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**“If we can begin to understand
our own condition as a
community, we’re going to have
much more power.”**

John Schladen

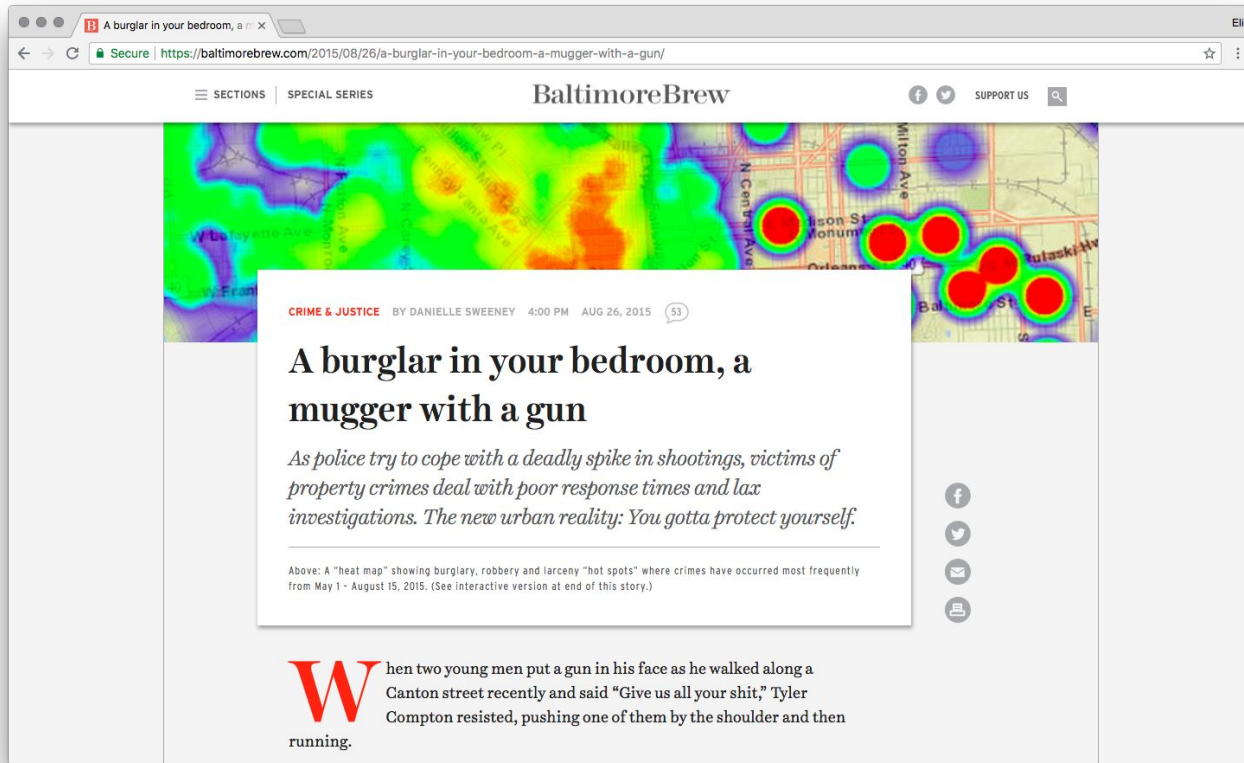
Howard Park resident & Open Baltimore user, March 2015



“I used to [use Open Baltimore]... I think I became disenchanted when I realized that all of the filters I made would become inaccurate because the data is deleted after a certain amount of time.”

Samantha Armacost

Medfield resident & former Open Baltimore user, July 2018



Open Baltimore data on Baltimore Brew, August 2015

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Baltimore City Contracts - Bureau of Purchases, Department of Finance

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This data contains contracts which (1) cover City or agency-specific needs over a period of time and (2) were coordinated through the Bureau of Purchases in the Department of Finance. All materials, supplies, equipment, and services used by City Agencies *******, with the exception of professional services and public works (i.e., construction) *******, must be obtained through the Bureau of Purchases. Professional services may be procured through the Board of Estimates with the assistance of the Law Department; public works (i.e., construction) may be procured through the Department of Public Works (DPW). Multiple listings in this Bureau of Purchases data reflect estimated breakdown among citywide and individual agency needs. Funds are encumbered against these contracts as public works *******. This dataset will be updated on a monthly basis. **LESS**

