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**A YEAR OF BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS
2004–2005 ANNUAL REPORT**

PPRC

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THE PUBLIC POLICY RESEARCH CENTER AT
THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI-ST. LOUIS
BUILDS PARTNERSHIPS THAT PROJECT
THE UNIVERSITY INTO THE COMMUNITY AND
BRING THE COMMUNITY TO THE UNIVERSITY.

OUR MISSION

THE PPRC BRINGS PEOPLE TOGETHER
THROUGH RESEARCH ACTIVITIES, PROGRAMS,
OPPORTUNITIES AND EXPERTISE THAT FOSTER
UNIVERSITY-COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS AT THE
NEIGHBORHOOD AND METROPOLITAN LEVEL
ACROSS THE ST. LOUIS REGION.

OUR MEANS

PPRC RESPONDS TO COMMUNITY-IDENTIFIED
NEEDS WITH A MULTI-DISCIPLINARY APPROACH
TO APPLIED RESEARCH AND COMMUNITY AND
NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT. THE PPRC
UNDERTAKES ITS MISSION BY WORKING IN CLOSE
PARTNERSHIPS WITH LOCAL, COUNTY, REGIONAL
AND STATE GOVERNMENTS AND AGENCIES,
NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS, AND
CITIZEN'S GROUPS. IT ALSO PROMOTES POLICY
RESEARCH THROUGH FACULTY AND COMMUNITY
FELLOWSHIPS. PPRC SERVES AS A POLICY
LABORATORY FOR A NUMBER OF GRADUATE
STUDENTS PARTICIPATING IN RESEARCH AND
OUTREACH ACTIVITIES.

OUR CORE COMPETENCIES

PPRC OPERATES FROM THREE CORE
COMPETENCIES:

- COMMUNICATIONS
- COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
STRATEGIES
- APPLIED RESEARCH

STRUCTURALLY, PPRC IS ORGANIZED AROUND
THREE UNITS: APPLIED RESEARCH, COMMUNITY
AND NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT, AND
METROPOLITAN INFORMATION AND DATA
ANALYSIS SERVICES (MIDAS). EACH UNIT
IS HEADED BY A DIRECTOR. OTHER PPRC
INITIATIVES INCLUDE THE PONT-OF-VIEW
PHOTOGRAPHY PROJECT, AND COMMUNITY
HISTORY RESEARCH AND DESIGN SERVICES.

THIS 2004-2005 ANNUAL REPORT
HIGHLIGHTS EVENTS FROM PPRC'S MOST
RECENT YEAR OF BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS
TO STRENGTHEN THE ST. LOUIS REGION.



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COMMUNICATIONS

Communication is a core component to PPRC's partnerships. In addition to regular publications, PPRC offers a variety of seminars, conferences, and opportunities to share information about what's happening in our communities at the neighborhood and metropolitan level. PPRC facilitates discussions on many topics that impact the St. Louis region.

Organized annually by the CND unit, the 2005 Creating Livable Communities Symposium brought together researchers, policymakers, community leaders, history and museum professionals, preservationists, citizens, teachers, and students for discussions on history and place as tools for community building in neighborhoods, the classroom, the Internet, and beyond.

The Photography Project: Point-of-View Series mirrors PPRC's mission by spotlighting photographs that explore life in St. Louis neighborhoods from the perspective of the people who live and work in them. The project relies on community photography, a highly specialized and somewhat uncommon area of the photographic arts in which the people who are usually the subjects of photo documentation become the photographers. By placing cameras in the hands of residents, the exhibits allow residents the opportunity to decide how their lives are portrayed. The gallery also engages the communities by placing the exhibits in the neighborhoods it portrays. Some of the participating organizations during the past year include Gateway Greening, Pagedale Beyond Housing, and the Old North St. Louis Restoration Group.

The Creating Livable Communities Seminar Series promotes the sharing of information and ideas on issues that impact the St. Louis region. The series is co-sponsored by University of Missouri Extension.

