

CLACKAMAS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Policy Session Worksheet

Presentation Date: January 18, 2023 @ 10:30 am (30 minutes)

Presentation Title: Neighborhood Livability Project: Update

Departments: Code Enforcement, Sheriff's Office, District Attorney's Office, County Counsel

Presenters: Michelle Amend (CE), Anthony Killinger (CCSO), Bill Stewart (DA's Office), Scott Ciecko (Counsel)

Other Invitees: Dan Johnson (DTD), Cheryl Bell (DTD), Sara McClurg (CCSO)

WHAT ACTION ARE YOU REQUESTING FROM THE BOARD?

No action requested; information only.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This is a purely informational policy session to update the Board on the function, purpose, and activities of the Neighborhood Livability Project (the "NLP"). The NLP is an inter-departmental group of County employees working together to address and improve properties within the County that are negatively impacting the community. These properties often contain a variety of ongoing code violations and harbor significant amounts of criminal activity. The result is neighborhood disruption, frustrated residents, and disproportionate consumption of County resources.

The NLP consists of employees from the CCSO, Code Enforcement, Community Corrections, H3S, County Counsel, and the DA's Office. This allows the group to bring a multi-disciplinary approach to dealing with the difficult problems presented by these properties. In the past each department would evaluate and respond to the properties individually without coordination, which would cause results that were ineffective and inefficient. By bringing departments together, the NLP is able to provide a more holistic approach and has been successful in improving even the most difficult properties.

Moving forward, as the NLP continues to have success addressing private properties, it has started to expand its scope to address public locations that are creating neighborhood disruptions. These locations include areas where occupied and abandoned RVs are being parked, and locations with large homeless encampments where garbage and crime is creating problems. Using a holistic approach, similar to what has worked on private properties, the NLP is optimistic that it will be able to continue to improve communities and neighborhoods within the County.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS (current year and ongoing):

Is this item in your current budget? YES NO

What is the cost? The cost is staff time.

What is the funding source? CCSO does have a NLP budget line that is funded by Marijuana funding for staff time. Community Corrections is mostly funded by the General Fund. H3S staff is supported by the Supported Housing Services Metro Bond. County Counsel staff is supported mostly by General Fund and the DA's office is mostly supported by General Fund. Code Enforcement is supported by a combination of federal, state and regional grants, budgeted General Fund as well as fees and fines.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:

- **How does this item align with your Department’s Strategic Business Plan goals?**

Varies by department, but generally aligns with goals of ensuring safe, healthy, and secure communities.

- **How does this item align with the County’s Performance Clackamas goals?**

Builds public trust through good government, and ensuring safe, healthy, and secure communities.

LEGAL/POLICY REQUIREMENTS:

None.

PUBLIC/GOVERNMENTAL PARTICIPATION:

Meetings of the NLP occur no less than once per month. NLP participants frequently attend community/neighborhood meetings to discuss problem properties, resident concerns, and NLP actions.

OPTIONS:

No action requested from the Board, so no specific options at this time.

RECOMMENDATION:

Despite no action being requested from the Board, staff recommends that the Board support the continued activity of the NLP.

ATTACHMENTS:

Most recent NLP monthly report (dated January 3, 2023).

SUBMITTED BY:

Division Director/Head Approval */s/ Stephen Madkour*

Department Director/Head Approval _____

County Administrator Approval _____

For information on this issue or copies of attachments, please contact Scott Ciecko, sciecko@clackamas.us

How we started – a brief history

The Risley House

- CCSO made 3 calls at the property per week from 2013 to kickout day
- 2 CCSO drug raids in 2014 – 12 people arrested on warrants / 18 people in the house
- No garbage service – multiple code enforcement complaints
- Home in foreclosure





The accommodations



The flop house inside



The back yard at Risley – where their garbage went



October 30, 2014 drug raid 9 people arrested

A team of invested partners came together

Since it was apparent that business as usual was ineffective, a team was formed to tackle the problem. Although multiple arrests were made, there was no reduction in criminal and other negative activities. The initial team was comprised of law enforcement, the DA's Office, Code Enforcement and County Counsel.





