

# Ad Hoc Blight Committee Meeting

## April 15, 2015

(Please print information)

Name	Business/COJ Department	Address	Phone	Email
Debra Tompkins	Riverside Neighborhood Assoc	9170 4th Avenue	(904) 765-6135	DTomphi@BellSouth.Net
Deborah Robinson	Christian Fellowship Ministry, Inc	3302 Evergreen Ave	904-705-4648	Pendarvis3@comcast.net
Ola Williams	Christian Fellowship	3302 Evergreen Ave	904-358-0089	Olawsey2@aol.com
John Pappas	Public Works	Ed Ball Bldg.	904-255-8748	pappas@coj.net
Debrah Cobb	MCCD	Ed Ball	255-7038	Debra@coj.net
JIM ROBINSON	DPW	"	255-8748	jrobinson@coj.net
Dawn McDaniel	WLMU	609 St Johns Bluff	472-2851	medanics@coj.net
M. Amos	SCIA			
VANDIKE WALKER	STA	1000 MYRTLE 32204	633-8578	Vwalker@stafk.com
Kimberly Scott	COJ/RED	214 Hogan	255-7014	KScott@coj.net
Jessica Miller	PWML	St. Johns Bluff	422-4330	jsmiller@coj.net
Jessica Miller		1330 Stoney Rd 32207	9231353	jla915@comcast.net
Paul Martinez	IGS	Ed Ball		pmartinez@coj.net
Paul Tutwiler	NICOL	3416 Monmouth	598-9194	ptutwiler2003@yahoo.com
Mary Lawson	COJ-630 City	Ed Ball Bldg	1030-7673	mlawson@coj.net
JEFF FOSTER	INSUR	1031 Superior St.	255-7512	jfoster@coj.net
Arela Leatherbury	Hub. Tax	2404 Hubbell St 32206	208-0664	alea@lebury.org
Alizha Batson	COJ PID			
Gracie McCarther	Dist + Biscayne Downs HOA	11424 Secretariat Ln. W.	236-9988	GracieMcCarther@gmail.com
Cherry A Shinn	OAC			
Ginger Peacock-Preston	JCC	1095 A Philip Randolph	47279	gingerp@coj.net
James Coggins	Operation Nur Hope	1930 N Main St 32206	354-4673	jccoggins@operationnurhope.com
R Col	JSD			

# Ad Hoc Blight Committee Meeting

## April 15, 2015

(Please print information)

[illegible]

## **Agenda**

Ad Hoc Committee on Blight

April 15, 2015

10 a.m.

Lynwood Roberts Room

**Note about Parking: Those parked in the Library Parking garage can have parking validated at the end of the meeting. See Dan Macdonald at the end of the meeting.**

**Committee:** E Denise Lee, Chair; Council Member Jim Love; Council; Council Member John Crescimbeni, Council Member Bill Bishop, Council Member Warren Jones, Council Member Bill Gulliford, and Council Member Greg Anderson.

## **Call to order**

Approve minutes from April 8, 2015 meeting

## **Neighborhood Blight**

- Provide solutions to minimize excessive collections during seasonal months – Jeff Foster
- Brainstorm process to educate citizens about what qualifies as a recyclable item – Jeff Foster
- Crime report by Pat Ivey.
- Progress on the 13<sup>th</sup> and Moncrief area -- Parks and Recreation and Public Works
- Mascot name contest and when and where to award the iPad – Paul Martinez
  - Are there trademark issues with using any name involving Jaguars – Paige Johnston
- Discussion of Snipe Sign Legislation 2014-553 – CM Crescimbeni and Cherry Shaw

## **Land Blight**

- Completion of Tire and Snipe Sign Buyback report – Public Works
- Operation Urban Blight Report – John Pappas.

## **New Business**

## **Public Comment and Complaints**

## **Adjourn**



**REPORT ON THE  
SOLUTIONS TO MINIMIZE EXCESSIVE COLLECTIONS  
DURING SEASONAL MONTHS**

**Solid Waste Division  
Jeff Foster**

**LYNWOOD ROBERTS ROOM  
FIRST FLOOR CITY HALL  
117 WEST DUVAL STREET  
JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA 32202**

**April 15, 2014**

## PLAN FOR HAULER SOLUTIONS TO MEET SEASONAL DEMANDS

Requires mutually agreed upon changes to the hauler contracts:

- Revisit the 5 cubic yard limit on yard waste, and

- Modify current waste hauler contracts for compensation for more equipment and manpower to meet increased seasonal tonnages.

Revision to existing contracts that can be done only at the 3 year rate review or at the end of the hauler's contract termination date:

- COJ residential crews assumes collection of all yard waste for the City,

- Separate hauler contracts for individual waste streams,

- Increase liquidated damages within the hauler contracts, and

- Advertise for new proposal from service providers.