Mid-County Partners Solid Waste Analysis and Education: In partnership with Mid-County Partners for Progress, PPRC is conducting a research and education project focusing on waste reduction, re-cycling and intergovernmental cooperation. PPRC's research team has developed interview protocols to study a sampling of municipal leaders, policymakers, and residents. Analysis will focus on planning, service delivery, and monitoring of recycling programs. The data will be used to help determine educational approaches to motivate recycling at both the local governmental level as well as with elementary and secondary school-aged children. This project is funded by the St. Louis Jefferson Solid Waste Management District.

St. Louis Metromorphosis Book Series: With the release of a book by the same name, the St. Louis Metromorphosis book series was launched last year. This series documents and analyzes life in the St. Louis region. The books hold a special emphasis on the dynamics of change in the region, and highlight the characteristics and assets that make the area unique. It is published in collaboration with the Missouri Historical Society.

Interface is the quarterly newsletter published by the PPRC. Each issue provides an overview of PPRC's current partnerships, research, grants, awards and community initiatives. It also provides information on upcoming conferences, fellowships, seminars, exhibits, and educational opportunities.

The PPRC Website is always changing. The site keeps up-to-date information about PPRC's activities, as well as links and resources on current public policy issues. Copies of all PPRC publications and many staff and fellow presentations are available for download. <http://pprc.umsi.edu>

THE PPRC GALLERY WAS MADE POSSIBLE THROUGH FUNDING FROM THE REGIONAL ARTS COMMISSION, MISSOURI ARTS COUNCIL, ARTS AND EDUCATION COUNCIL OF GREATER ST. LOUIS. EXHIBIT SPACE AND/OR SUPPLIES WERE CONTRIBUTED BY ALLIED PHOTOCOLOR, ARTECH PHOTO OF CLAYTON, KUTCHER PICTURE FRAME CO., O.J. PHOTO, SCHILLER'S CAMERA AND VIDEO, FOREST PARK FOREVER, OLD NORTH ST. LOUIS RESTORATION GROUP, MISSOURI BOTANICAL GARDEN, AND ST. VINCENT'S COMMUNITY CENTER.



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GABRIEL MOORE, AGE 14,
ABOUT HER PARTICIPATION IN THE A POINT-OF-VIEW EXHIBIT

These images are from PPRC Gallery exhibitions.

APPLIED RESEARCH

PPRC responds to community-identified needs with a multi-disciplinary approach to quantitative and qualitative research. PPRC has established its research expertise in a range of areas, including workforce development, urban revitalization, fair housing, and regionalism. PPRC possesses core research skills that allow us to study a wide spectrum of social and public policy questions. PPRC's research is undertaken in close partnerships with local, county, regional and state governments and agencies, nongovernmental organizations, and citizen's groups.

Funded by SLATE, the **Workforce Information System** is an ongoing project that is currently in its sixth year. Twice a year, PPRC's MIDAS unit surveys close to 2,500 local businesses throughout the two-state, twelve-county metropolitan region and provides current estimates and projections on occupation and skills demand. Complementing this information is data on regional and county economies, demographics, labor force composition and profiles of the education, training and employment communities. In 2004-05, PPRC also performed sector studies in Financial Services and in Tourism, Hospitality and Recreation and one follow-up study.

Workforce Investment Boards: MIDAS facilitated a Skills Gap Planning process for the four Missouri Workforce Investment Boards (WIB). Underwritten by funds for the State Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, this planning process was designed to identify key occupations in key sectors of the local economy and to determine how the resources of the WIBs, community colleges and economic development agencies could address any "skill gaps". This process identified the Health Care sector and nurses and physical therapists as the targeted occupations.

The Gateway Greening Whitmire Study: PPRC's Applied Research unit developed a targeted research methodology, conducted surveys, and collected secondary data to examine the impact of 55 gardens in the City of St. Louis. In the next phase of the study PPRC and the department of Criminology and Criminal Justice will analyze the relationship between community garden areas and changes in community crime rates.

The Applied Research unit is conducting a **Public Finance Initiative** to determine whether property tax administration in Missouri results in legal and equitable distribution of

tax burdens. The unit supplied information to school and business organizations and to the Missouri legislature regarding the effect of property assessment disparity on the distribution of school aid under the state's old and new funding formulae. The unit also began acquiring and organizing the state's most extensive database of property assessment, tax rate, and sale price information for use in future research.