The work of the team

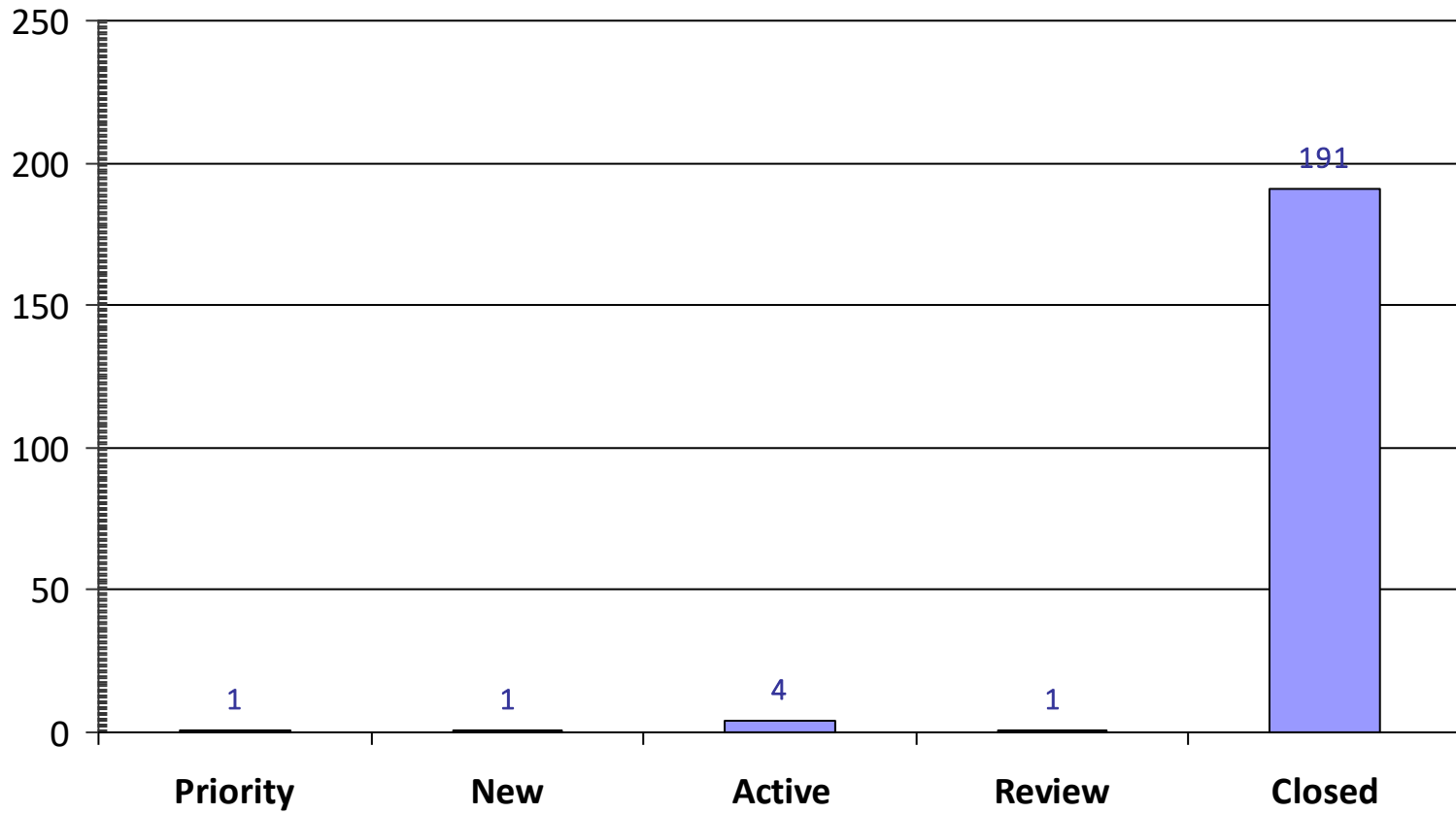
It became clear there was a gap in services and need for intradepartmental communication and collaboration.

Success!