REPORT ON THE  
PROCESS TO EDUCATE CITIZENS ABOUT WHAT  
QUALIFIES AS A RECYCLABLE ITEM

Solid Waste Division  
Jeff Foster

**LYNWOOD ROBERTS ROOM  
FIRST FLOOR CITY HALL  
117 WEST DUVAL STREET  
JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA 32202**

April 15, 2014

## PLAN TO GET INFORMATION OUT TO DUVAL COUNTY RESIDENTS

The Solid Waste Division provides information to the citizens of Duval County concerning solid waste issues, policies, procedures and events using the following methods:

Public Affairs Office radio, TV and social media blasts to over 800 media recipients,

Once per year information submittals to COJ residential premises subject to the solid waste user fee that is required by each of the hauler contracts, and

Regular [www.coj.net/departments/solidwaste](http://www.coj.net/departments/solidwaste) website address updates.

Currently the Solid Waste Division is preparing an updated solid waste pamphlet for publication. The draft is under review and will be sent for printing in the next one to two months. The cost of publication and delivery was included in FY14-15 budget for \$250,000. Delivery to all solid waste user fee subscribers will be completed via the once per year hauler method.

Depending on the issue or information and breadth of reach that needs to be delivered to the public, The Solid Waste Division also has the following options for outreach to the public of solid waste information including:

Information brochures included in JEA bills,

Inclusion in the Flight Blight App,

Public Access TV Stations airing Public Service Announcements,

Paid radio and TV advertising within SWD Enterprise Fund FY budget, and

Internal COJ TV Station Channel 99



## OFFICE OF THE CITY COUNCIL

**CHERYL L. BROWN**  
DIRECTOR  
OFFICE (904) 630-1452  
FAX (904) 630-2906  
E-MAIL: CLBROWN@coj.net

117 WEST DUVAL STREET, SUITE 425  
4<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR, CITY HALL  
JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA 32202

### SPECIAL AD HOC COMMITTEE ON JACKSONVILLE'S NEIGHBORHOOD BLIGHT MEETING MINUTES

**April 8, 2015**  
**10:00 a.m.**

**City Hall**  
**117 W. Duval St., 1st Floor**  
**Lynwood Roberts Room**

**Attendance:** Council Members Denise Lee (arr. 10:55a), Greg Anderson (arr. 10:36a), Bill Gulliford, John Crescimbeni (arr. 10:36a), Warren Jones (10:34a.), and Jim Love

**Excused:** Council Member Bill Bishop

**Also:** Council Members Lori Boyer and Doyle Carter; Cleveland Ferguson – Mayor's Office; Paige Johnston and Cherry Shaw – General Counsel's Office; Jim Robinson – Public Works Department; Dan Macdonald – ECA Dist. 8; Leeann Krieg – ECA AL-1; Kirk Sherman – Office of Council Auditor's; Yvonne Mitchell – Council Research

See attached sign-in sheet for additional attendees.

Council Member Gulliford called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m.

The meeting began with introductions from the committee and attendees.

CM Gulliford announced the Housing & Neighborhood Subcommittee will convene on Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00 a.m. in Conference Room A to discuss other possible usages of Vacant Property Registry funds in order to move legislation forward. All parties interested are encouraged to attend.

#### Minutes

Motion/2<sup>nd</sup> move to approve March 18<sup>th</sup> minutes –Love/Crescimbeni (5-0)

#### Neighborhood Blight

##### 1. Trash Collection Issues – Jeff Foster

Mr. Foster provided a detailed written report on the issues with City and private haulers; and enforcement of contract compliance. March, April and May are considered seasonal months when larger volumes of yard waste are generated by residents. There was extensive discussion regarding

excessive missed collections, haulers' performance, and action needed by committee. Private haulers are assessed liquidated damages for missed collections. 24 hours are allowed to correct missed collection before penalties are applied. A missed premise is \$25; and a portion or entire route is \$1,000. Since October 2015, Advanced Disposal's damages total \$89,800; SWS Environmental Services total equals \$1,100; and Waste Pro total equals \$1,300. Typically, during seasonal months haulers provide make up days and extend weekend routes in order to begin the next week on a regular schedule. ADS representative, Chris Hagan, stated the issue has been identified within the company and corrective action has been taken.