Under the **United Way Philanthropy Study**, the MIDAS unit conducted a literature review of research on philanthropic macro trends, population segments and methods of communication used in fundraising.

For the **Support-A-Child International/Healthy Futures initiative**, the Applied Research unit developed a database, including a user interface and reporting capability, which has enabled automated record-keeping for all activity in the Healthy Futures program. Database applications allow staff to track participation in the Healthy Futures after-school component and adult training sessions; compile health screening data and other outcome data collected in the field; and maintain a log of contacts with parents of after-school participants. This data will be relayed to Healthy Futures funders.

United Way and ARCHS Child Care Initiatives:

The Applied Research unit was selected by the United Way and ARCHS to conduct an evaluation of the child care initiatives known as Success by 6 (SB6) and the Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) program. Also with ARCHS, PPRC is developing a comprehensive database of social service and other not for profit organizations in St. Louis City and St. Louis County.

Cochran Gardens Hope VI: PPRC collected baseline data on Cochran Gardens residents' perception of community and supportive services they receive from an agency contracted by the Cochran Redevelopment Partners. PPRC also collected information on the impact of the Hope VI project on the community residents and on commercial development within a one-mile radius of the Hope VI site.

The MIDAS unit has been engaged a **Migration Analysis Study** to examine population movements to, from, and within the St. Louis region. The study looks at reasons people choose to remain in a neighborhood, and specifically on economic and housing-related factors.

PPRC partnered with the St. Louis Lead Protection Coalition to gather data for the **Lead Education and Awareness Project**. Applied research created a database of rental properties in the City of St. Louis that the Coalition used to examine the ways that property owners disseminate information about childhood lead poisoning and the way that renters respond to that information.

PPRC partnered with the City of O'Fallon, Missouri to conduct an analysis of impediments to fair housing. The analysis included interviews, review of local fair housing law and policy. PPRC also recommended action for addressing identified impediments.

The Applied Research unit worked with Vision for Children at Risk to provide an analysis of the St. Louis Children's Agenda. PPRC studied the level of intergovernmental support for children in the City of St. Louis and the ways that new funding strategies could provide additional resources to support child-oriented initiatives.

The Applied Research unit is engaged in an evaluation of a health curriculum currently being promoted by the Father's Support Center of St. Louis (FSC). PPRC is assessing FSC's success in changing client behaviors that may be detrimental to general health.

St. Louis Teacher Enhancement Project (STEP): Through a grant from UM-St. Louis's College of Education, the CND unit is working to identify community assets and to enhance teaching candidates' understanding of the neighborhoods where they will work and where their students will reside. The Applied Research unit is working on the evaluation component of the study, tracking individual student performance in participating schools.

In collaboration with the Stolar Partnership, PPRC conducted case studies for the **Missouri Development Fund**.

PPRC received funding from the Department of Housing and Urban Development and Beyond Housing/Neighborhood Housing Services in a series of projects looking at the issue of homeowner sustainability, including how foreclosure and loss of housing impacts minority and first time homebuyers.

Early Learning Opportunity Act (ELOA): The ELOA project seeks to integrate the early childhood literacy efforts of multiple organizations in the City of St. Louis. The Applied Research unit is providing the comprehensive evaluation of this effort and of the activities of the various partners.



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EMILY BAKER,
TOWER GROVE SOUTH RESIDENT,
ST. LOUIS CITY



One of PPRC’s objectives is to create livable communities. To do this, PPRC links faculty, staff and students with community organizations and facilitates university-community partnerships that will strengthen the capacity of St. Louis’s neighborhoods.