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Data Provided by Baltimore City Department of Finance

About this Dataset

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 eva w	Fair Housing AFFH February 2, 2017 (a year ago) With HUD's Fair Housing mapping tool in political jeopardy, please replicate its capabilities on OpenBaltimore so the data isn't lost and we can continue to implement the Fair Housing Act	0	Open
 NAS9779	City Impound search January 6, 2017 (2 years ago) City impound listing is now nonexistent system states "You do not have access" when trying to search the city impound lot for a vehicle	2	Open
 carter	towing January 5, 2017 (2 years ago)	3	Open
 wlong2	Police use of violence October 21, 2016 (2 years ago) Hi, is there a dataset for daily Baltimore police officers' use of violence in accidents in the past few years? For example, use of hand, gun or other police tools. Thanks!	0	Open
 LeGrand	Needle Exchange Locations October 6, 2016 (2 years ago) Would love to access to where these are in a way that is regularly updated. 1 comment on this suggestion	0	Open
 Thomas	Real Property September 26, 2016 (2 years ago) Hello, is there a guide for what the data columns in the Real Property GIS shapefile mean? I'm having trouble trying to interpret the UseGroup column. Thank you!	0	Open
 LeGrand	Overdose locations September 26, 2016 (2 years ago) Would love to see where overdoses are occurring in Baltimore. 1 comment on this suggestion	0	Open
 Utopia35	Sexual Offenders September 20, 2016 (2 years ago)	0	Open