Motion/2<sup>nd</sup> move to send letter of notification to private haulers about this year's lack of performance - Jones/Love (5-0)

Assignments:

Jeff Foster – provide alternative solutions to minimize excessive collections during seasonal months at the next meeting; brainstorm process to allow residents to differentiate recyclable items from waste not placed in blue bin

CM Gulliford – make request of Council President Yarborough to send letter to haulers on behalf of the committee

Jim Robinson – provide an update on entire investigative process regarding collection issues; inquire with all Council Members about CARE issues to ensure accurate numbers

2. Mascot Name Contest – Paul Martinez and Ginger Preston

Mr. Martinez announced the mascot attended the Tire & Sign Buyback event on March 28<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Preston stated approximately 700 entries were submitted from students from kindergarten to eleventh grade. The top six entries were selected by a vote conducted at the Children's Commission. CM Crescimbeni reaffirmed his request for committee to receive a comprehensive list of all the entries.

Assignments:

Paul Martinez – provide comprehensive list of all entries at next meeting

Paige Johnston – provide a legal opinion or inquire with stadium/Jaguar owners about trademark

3. Snipe Sign Legislation 2014-553 – CM Lee and Cherry Shaw

CM Lee shared her concerns regarding the deferral of the legislation in TEU Committee. There are two separate Zoning Codes that address signs. 2014-553 is specific to the fee structure of snipe signs on public rights-of-way. A sign within 10 feet from public rights-of-way on private property is a Zoning violation. The committee had extensive discussion on the definition of "first offense" and the process of determining subsequent offenses.

CM Crescimbeni was appointed Snipe Sign Subcommittee, Chair. Council Members Anderson and Gulliford will work on committee. Ms. Shaw and Mr. Kirk Sherman were requested to attend meetings.

Assignments:

Cherry Shaw – amend the description of "first offense" for clarity

CM Crescimbeni – provide recommendations on Section F and chart in legislation for next meeting

Dan Macdonald – assist CM Crescimbeni with noticing the subcommittee meeting

**Land Blight**

4. Tire and Snipe Sign Buyback Report – Jeff Foster

Mr. Foster distributed a preliminary report on 2015 Tire & Sign Buyback Event. There are still a few invoices pending. To date, expenses total \$137,225.52. The number of tires and signs were lower compared to 2014. However, tires were collected Campaign signs were held separately for two days to allow candidate's volunteers to retrieve them. Signs collected with wood stacks or wires were not redeemable but sent to the Ridge Trails Field. Lesson highlights include securing a better relief crew to eliminate shutting down lines. This may be contributed to the efforts of the Blight committee to be proactive in over the year in and cleaning up Jacksonville and educating citizens

Assignment:

Jeff Foster – list every detail (heavy equipment, internal charges, etc.) in final report for transparency; inquire with CSX or Florida East regarding possible transportation to land field or other designation; provide information related to increasing number of tires collected; make sure communication is in writing

**New Business - Topics**

CM Lee stated Blight meetings would resume weekly meetings.

**Next Week's Topic**

Update from various initiatives from the JSO - Pat Ivey  
Snipe Sign subcommittee – CM Crescimbeni  
Update of Moncrief Rd – Neighborhood Division  
Public Works Department – Update on Tire & Buyback  
Operation Urban Back – John Pappas

**Public Comments**

Parking ticket can be received for the Council reception.

Ms. Allison Albert provided a brief update on JALA work through the City grant from the Vacant Registry. Recently, a client was assist with making payment for a client to bring mortgage current to prevent foreclosure. Additionally, JALA had to pursue action against the bank because for bad faith litigation after receiving payment.

