



Number of City of St. Louis Residents Served by a Community Development Corporation (CDC)

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What Should We Count as a CDC?

To answer the question of how many people in the City of St. Louis are served by a Community Development Corporation we first had to define what to count as a CDC. We have used the following criteria to determine which organizations to include in this list:

1. The organization has at least one paid staff person.
2. The organization provides services or other programming for residents in addition to other, if any, organizational activities such as housing construction or rehabilitation.
3. The organization has a well-defined geographic service area.
4. The organization is not primarily focused on organizing neighbors for the sake of participating in neighborhood activities or events.

Applying these criteria resulted in the following list of CDCs:

- Carondelet Living
- Cornerstone Corporation
- DeSales Community Development
- Dutchtown South Community Corporation
- North Newstead Association
- Northside Community Housing, Inc.
- Park Central Development Corporation
- Riverview West Florissant Development Corporation
- Skinker-DeBaliviere Community Council
- Tower Grove Neighborhoods Community Development Corporation

Determining Service Area Boundaries

Determining what areas to include in a CDC's geographic service area was an easy task for CDCs with service area boundaries that are hard set and where their work does not typically exceed these boundaries. Dutchtown South Community Corporation and Skinker-DeBaliviere Community Council are two examples of organizations for which there is little or no ambiguity about the boundaries of their service areas. For other organizations, however, the determination of service area boundaries is more challenging. We looked at each of these CDCs on a case-by-case basis, considering the organizations'

“officially” stated service area, along with Rise institutional knowledge and additional follow-up with CDC staff when necessary. Examples of these CDCs include:

- Northside Community Housing, Inc.
NCHI is known for operating in The Ville and Greater Ville neighborhoods, but also does work directly to the west in Kingsway East, so that neighborhood has been included in its service area.
- Park Central Development Corporation
PCDC mainly provides services to the neighborhoods that fall within the boundaries of the 17th Ward (Forest Park Southeast, Central West End, Kings Oak, Cheltenham and Botanical Heights). PCDC also administers the Bevo Community Improvement District, but the Bevo Mill neighborhood has not been included here as part of its service area.
- North Newstead Association
NNA does not have an entirely contiguous service area but works in Penrose, O’Fallon, Fairground, Jeff Vanderlou, St. Louis Place, Carr Square and Columbus Square (all contiguous) and in the Gate District neighborhood, which is not contiguous with any of the other neighborhoods NNA serves.

The service areas determined for all the CDCs in the City of St. Louis are represented on the map “St. Louis CDC Primary Service Area.”

Determining Service Area Population

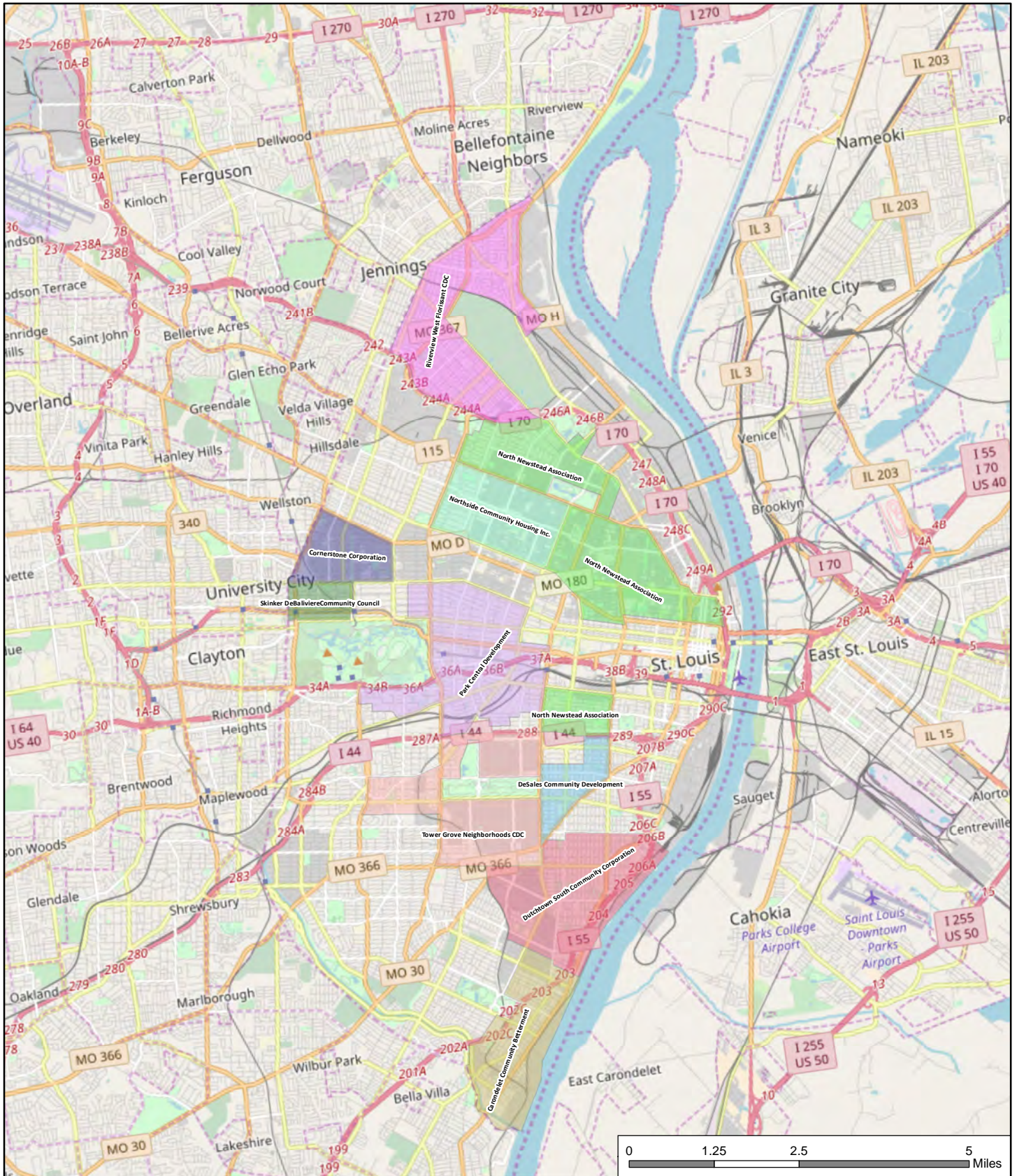
To determine population, block group level census data was matched with block groups that have their centroid within a CDC’s service area boundary. These block groups do not completely match the CDC service area boundaries. In some cases, parts of the service area are excluded by this methodology, while in other cases, populations in block groups that fall partially outside the service area are included.

