

Exploring Neighborhood Effects on Health Using GIS and Electronic Health Records

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Overview

Integrate electronic health records, birth records, area-level environmental variables and health plan claims to investigate predictors of pediatric health concerns



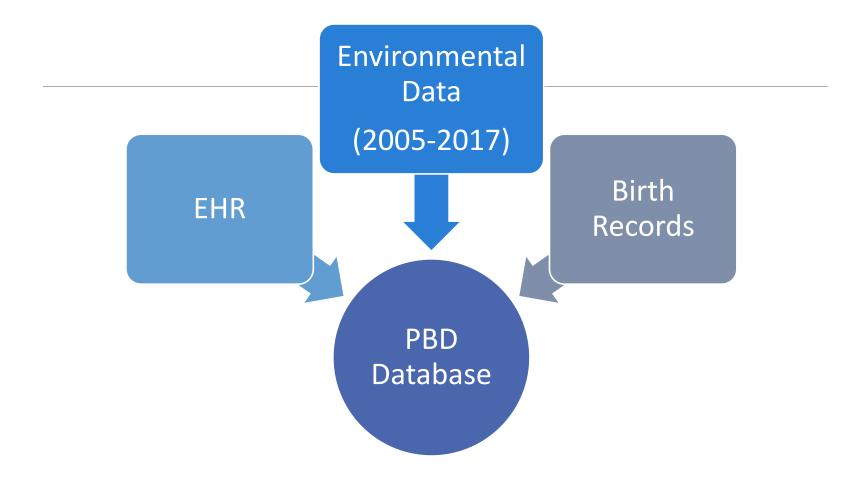




Health Outcomes Targeted

- Asthma
- Obesity
- Avoidable hospitalizations

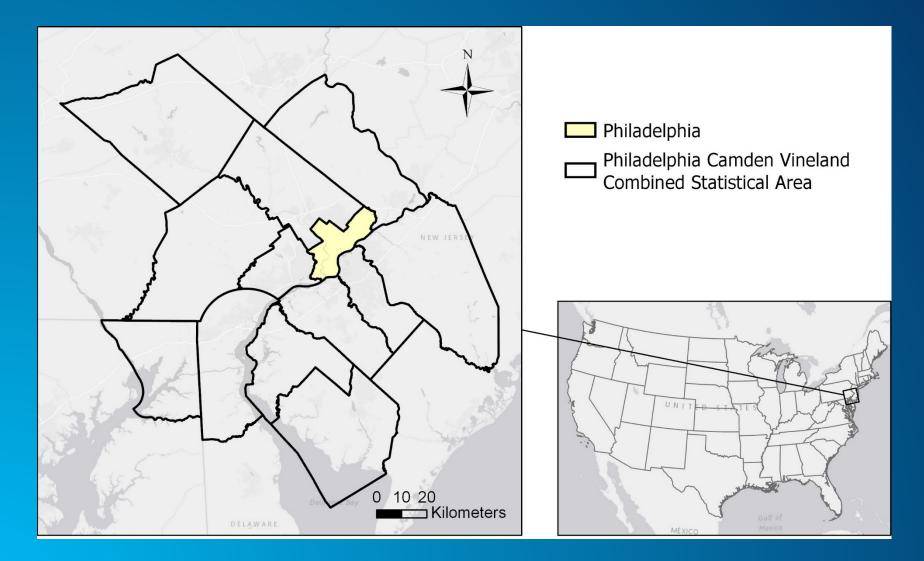
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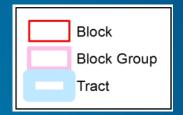
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Area-level environmental variables - Census Tracts

