

Community: City of Albany

Project Title: Housing Data Analytics and Visualization Initiative

Partners: Dougherty County, The Department of Community and Economic Development, Fight Albany Blight, Albany Works!

Albany by the Numbers:

56 sq. miles

Over 70,000 city population

10th largest city in Georgia

"This project makes data available to our decision makers and our public in ways that have never previously been available in Albany."

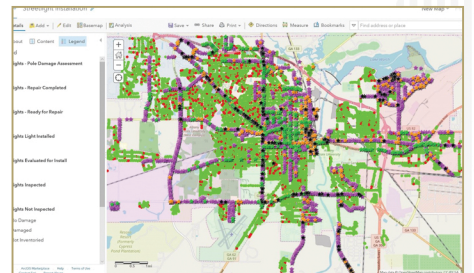
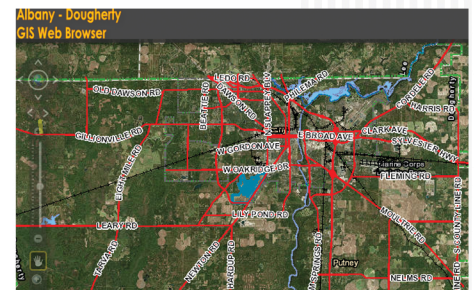
-Steven Carter, Chief Information Officer, City of Albany

Project Description:

The City of Albany is developing an integrated data portal from several government databases in order to drive efficiency and transparency throughout city government.

Implementation Focus Areas:

- Housing records and utility data are the initial focus of this project
- Additional data from other city departments including infrastructure will be added later



Georgia Tech Research Collaboration:

Georgia Tech researchers from the school of Public Policy are working with the City of Albany to gather, clean, and map the city's geospatial data across multiple departmental databases. The team has assembled 10 years' worth of data including housing, code enforcement, crime, and utility records held by the city for use internally with plans to open publicly sharable data to the community soon.

A Model for Georgia:

Albany is hosting a series of participatory design workshops to collaboratively develop both community priorities around open city data and achievable initiatives that can be run through ArcGIS Hub. Albany's experience learning how best to open a smaller government's data and visualize it will be indispensable to other smaller communities in our state.



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