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SEAN THOMAS,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, OLD NORTH
ST. LOUIS RESTORATION GROUP

In 2004, PPRC completed work on the Old North Neighborhood Partnership (ONNP). This 3-year project was funded through a HUD Community Outreach Partnership Center grant and was designed to harness the physical, economic, intellectual and creative resources of the University by linking UM–St. Louis to Old North St. Louis, an historic neighborhood in the City of St. Louis. The project focused on community-driven initiatives in the areas of historic preservation, environmental health and safety, housing and home maintenance, and community leadership. Along with training and technical assistance for neighborhood residents and a variety of tools to strengthen and market the neighborhood, the partnership also provided numerous hands-on learning opportunities for students.

PPRC’s CND unit offered its fourth annual Neighborhood Leadership Academy in 2005, in cooperation with University of Missouri Extension and the UMSL Nonprofit Management and Leadership Program. A total of 16 current or potential leaders completed the Academy, representing a diverse set of neighborhoods and community-based agencies. Academy participants pursued a variety of community improvement projects, including creating after-school computer labs, developing a youth leadership program, implementing a new block watch program and enhancing board development and neighborhood marketing.

Monthly Lunch and Learn sessions were held throughout the year, designed to share information on PPRC projects and facilitate connections with community representatives. Topics during the last year included population migration, community environmental clean-ups, and university-community partnerships.

Community History Research and Design Services (CHRDS) is a PPRC initiative that channels University resources — faculty expertise, student energy — to individuals and groups seeking stronger, richer communities. CHRDS catalogs historical documents, artifacts and photos, interprets the historical objects and stories, and facilitates the discovery of new historical information. Examples of work include archaeological digs and the recording of oral history. In 2004-2005, faculty and students worked with residents of Lewis Place, the oldest private street in the City of St. Louis. A research team assisted neighborhood residents in analyzing census data, newspaper archives, legal documents and property deeds to examine the early history of Lewis Place, as well as the racial transition of the area.

The 2004 – 2005 Community Fellow Program also focused on the role of history in community revitalization. Lynn Josse, a historical preservation consultant, researched the ways that communities use history to energize citizens and revitalize neighborhoods. Her work was featured at the 2005 Creating Livable Communities Symposium.



STUDENT
OPPORTUNITIES
AND PARTNERSHIPS

PPRC recognizes its responsibility to the students attending the university, and works to enhance and strengthen their educational experience. Partnerships with students benefit the university and community as well as changing the way that students learn. PPRC serves as a policy laboratory for a number of graduate students participating in research and outreach activities, connects students with metropolitan issues through field-based learning, and provides a number of office positions for undergraduates.

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ANDREW HURLEY,
FACULTY PARTNER

Work Opportunities for Students

Graduate Research Assistantships: PPRC relies on the assets of its student pool, and engages students in a variety of graduate research assistantship positions in applied research, quantitative research, and community and neighborhood development.

Student Assistant Opportunities: The PPRC employs student assistants in a variety of office and clerical positions. Working on campus, students become familiar with professional academic climate. They area also able to network with other professionals in a variety of academic fields.

FACULTY PARTNERSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIPS

The Public Policy Research Center has a long history of partnering with UM-St. Louis faculty in support of research that helps shape our community. Through Faculty Fellowships, PPRC has worked closely with professors from a broad range of disciplines. Likewise, faculty has provided support and expertise to PPRC’s research projects.

Faculty Partners: Anthropology

Tim Baumann, Assistant Professor

Faculty Fellow -- Old North St. Louis historic preservation

Faculty Partners: Business Administration

James Campbell, Professor

Corps of Engineers GIS Study

Douglas Smith, Professor, and Center for Business and Industrial Studies Director

PPRC Advisory Committee Member

Faculty Partners: Criminology and Criminal Justice

Rich Rosenfeld, Professor

Gateway Greening Crime Study; PPRC Advisory Committee Member;

Editor, Hidden Assets: a Nonobvious Future for St. Louis

Faculty Partners: College of Education

Kathleen S. Brown, Associate Professor, Educational Leadership & Policy Studies

St. Louis Teachers Enhancement Partnership Evaluation Chair

Susan Catapano, Assistant Professor

Success by 6

Jane Fleming, Assistant Professor

Earning Learning Opportunities Act

Patricia Simmons, William R. Orthwein Jr. Professor of Life-long Learning in the Sciences