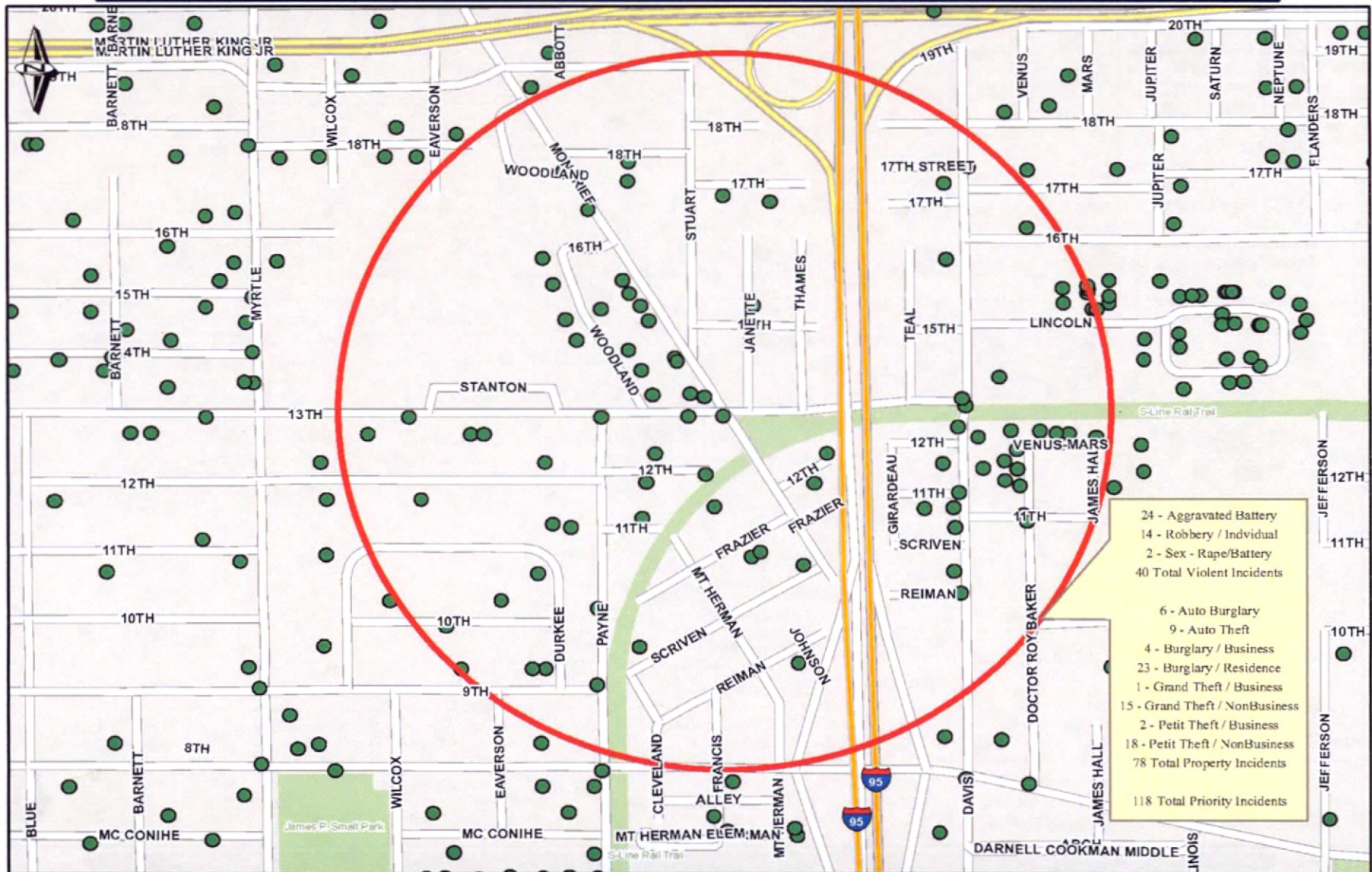
Ms. McCastler provided a detailed update on her efforts in advocating for the dropout age to change to 18 years old.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:34 p.m.

Yvonne P. Mitchell, 630-1679  
04.10.15 1:00p.m.

