



# Activity 3.6: Planning for Community Mapping

## Tools Needed

Copies of Tool 3.10:  
Description of Community Mapping Materials and Steps

## Materials Needed

Butcher Paper  
Markers

## Key Terms

Street Maps  
Walking List  
Rap Sheet  
Canvassing Sheet

## Intended Audience

Members and Staff of Your Organization

## Time Needed

1 Hour

## Purpose of Activity

This activity is designed to assist your group with planning a community mapping project. First, the participants will clarify exactly what will be mapped, and then the group will determine the various materials and roles needed to do the mapping project.

## By the End of the Activity Participants Will

- Discuss exactly what you want to map
- Come up with a plan to prepare all of the necessary materials you need for mapping (maps, walking lists, canvassing sheet etc.)

## Before this Activity Participants Will Need to

Have determined your research goals and research question  
Have decided on your research method

## Part I: Deciding what you want to map (30 minutes)

### Facilitator Instructions

1. Hand out paper and markers. Give the group five minutes to draw a map that reflects what they think you should be mapping through this project.
2. Popcorn questions to the big group to share what they have drawn and refine exactly what it is you want to map. Record responses on butcher paper. Use the following questions as a guide:
  - What did you draw on your map?
  - What do we want our maps to show?
  - What point(s) are we trying to prove?
  - What type of data do we need to prove those points?
  - How will these maps help our campaign?
  - Where in the community can we go to find what we are looking for?
  - What do we want to include/ leave out of our study?
3. Use responses to clarify and decide exactly what you want to map.



## Part II: Create a Mapping Plan (30 Minutes)

### Facilitator Instructions

1. Before meeting prepare butcher paper with three columns as seen below:

	<b>What</b>	<b>When</b>	<b>Who</b>
	What is the research task that needs to be done?	By when does it need to be complete?	Who will be the point person to make sure this task gets done?
<b>Prepare Street Maps</b>			
<b>Prepare Walking Lists</b>			
<b>Prepare Canvassing Sheets</b>			
<b>Prepare Rap Sheets</b>			
<b>Prepare Cameras</b>			
<b>Community Mapping Training for Members</b>			
<b>Coordinate Community Mapping Outreach Days</b>			
<b>Report Back Meeting</b>			

2. Next give everyone a copy of Tool 3.10: Description of Community Mapping Materials and Steps. Refer to this handout as you fill out the chart.
3. Fill out the planning chart with your big group being sure to clarify what each material or step entails and using the handout as necessary. Also be sure to fill out the “who” and “when” columns.
4. Debrief. Does everyone feel ready to start mapping? Is there anything else you need to prepare?