Co-Principal Investigator on Center for Inquiry and Science Teaching and Learning Evaluation

Faculty Partners: History

Bob Bliss, Dean, Honors College and Associate Professor

Measuring the City Honors College Course

Andrew Hurley, Professor

Faculty Fellow; PPRC Advisory Committee Member,

Community History Research and Design; Author, From Village to Neighborhood: A History of Old North St. Louis

Faculty Partners: NonProfit Management & Leadership Program

John McClusky, Director, Nonprofit Management & Leadership Program

Old North Neighborhood Partnership, PPRC Strategic Planning Facilitator, Neighborhood Leadership Academy

Faculty Partners: Political Science

Brady Baybeck, Assistant Professor

PPRC Advisory Committee Member, Editor, St. Louis Metromorphosis: Past Trends, Future Directions

Terry Jones, Professor

Faculty Fellow; Editor, St. Louis Metromorphosis: Past Trends, Future Directions

David Kimball, Associate Professor

Faculty Fellow; St. Louis Polling Places Study

Nancy Kinney, Assistant Professor

GIS study on the Role of Churches in Community Development

Faculty Partners: Office of Research

Nasser Arshadi, Vice Provost for Research

PPRC Advisory Committee Member

Faculty Partners: Sociology

George McCall, Professor

Instructor for Sociology Course: “Urban Problems: The Plight of Inner Ring Suburbs”

Faculty Partners: Continuing Education and Outreach, and University of Missouri Extension

David Klostermann, Interim Associate Vice-Chancellor and Dean

PPRC Advisory Committee Member

Sharon Laux, Housing & Environmental Design Specialist

Old North Neighborhood Partnership

Julianne Stone, Lecturer and Director, Local Government Partnership

Local Government Partnership Program

Faculty Partners: Center for Transportation Studies

Ray Mundy, Director, Center for Transportation Studies

Corps of Engineers GIS Study

Don Sweeney, Affiliate Professor and Assistant Director

PPRC Advisory Board, Corps of Engineers GIS Study

Experiential Learning Opportunities

Historical Research: Through the PPRC’s Community History Research and Design Services (CHRDS) program, students receive training through hands-on history projects. The core of this program revolves around collaboration between students and faculty in history, museology, and urban archeology. Students work in neighborhoods to catalog, index, and organize community historical documents and artifacts and make them accessible to the public.

Honors College: Measuring the City Course: The Community and Neighbor–hood Development (CND) unit worked with Honors College students to design this course. It was built in part around CND’s work with Old North St. Louis. The course provided an alternative route for learning math skills while teaching students about community action and social responsibility. It focused is on practical methods of quantitative data collection and analysis, while engaging students to develop a truer perspective of urban living.

Problems of Urban Community: Confronting the Plight of the Inner Ring Suburb: This Sociology course, taught with the assistance of CND staff, was offered to upper-level graduate and undergraduate students. Students explored the factors that both sustain and challenge older neighborhoods of the inner St. Louis County core. Nine municipalities were studied -- Shrewsbury, Maplewood, Richmond Heights, Clayton, University City, Wellston, Pine Lawn, Jennings and Bellefontaine Neighbors.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

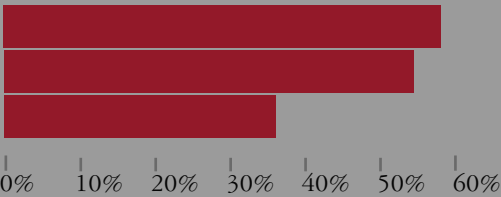


The PPRC receives funding from a three main sources: Internal, Education, and Externally-funded Contracts.

Internal Funding includes general revenue allocations, University Extension funds, Grant Incentive Funds, and in-house collaborations with other University departments. Education Funds represent the fees collected from workshops, conferences, seminars and other educational programs. The largest portion of our budget comes from Externally-funded Contracts are those that are awarded through outside organizations and partnerships, including federal grants, state and local money, and contracts from smaller non-profits and private organizations.

PPRC has retained a steady increase in both income and the percentage rate of its External Contracts. The total percentage of income received through External Contracts rose by nine points in 2004 and by five points in 2005.