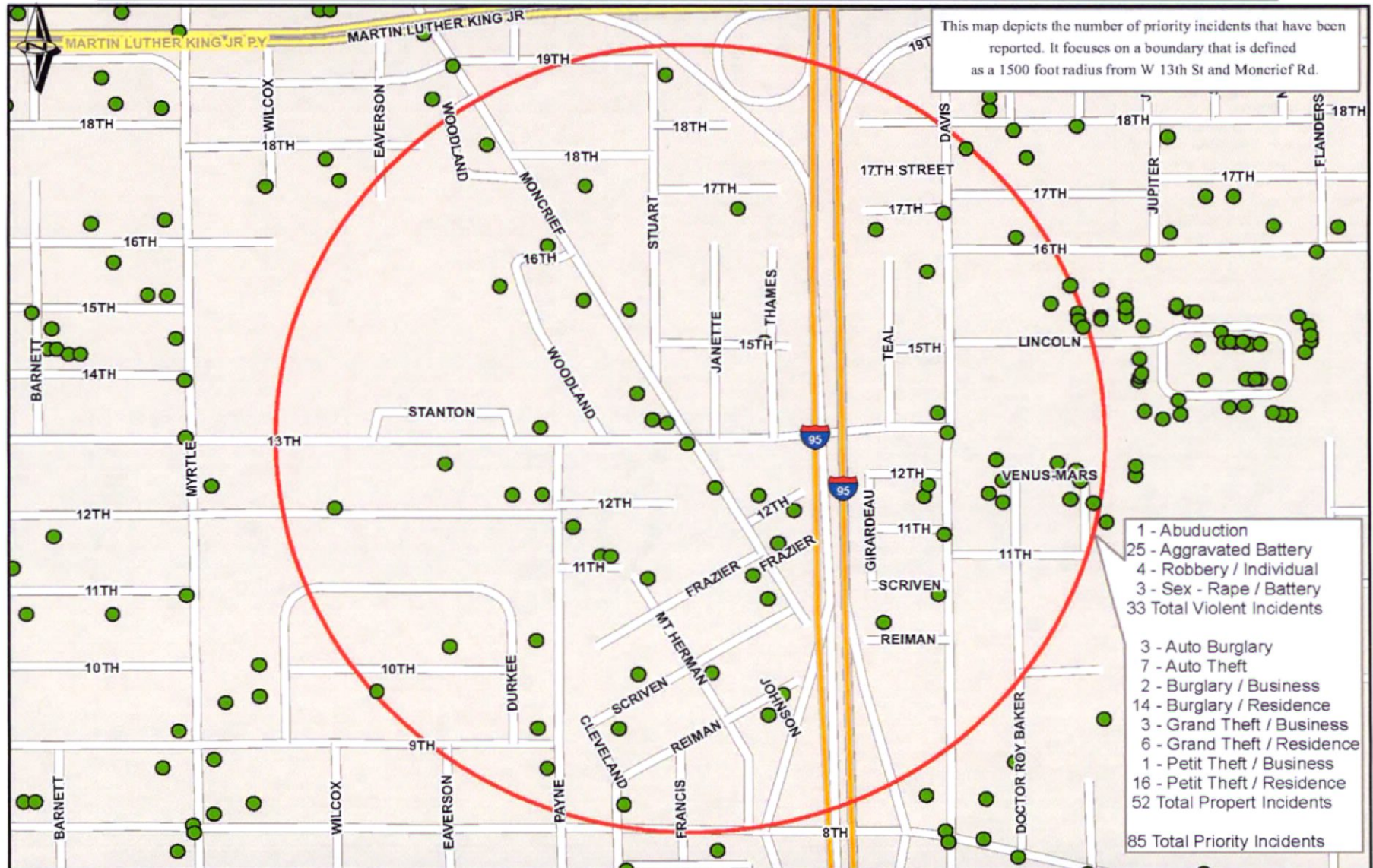


# 1500 Feet from 13th St & Moncrief Rd past 365 Days



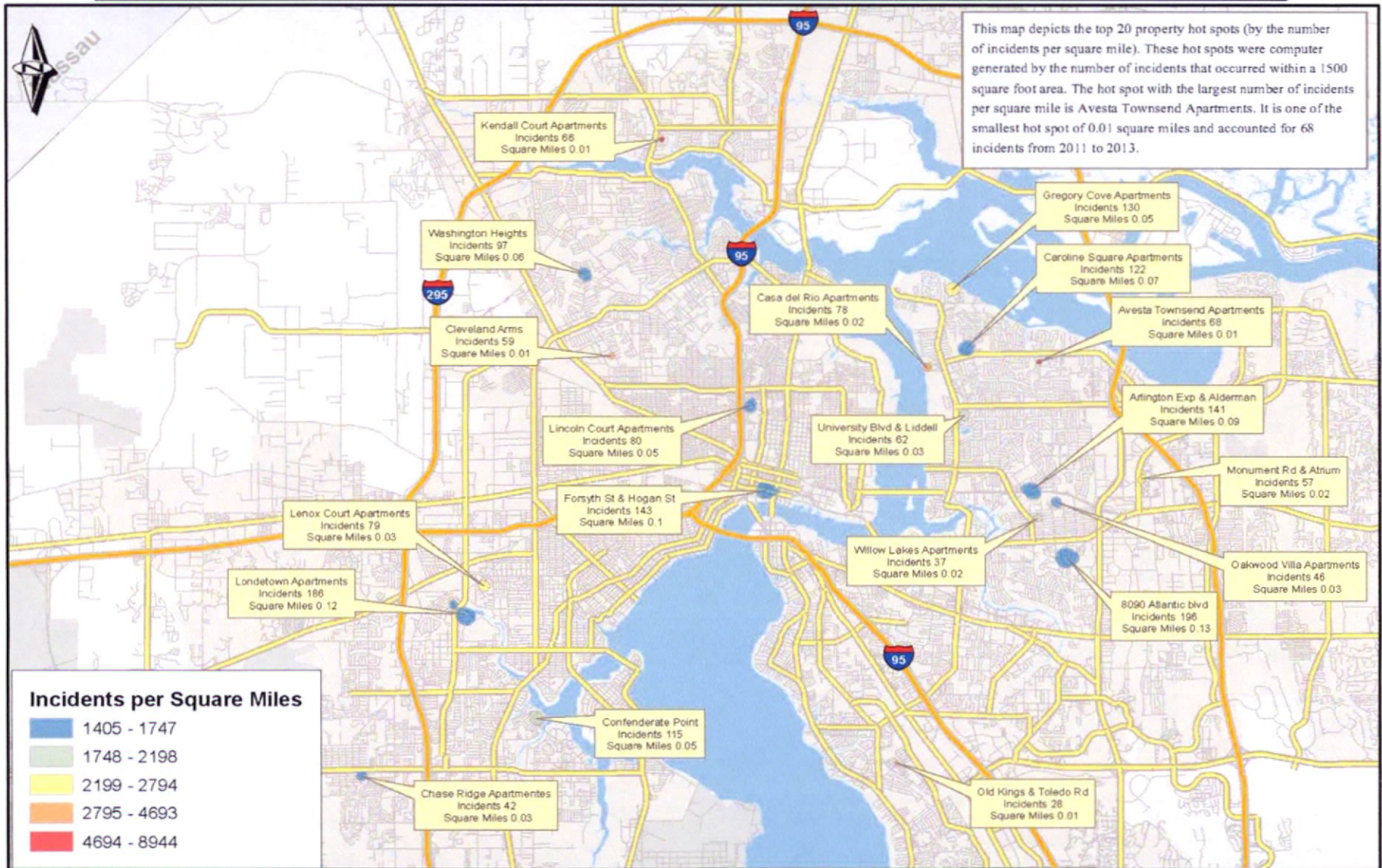