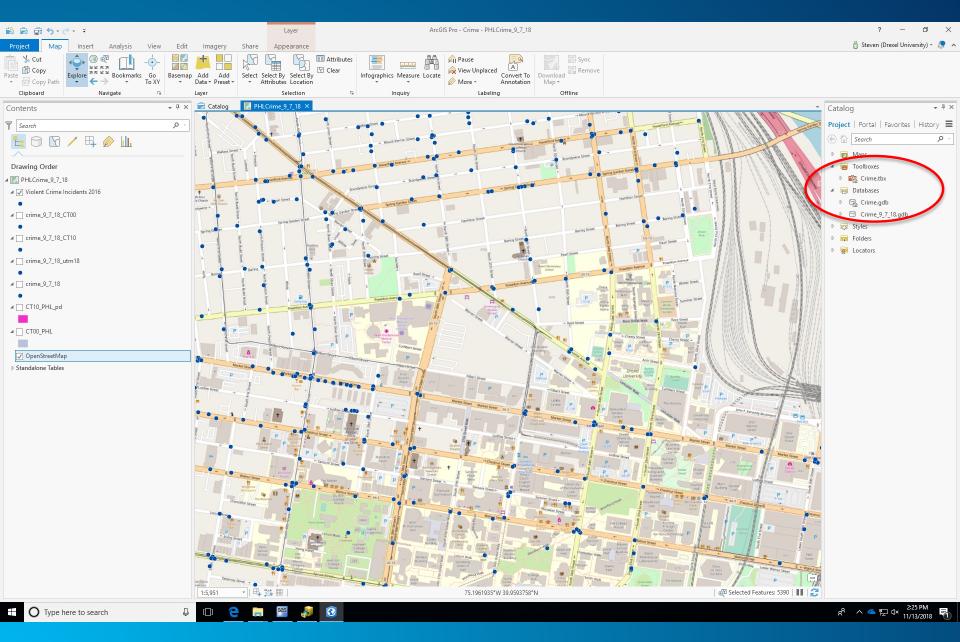




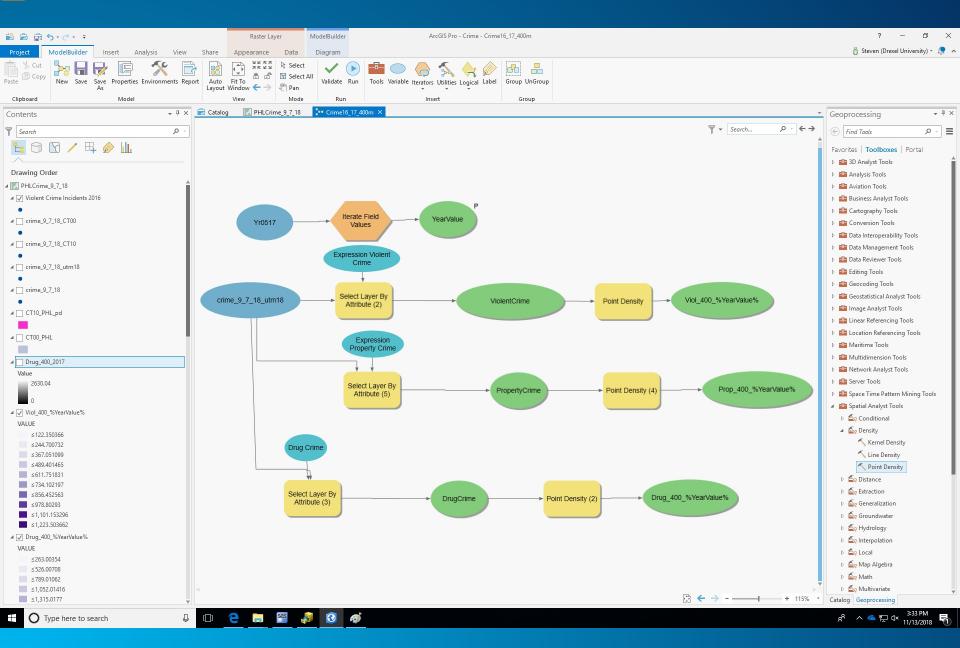
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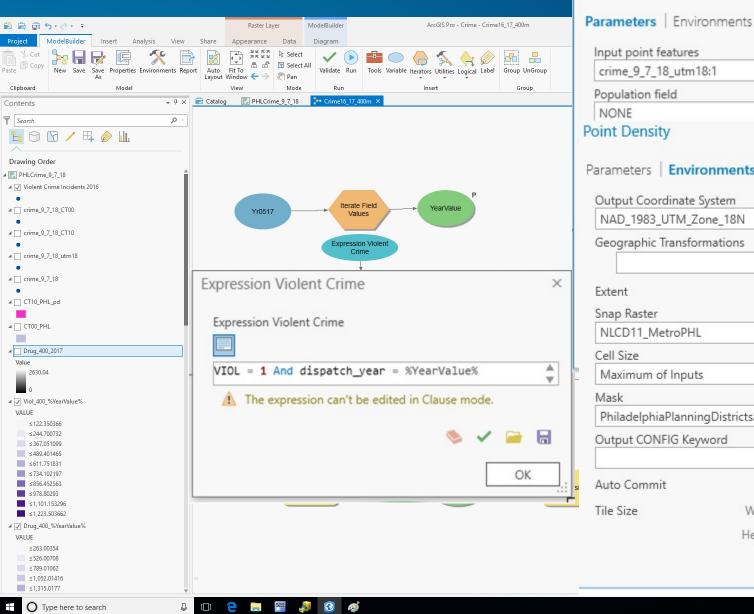