EXTERNAL CONTRACTS ANALYSIS



2004	2005	2006
36%	54%	58%

PPRC FUNDING FOR FISCAL YEARS 2004-2006
BY CATEGORY

FUNDING TYPES	FISCAL YEAR	PROJECT INCOME	PERCENT OF TOTAL INCOME
Internal	2004	\$820,901	64%
Education	2004	\$6,412	0%
External Contracts	2004	\$459,863	36%

TOTAL ACTUAL INCOME \$1,287,176

FUNDING TYPES	FISCAL YEAR	PROJECT INCOME	PERCENT OF TOTAL INCOME
Internal	2005	\$666,763	46%
Education	2005	\$5,000	0%
External Contracts	2005	\$793,443	54%

TOTAL ACTUAL INCOME \$1,465,206

FUNDING TYPES	FISCAL YEAR	PROJECT INCOME	PERCENT OF TOTAL INCOME
Internal	2006	\$642,684	42%
Education	2006		0%
External Contracts	2006*	\$897,161	58%

TOTAL ACTUAL INCOME \$1,539,845



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PRESENTATIONS

“Development Financing: Navigating the Course Through Statutory Authorities.” Mark Tranel served as a panelist on this discussion at the Governor’s 2005 Business Development Conference, Lake Ozark, MO, June 2005.

“Capacity Building for Neighborhood Organizations.” Presented by Kay Gasen at the Community Outreach Partnership Center Annual Conference, US Dept. of HUD, Chicago, Illinois, April 2005.

“St. Louis Metromorphosis: Achieving Equity and Sustainability in the Urban Core.” Presented by Mark Tranel at the Urban Affairs Association Annual Meeting, Salt Lake City, UT, April 2005.

“Recreating a Sense of Place: Utilizing Public History to Build Community.” Presented by Kay Gasen at the National Association of Community Development Extension Professionals, Las Vegas, Nevada, February 2005.

“The Ins and Outs of St. Louis Population Migration: A 2003 Update” was presented by David Laslo at a Creating Livable Communities Seminar, University of Missouri – St. Louis, January 2005.

“Demolition, Dispersal and Displacement: Using Housing Policy to Deconcentrate Poverty”, was presented by Edward Goetz, Director of the Urban and Regional Planning Program, Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs. Presented as part of PPRC’s Metropolitan Issues Forums series. Presented at University of Missouri – St. Louis, November 2004.

“St. Louis Workforce Information System and Job Openings Results.” Presented by David Laslo at the Governor’s Conference on Workforce Development, Lake of the Ozarks, MO., October 2004.

“Sustaining University-Community Partnerships” presented by Kay Gasen, with Mary Domahidy (Saint Louis University) at the Community Development Society Conference, Cleveland, Ohio, July 2004.

“American Comparative Urban Analysis: Looking at the Past to See the Future.” Presented by Mark Tranel and David Laslo at the City Futures Conference, Chicago, IL, July 2004.

“Missouri’s Fiscal Year 2006 Budget.” Presented by Mark Tranel at the United Way Summit: Facilitating a Response to Diminished Resources, St. Louis, MO, June 2004.

BOOKS

St. Louis Metromorphosis: Past Trends, Future Directions. Produced by PPRC in partnership with the Missouri Historical Society, and edited by E. Terrence Jones and Brady Baybeck, it is the first in a series of volumes that documents and analyzes economic, social, political and historical aspects of the St. Louis metropolitan area. St. Louis Metromorphosis offers a sophisticated analysis of what has been happening within the St. Louis metropolitan area over the last five decades. Chapters contributed by PPRC staff include the following:

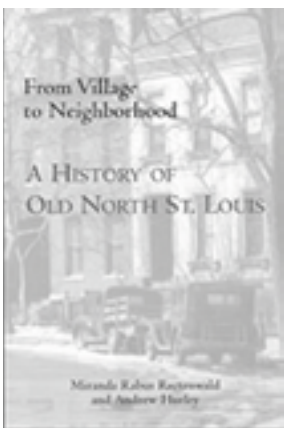
“The St. Louis Region 1950-2000: How We Have Changed” (chapter 1), by David Laslo, MIDAS Director