## 1500 Feet from 13th St & Moncrief Rd past 365 Days





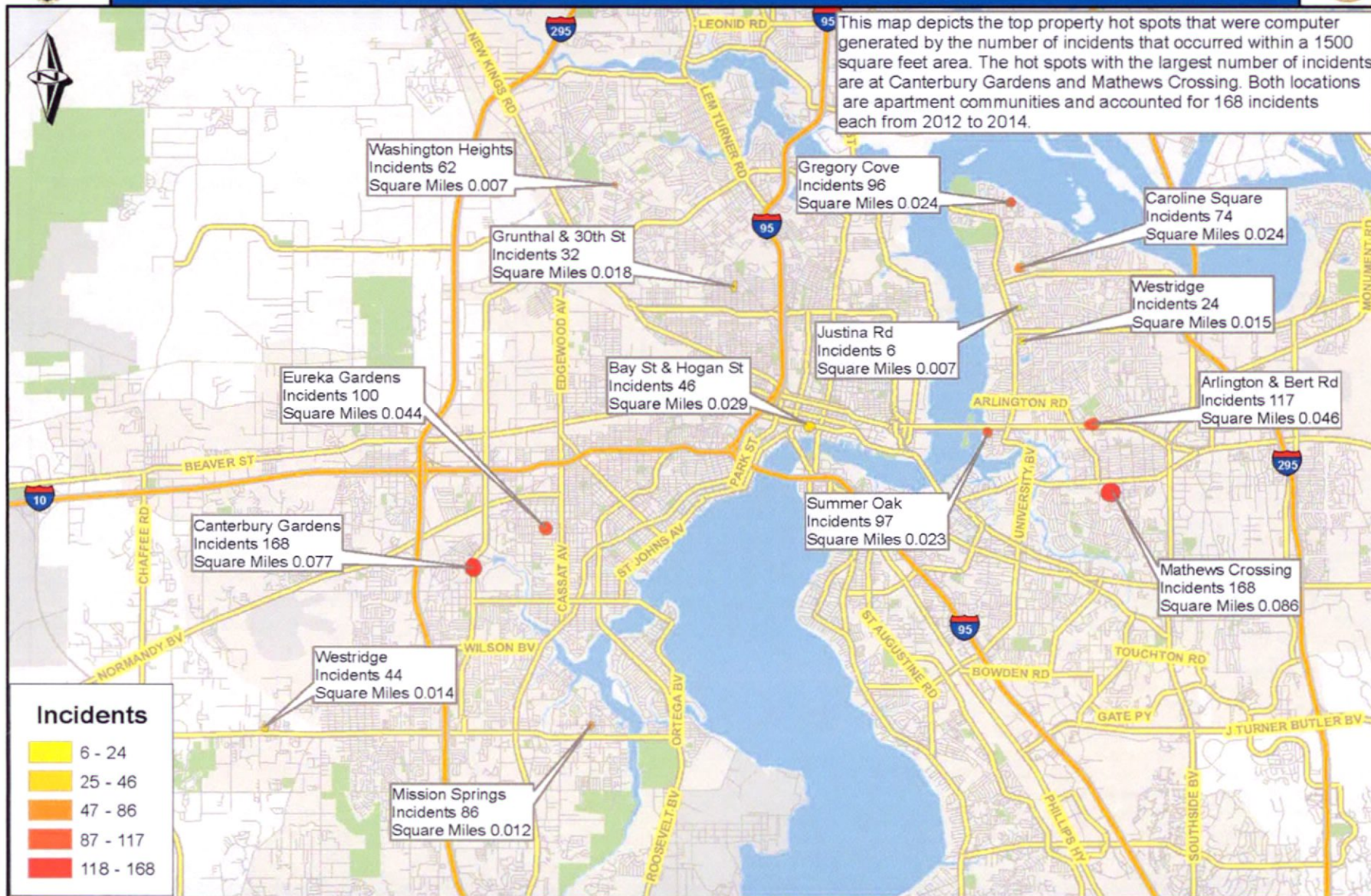
## Top 20 Property\* Hot Spots 2011-2013



