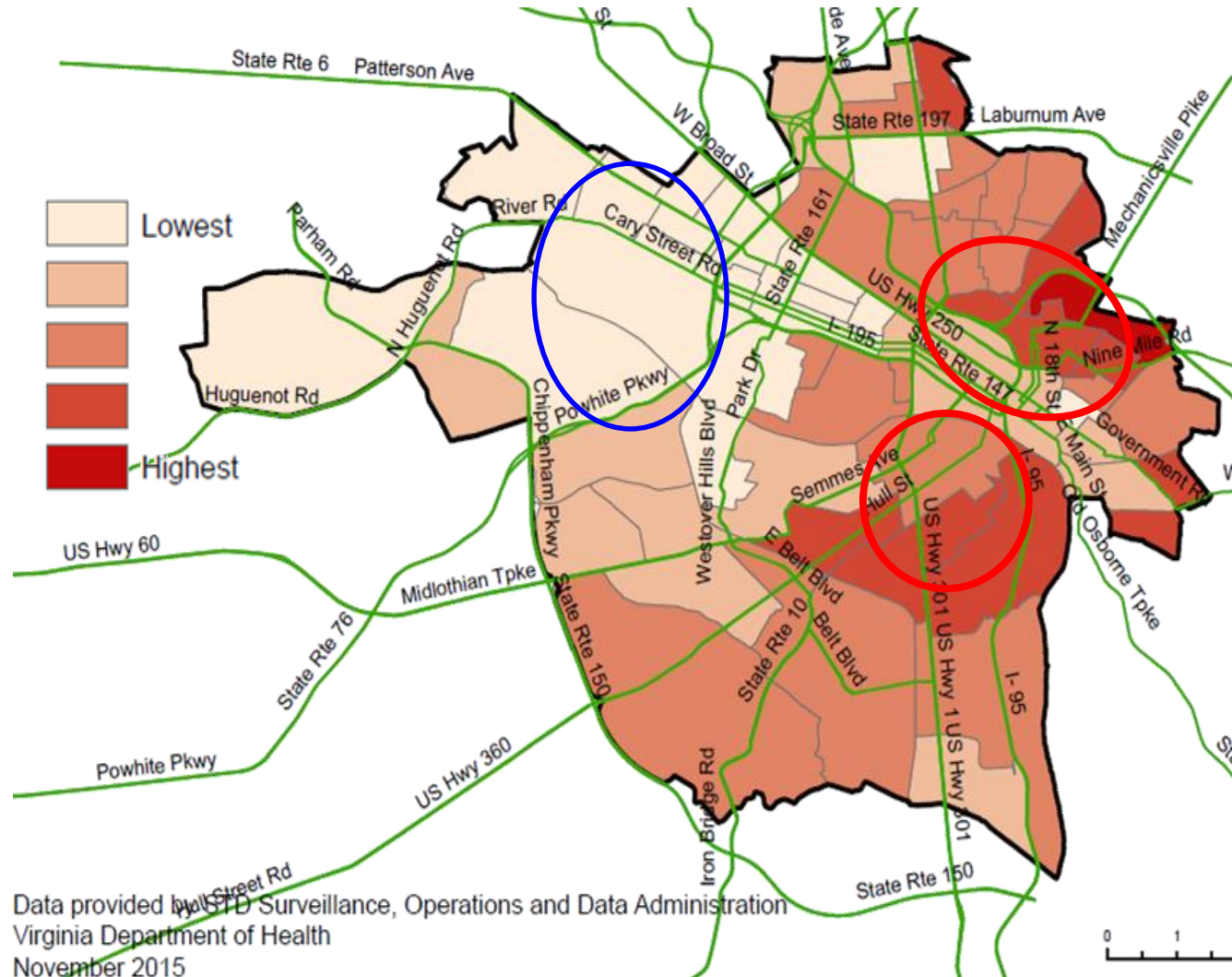
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# FOOD DESERTS