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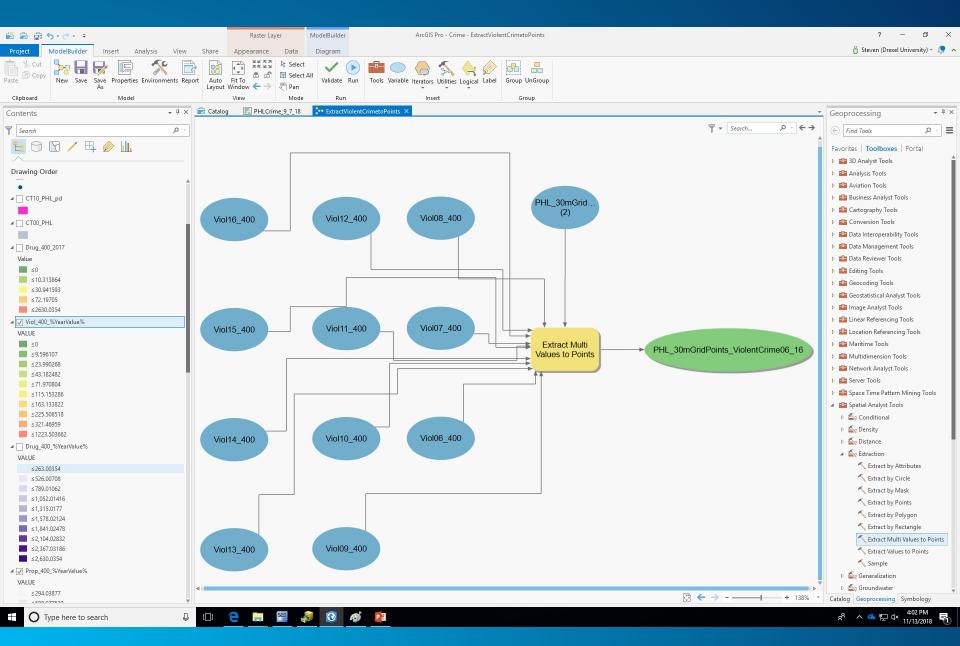
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Drexel team prepares data for longitudinal analysis

Attribute table from Drexel's geodatabase



pointid	b4violkm16	b4violkm15	b4violkm14	b4violkm13	b4violkm12	b4violkm11	b4violkm10	b4violkm09	b4violkm08	b4violkm07	b4violkm06
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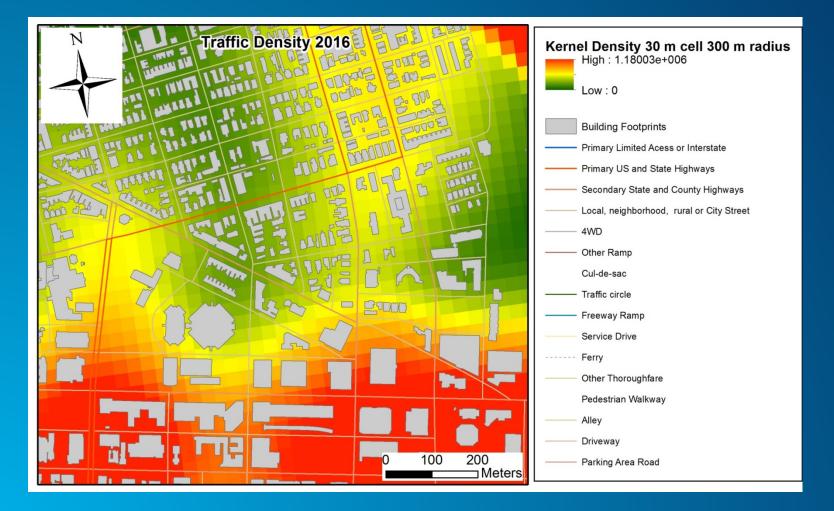