“The Transforming Economy” (chapter 3), by Mark Tranel, PPRC Director

“The Past, Present and Future of the St. Louis Labor Force” (chapter 4), by David Laslo, MIDAS Director

“The Transportation Transformation” (chapter 7), by Mark Tranel, PPRC Director

From Village to Neighborhood: A History of Old North St. Louis. This book, written by PPRC faculty fellow Andrew Hurley and by Miranda Rabus Rectenwald, bears witness to the significance of past and the importance of place. It documents the recovery of the history of the Old North St. Louis neighborhood through research, interviews, and archaeological excavations. Much of this work has been done through the assistance of the Community and Neighborhood Development division of PPRC.



PUBLICATIONS

“An Analysis Comparing Property Tax Assessments to Sale Values in St. Charles County, St. Louis County, and St. Louis City,” written by Steven M. Gardner. This 45-page report depicts of the level and uniformity of assessments for residential and commercial properties in the areas studied.

“Building Municipal Capacity for Brownfields Redevelopment in Wellston, Missouri and Emeryville, California: A Case Study,” written by Elizabeth Connolly, PPRC Community Fellow. This Occasional Paper draws parallels between Wellton, Missouri and Emeryville, California, and looks ahead towards Wellston’s potential for development and economic revitalization.

“Convention Center Wars and the Decline of Local Democracy”. This chapter was written by David Laslo and Dennis R. Judd, and published in Current Issues in Convention & Exhibition Facility Development (edited by Robert R. Nelson), Haworth Press, 2004.

“Missouri Education Funding: A Policy Brief”, written by Steven M. Gardner. This brief examines Senate Bill 287, as revised April 25, 2005.

“The Role of County Governments in Metropolitan Administration: A Study of the St. Louis MSA”. This chapter was written by Mark Tranel and published in Revitalizing the City: Strategies to Contain Sprawl and Revive the Core (edited by Fritz W. Wagner, et al), M.E. Sharpe, 2005.

COMING IN 2006-2007 FROM PPRC

Hidden Assets: A Non-obvious Future for St. Louis:

In collaboration with the Missouri Historical Society, the next book in the St. Louis Metromorphosis Book Series will be published in Spring 2005. Hidden Assets: A Non-obvious Future for St. Louis offers alternative projections for the region's future. After reviewing the area's performance on the standard indicators of growth and development, this volume identifies several hidden assets that distinguish St. Louis from other metropolitan areas, including areas that rank higher on the standard performance measures. Some of these assets include a bountiful and solid housing stock; vibrant and engaged communities; a world-class medical complex; an enduring and well-supported sports tradition; and the resurgence of several commercial and entertainment districts, among others.

St. Louis Plans: A third book in the St. Louis Metromorphosis Book Series is also under way. PPRC will be working on this volume throughout 2006, with publication planned for early 2007.

St. Louis Metromorphosis: An Honors Course: The idea for this course evolved from the St. Louis Metromorphosis Book Series. The course illustrate the economic, social, political and historical aspects of the St. Louis region over the last five decades.

Focus on Inner-Ring Suburbs: PPRC has long been invested in the challenges and opportunities that face inner- ring suburbs. Toward this end, the Community and Neighborhood Development unit will focus two of its central projects on this issue. The 2006 Creating Livable Communities Symposium will focus on building strength in inner-ring suburbs. And the Community Fellows Program will emphasize work that builds upon the strengths of inner-ring suburbs.

Policy Briefs: PPRC is in the process of developing a series of policy briefs examining issues that will come up in policy hearings. Some of these topics include personal property tax, the availability of quality child care, and academic standards in the St. Louis public schools.

St. Louis Economic Index – The MIDAS unit will provide this index of quarterly economic indicators. The report will serve as a barometer for the region of its economic performance and trends.

St. Louis Retail Sales Analysis – MIDAS will also perform research focused on patterns of retail sales, income and consumption patterns. This will provide a county-level look at the location of “capture” or “leakage” of local disposable income.

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