\* Property incidents include: Arson, Auto Theft, Auto Burglary, and Burglaries; Thefts are not included.



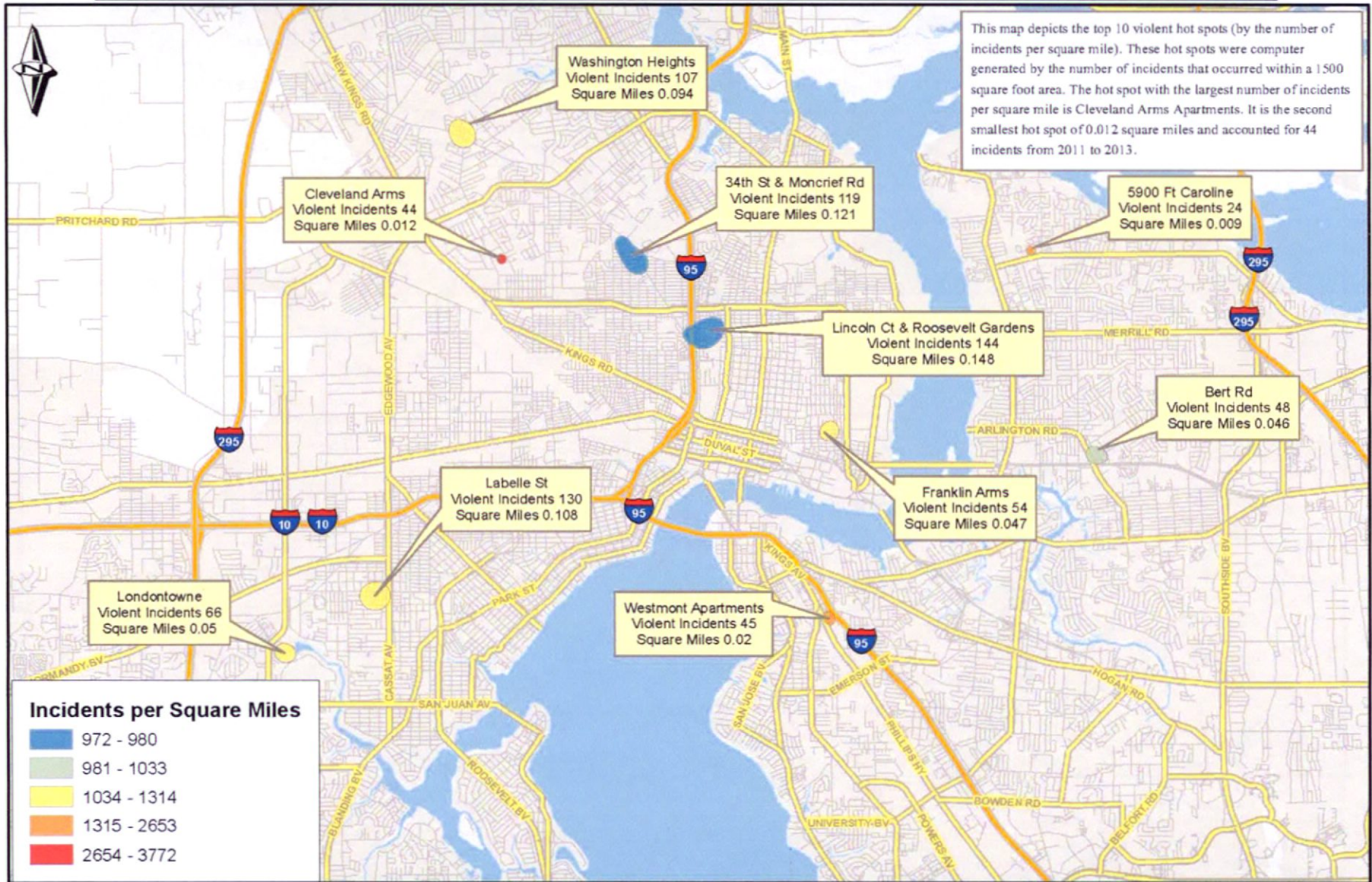
## Top Property\* Hot Spots for 2012 - 2014



\* Property incidents include: Arson, Auto Theft, Auto Burglary, and Burglaries; Thefts are not included.



