

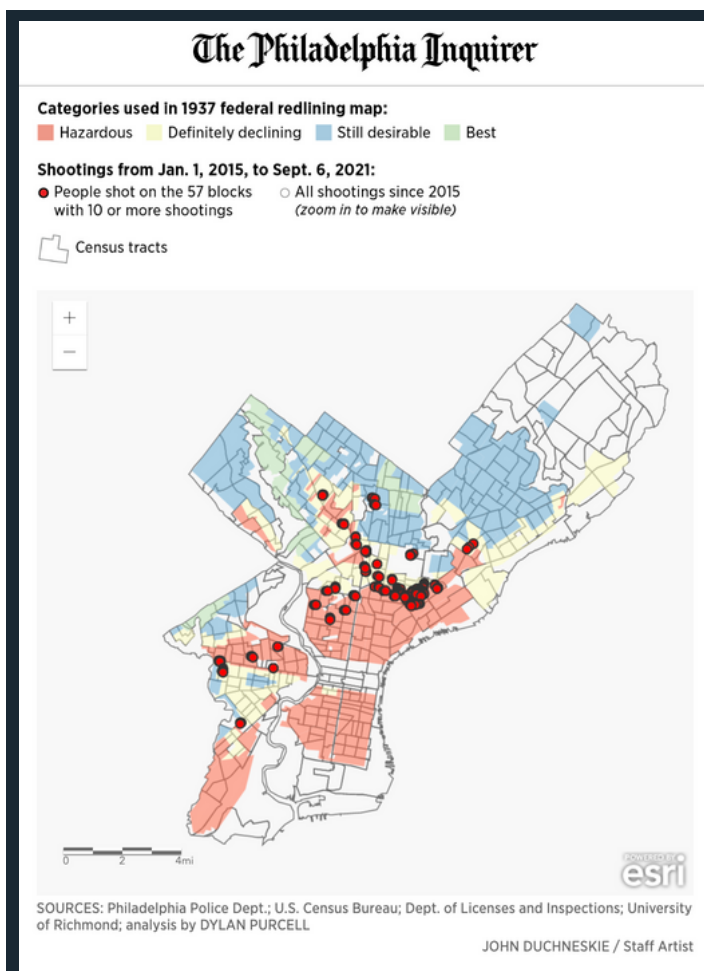
57 BLOCKS COALITION

A GUN VIOLENCE REDUCTION STRATEGY



In September 2021, the Philadelphia Inquirer published "Intersections of Injustice," an article that identified 57 blocks where 10 or more people have been shot since 2015. In response to this work, the Philadelphia District Attorney's Office (DAO) and community partners launched the "57 Blocks" Coalition, a place-based strategy aimed at reducing gun violence through the targeted investment of resources, services, and environmental improvements.

FROM 2015-2021 IN PHILADELPHIA, 57+ BLOCKS HAD 10 OR MORE SHOOTINGS



ON THESE 57+ BLOCKS:

- Historical and current racial injustices
- 53 were historically "redlined" by federal housing agencies, blocking residents from getting mortgages and other financial resources
- Higher poverty rates
- Higher rates of vacant housing
- Life expectancy can be 3 to 14 years shorter than age-matched Philadelphians, depending on the block
- 18% of all reported criminal incidents occurred within a 1/4 mile
- 30% of all criminal homicides happened within a 1/4 mile, only 37.8% of which resulted in an arrest

What is a "Place-based" Strategy? One that targets social, environmental, and economic factors that negatively impact health & safety in our neighborhoods. One that recognizes the physical patterns of poverty, disinvestment, and disrepair, which are also linked to violence.

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WHAT KEEPS COMMUNITIES SAFE?

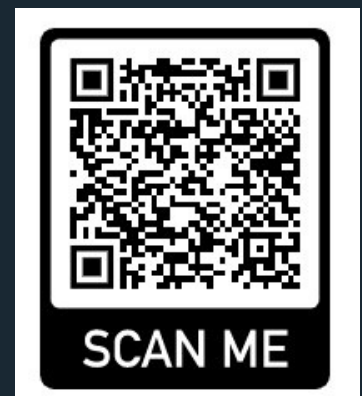
To end gun violence, we need a multi-layered approach. Police and courts cannot solve every problem in every neighborhood. Instead, we need multiple levels of public programs and services that transform neighborhoods and the social inequalities at the root of violence.

EVIDENCE-BASED AND PLACE-BASED PROGRAMS WORK

- ➔ **ENVIRONMENT & HOMES**
Greening vacant lots, improving lighting, subsidized home repair, and trash removal have all been linked with lower rates of violence.
- ➔ **YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES**
Summer jobs for teens, group programs, and other activities have been shown to help reduce arrests for youth.
- ➔ **TRAUMA-INFORMED SERVICES**
Peer counselors with lived experience, supporting credible messengers, and additional culturally appropriate resources.

FOR THIS PROJECT TO MAKE A POSITIVE CHANGE, WE NEED YOU & YOUR NEIGHBORS INVOLVED.

- Attend a community listening session
- Help organize a meeting in your area
- Talk to your block captains and local elected officials
- Use the QR code to sign up for emails and stay in touch with us



(Scan with a smartphone camera to follow the link)

Email *57BlocksPhilly@gmail.com* with any questions, comments, or suggestions.