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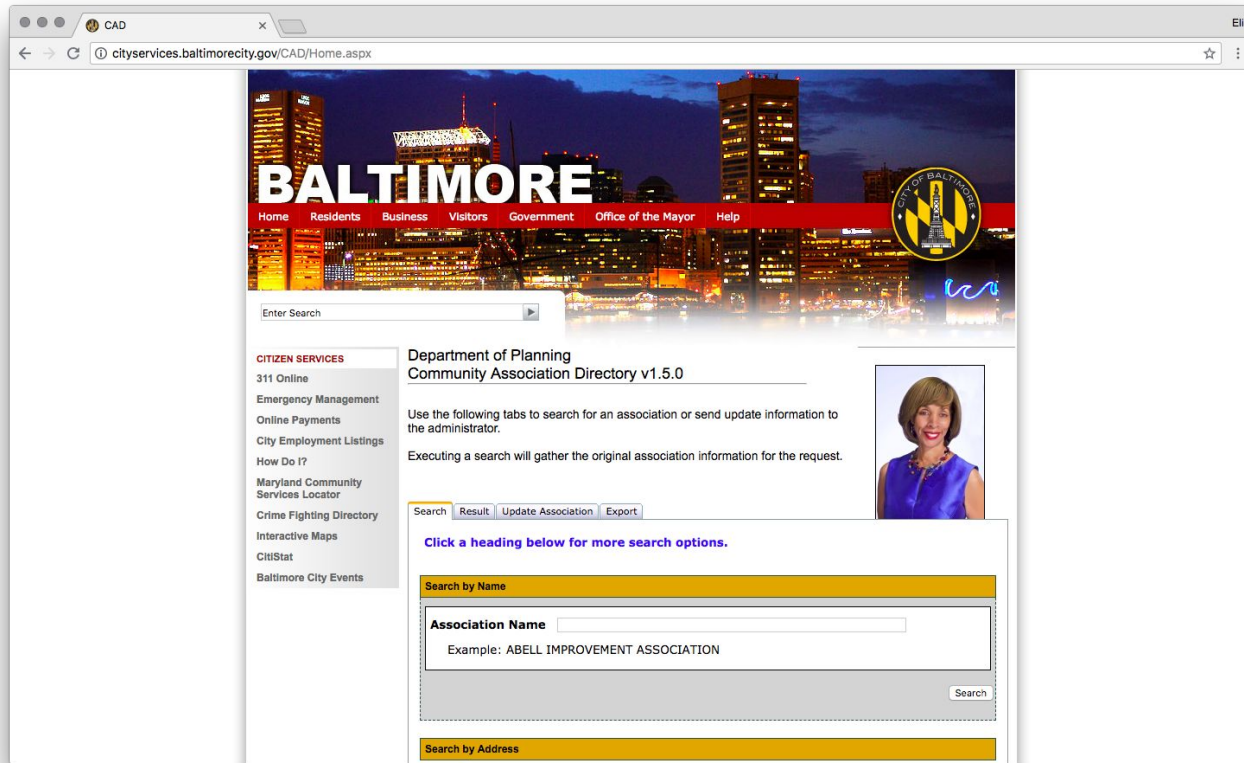
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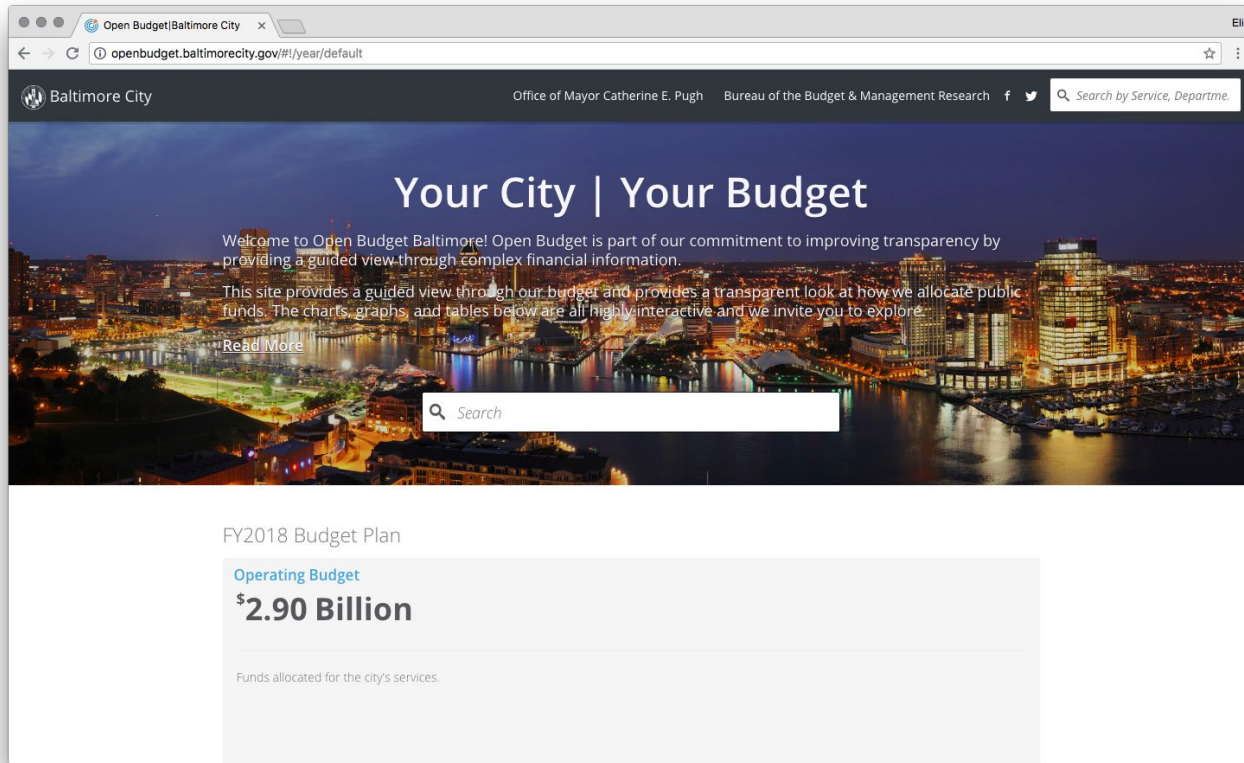