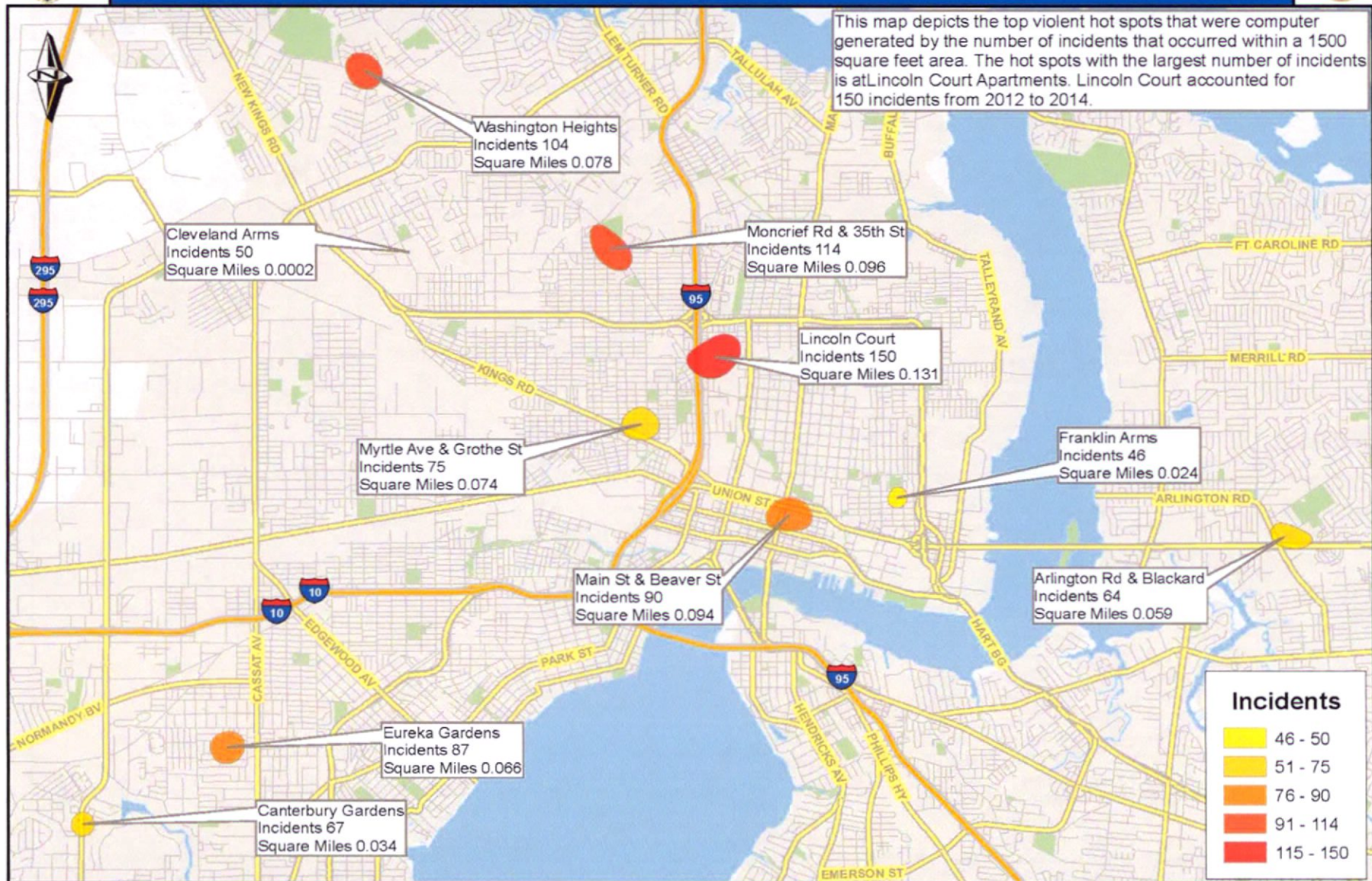
## Top 10 Violent\* Hot Spots 2011-2013



\* Violent incidents include: Abductions, Aggravated Battery, Robbery, Rape, Arson, Auto Theft, and Burglaries; Murders were not included due to the low volume and would not have an effect.



## Top Violent\* Hot Spots for 2012 - 2014



\* Violent incidents include: Aggravated Battery, Rape, and Robbery