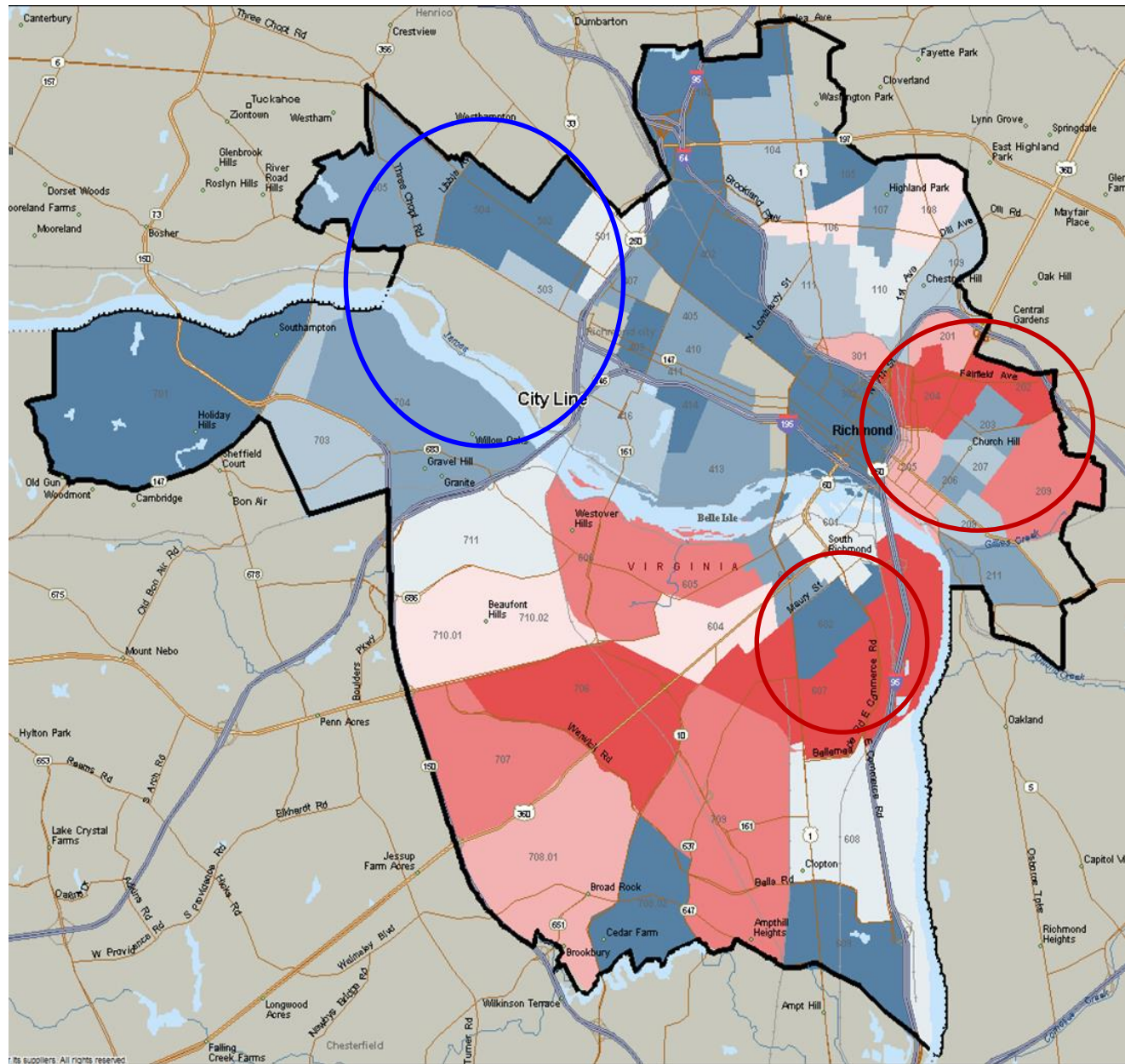


Source: RRPDC, US Census Bureau (ACS 2005-2009), City of Richmond, NAVTEQ

# GONORRHEA DIAGNOSIS RATES RICHMOND CITY, 2014

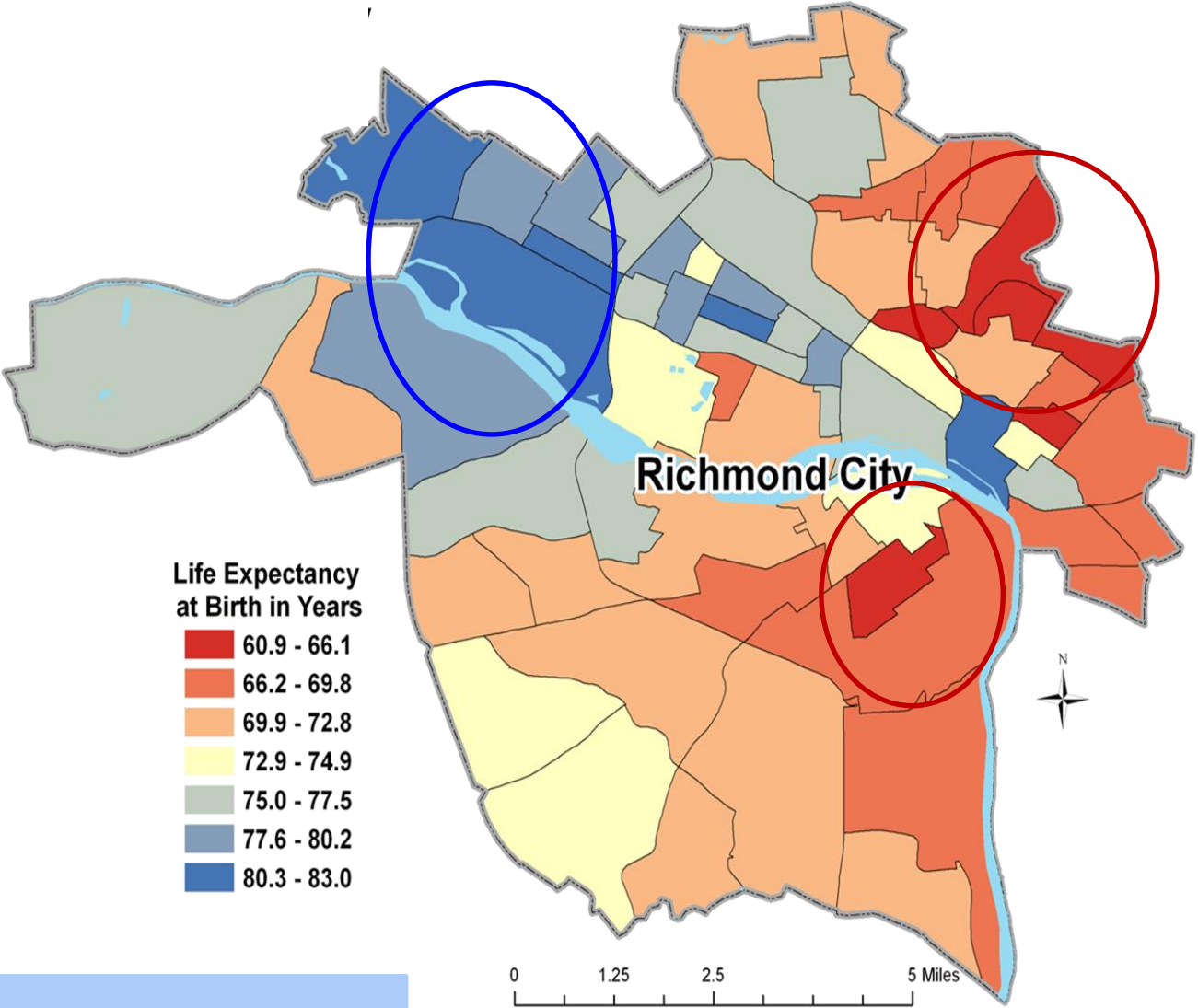


# LOW BIRTH WEIGHT



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# LIFE EXPECTANCY IN RICHMOND





# Short Distances to Large Gaps in Health

SHORT  
DISTANCES  
TO LARGE  
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