

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

The following is a list of materials and steps commonly used in community mapping. You may develop additional materials depending on your project.

**Street Maps:** in order to assist canvassers in the community mapping, you will need very specific street maps that show canvassers where in the neighborhood they need to go. Often times these maps are split up into small geographic areas such as census tracts, so they can have a high level of detail, and are feasible for canvassers to accomplish in one outreach session.

**Walking Lists:** are a tool used with street maps, that list out all of the properties or sites that a group of canvassers need to investigate. The walking lists should correspond directly to the scale used for each individual street map. You will only need a walking list if you are investigating specific properties. This will not be needed for every community mapping project.

**Canvassing Sheet:** is a data collection tool that a canvasser can use to track specific information or observations. The canvassing sheet should be carefully filled out for each relevant site or property that the canvassers find. (See Tool 3.8 for a sample canvassing sheet).

**Rap:** frequently community mapping will involve engaging community members in conversation to collect information related to the issue you are mapping in the community. A rap is a tool used to help canvassers prepare how they will approach and talk to different community that you may encounter while mapping.

**Community Mapping Training:** Before you send members out in the community, you may want to schedule a community mapping training to make sure everyone understands the specifics of the mapping project. Typically these trainings are done to teach members how to use all of the mapping materials, and to answer any questions about the mapping process.

**Community Mapping Outreach Day:** An event where you bring a group of members and allies of your organization together, split up into small groups, and go out to different parts of the neighborhood for a day of group community mapping. Outreach days often begin with a training to be sure all participants are familiar with the goals and materials of your mapping project.

**Report Back Meetings:** are meetings that bring together members who have participated in your community mapping outreach. These meetings are a good place to gather information, and stories about the issue you are investigating in the community. These meetings are also a good place to discuss any challenges or issues that might have come up in the mapping process, and adjust your mapping technique accordingly.