Findings and Results

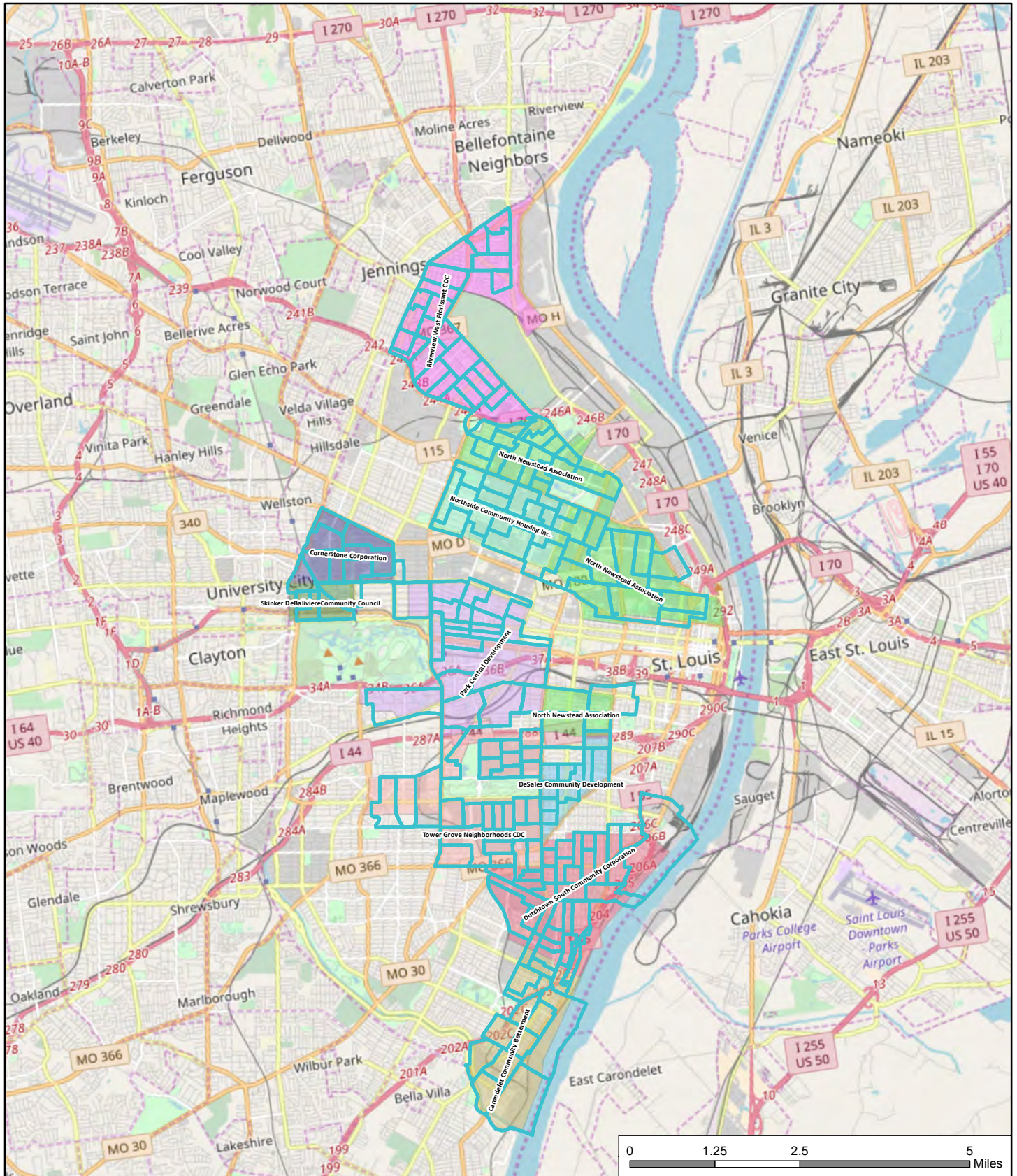
187 of the City’s 361 block groups were found to be served by a CDC. Those block groups collectively have a population of 161,847 out of the City’s total population of 316,030 from the same dataset. By this methodology we have determined that **51.21% of** all residents of the City of St. Louis are served by a locally operating Community Development Corporation. From the perspective of land area, the block groups within CDC footprints cover 24.55 square miles out of the City’s 62.10 square miles (this number is land area and does not include water), or 39.53% of the City’s land area falls under a CDC footprint.

Metric	Data
Population that lives within a CDC footprint	161,847 people
Percentage that lives with in a CDC footprint	51.21%
Land area within a CDC footprint	24.55 square miles
Land area percentage within a CDC footprint	39.53%

St. Louis CDC Primary Service Areas



St. Louis CDC Primary Service Areas (Block Groups)



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Reference Maps | STL CDC Footprints