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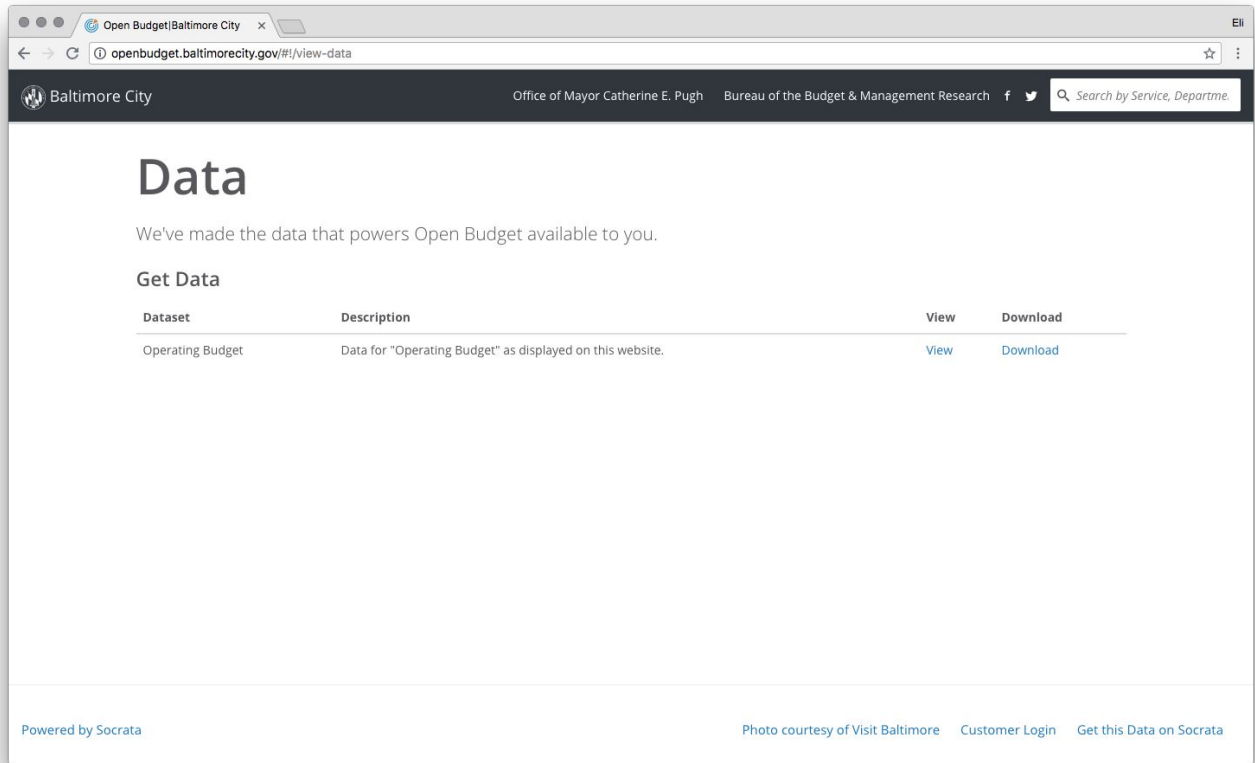
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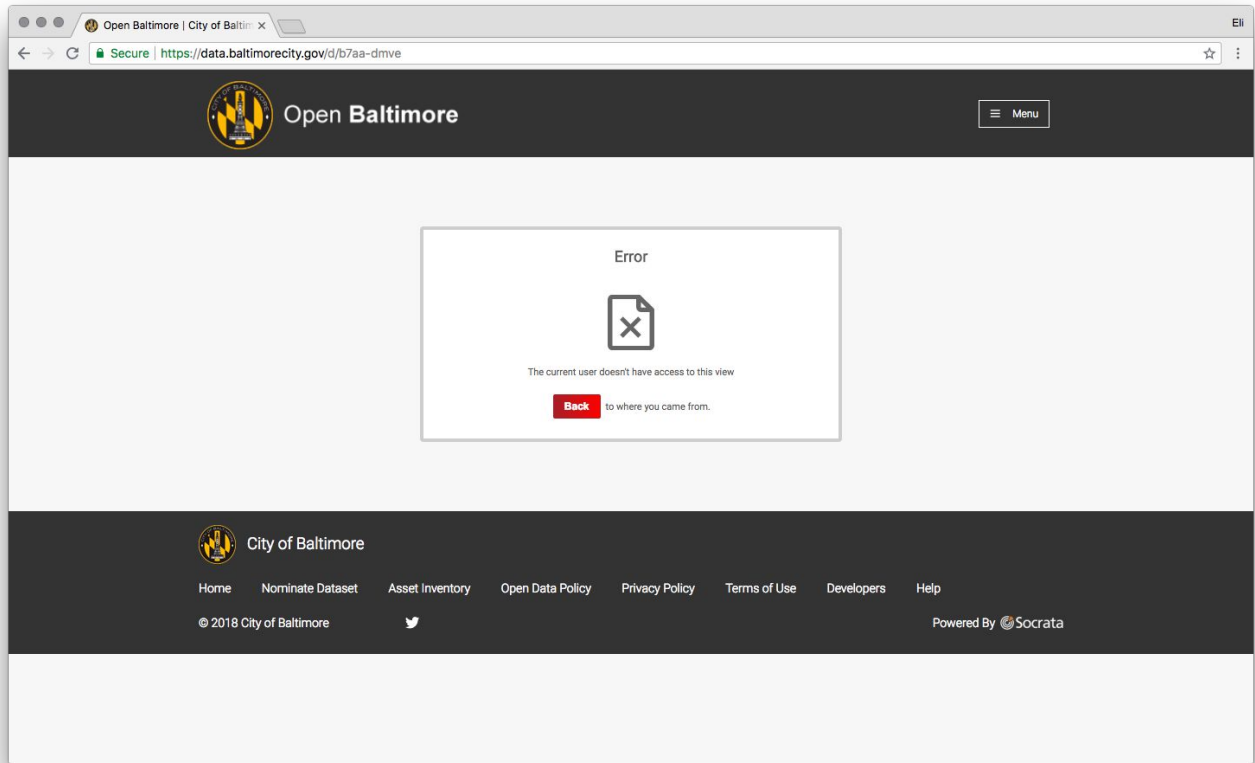
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“In this hour of change, the most thorough investigation into a city problem made today may be out of date tomorrow... The money value of adequate data on things we are about to do is difficult to measure.”