Use point id for location nearest to patient's home address to link to health data on CHOP server

Built and Social Environment Measures Included

Air Pollution	Racial/Ethnic Composition	Access to Public Transportation
Traffic	Socioeconomic Composition	Access to Health Care
Weather	Crime	Walkability
Allergens	Social cohesion	Bike/Pedestrian Safety
Green space	Housing	Food Environment
Physical Activity Amenities	Blight	Access to Child Care

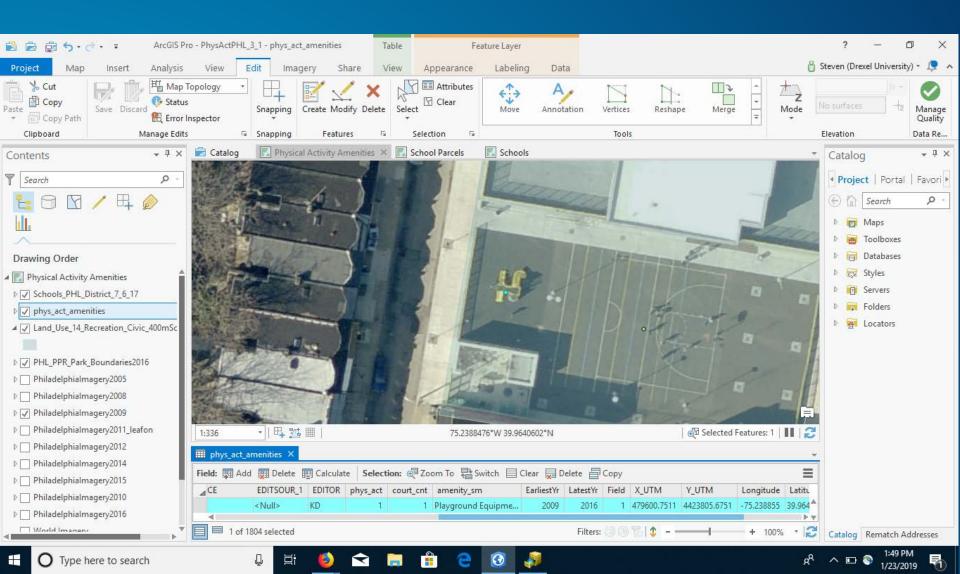
Air Pollution: Density of Traffic on Major Roads



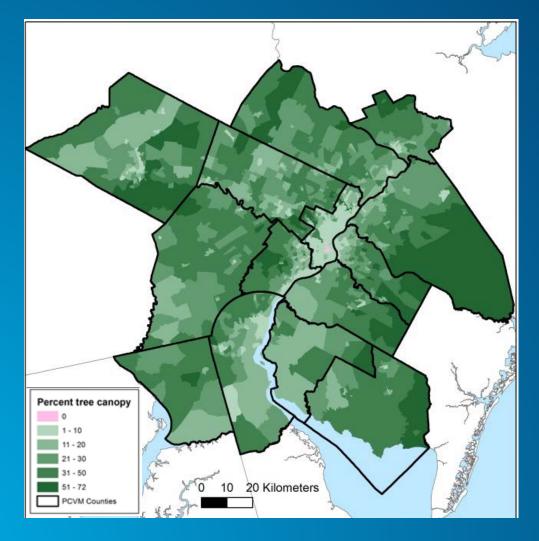
Density of Traffic Residential Neighborhood



Built Environment: Physical Activity & Obesity



National – Tree Canopy from Satellite



National Land Cover 2011 mrlc.gov

Ongoing Work and Next Steps

- Analysis of environmental factors with health records
- Machine learning to predict pediatric health outcomes
- Link to other Electronic Health Records
- Expand geographic scope
- Update and expand on environmental and social measures
- Automate processes

It takes a team: Clinicians, Public Health Researchers, Students



With our approach:

- Work was distributed to several students and staff
- Health outcomes kept separate from environmental data
- Patient privacy was protected

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