For this project, we set out to better understand the landscape and relationship between renting and affordability in Northeast Lexington. We began by examining the percentage of renters in the area in 2000 and 2010 (Map A). Comparing these maps, we see that there is consistency within the renting landscape over time. Next, median monthly rent data (Map C) revealed that Block Group 2, Tract 4 is reported to have the lowest monthly rent (at $269) in the area. What makes this especially interesting is that this block group also has the highest percentage of renters (at 89%). With this criteria, we have chosen this to be one of our areas of interest for future study.

Additionally, a community connector of Northeast Lexington has said, "Our housing stock is being held hostage by vacancies" and as such we’ve set out to examine this issue. What has complicated this examination is the imprecise and competing ways that vacancy is defined in the city, as demonstrated in Map B. From this examination, Block Group 2, Tract 2 and Block Group 1, Tract 3 have emerged as areas warranting future research because, in addition to having a high occurrence of vacancy, they also have high percent of renters and a low median rent.

In exploring these areas at the street level (as began in Map E) we have set out to collect primary data regarding cost of the rent. Map D shows our first attempt in this process as completed using one week of Craigslist data.