Theodore Marburg, Municipal Art Society and Department of Legislative Reference user, February 1907

“No one person knows how many vacant houses are owned by the city, how many should be razed, how many have a known owner, how many are needed for other uses and how many are involved in some stage of the law enforcement process.”

Citizens Planning & Housing Association, 1965

**What can we do to make data
more useful & accessible for
people in Baltimore?**



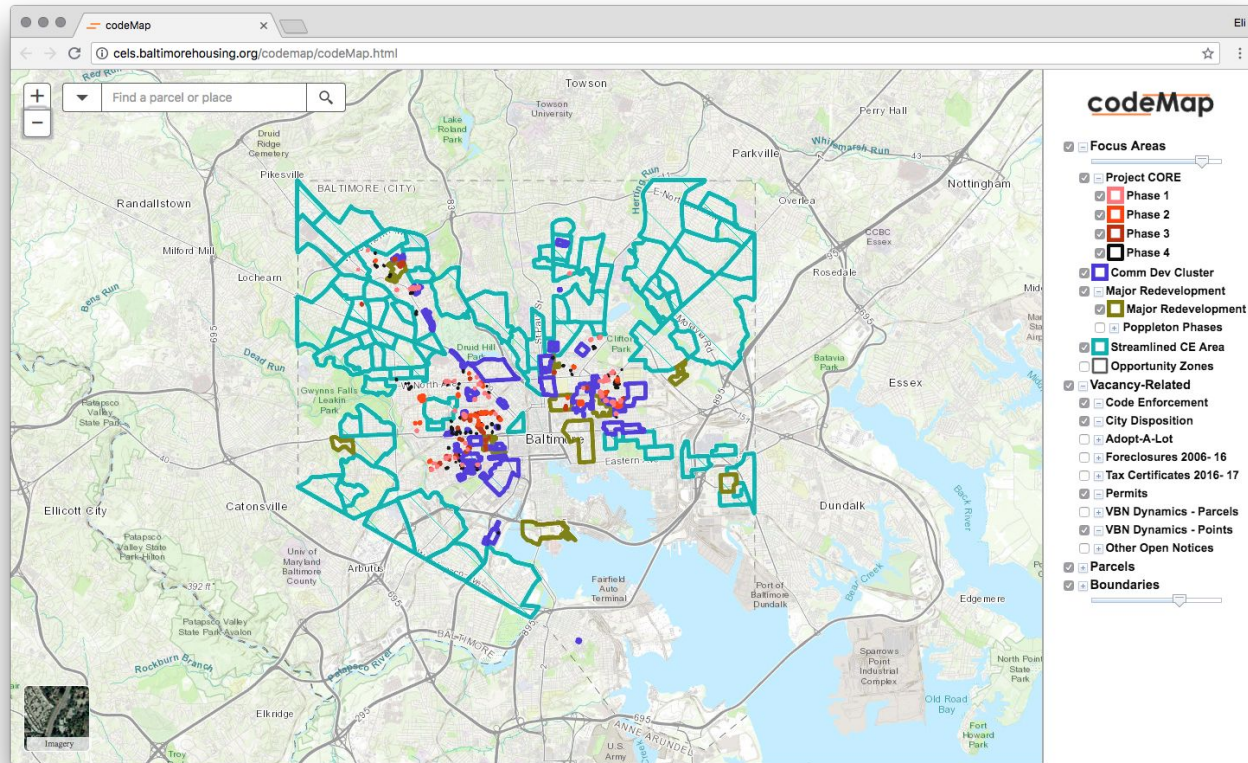
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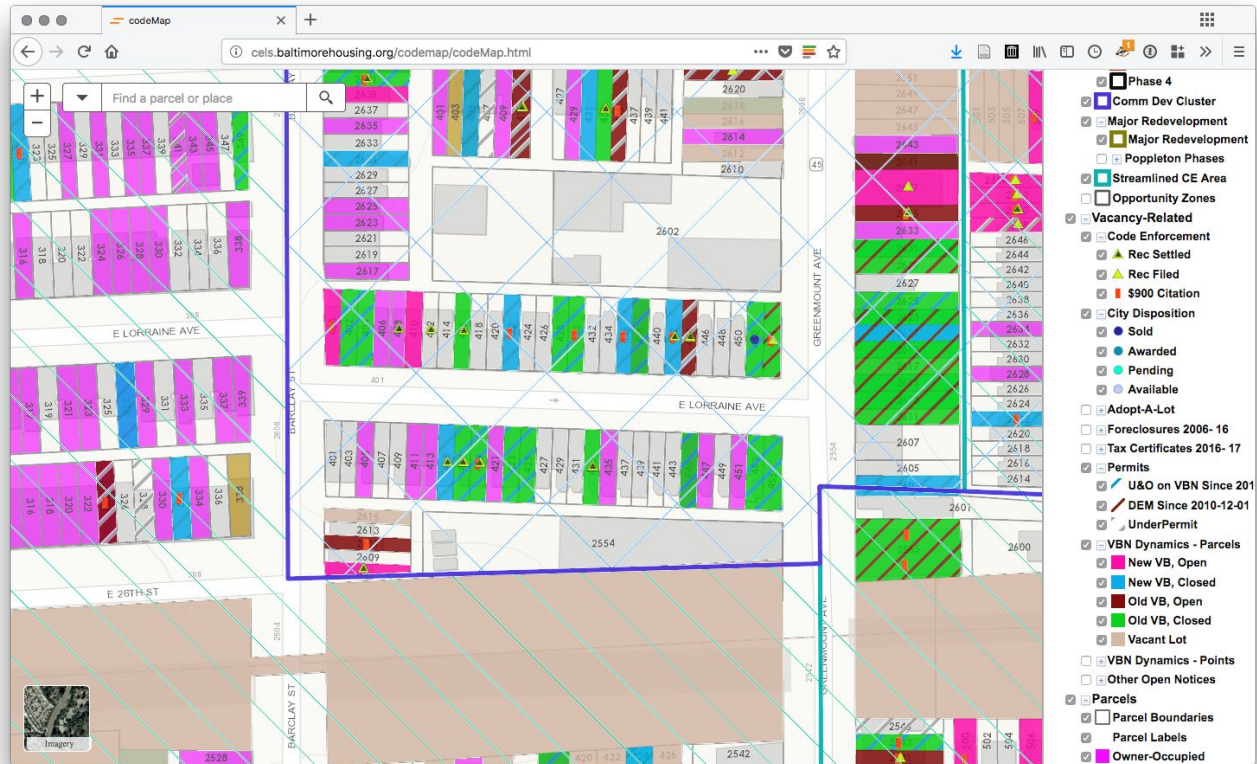
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311 Customer Service Requests	✓	✓	⊖	✓	✓	⊖
BPD Arrests	?	?	?	⊖	?	⊖
911 Police Calls for Service	?	?	✓	⊖	⊖	⊖
Parking Citations	?	✓	?	⊖	?	?
Liquor Licenses	✓	✓	⊖	✓	⊖	⊖
Vacant Buildings	✓	✓	✓	⊖	✓	✓
Real Property Taxes	✓	✓	✓	⊖	✓	✓
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Housing Permits	✓	✓	?	⊖	✓	?

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codeMap from Baltimore Housing



400 block of E. Lorraine Avenue on codeMap

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