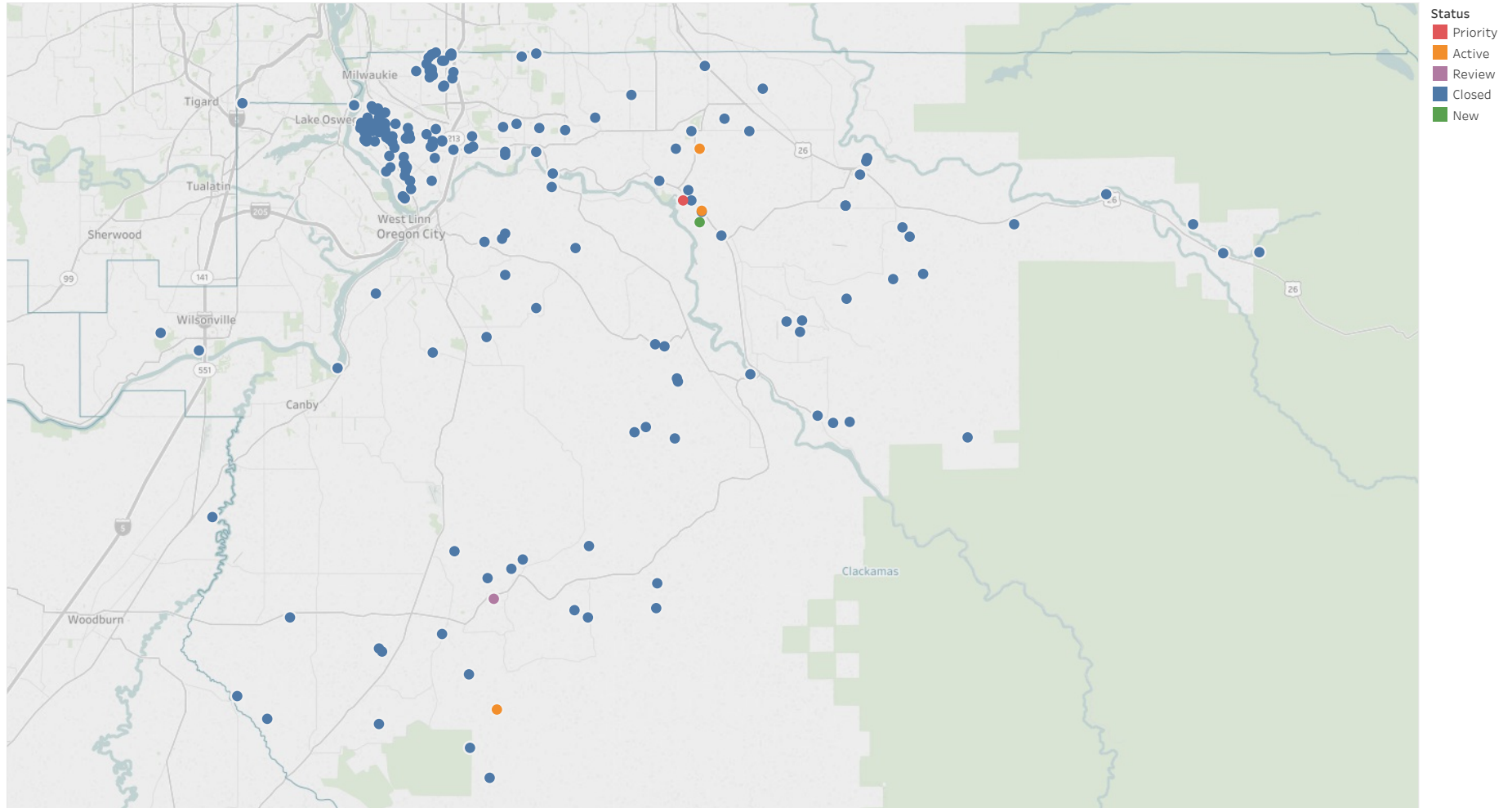
A developer purchased the Risley house and did a complete remodel of the structure. The home is now occupied by residents who are a much better fit for this family community.

NLP Summary Chart



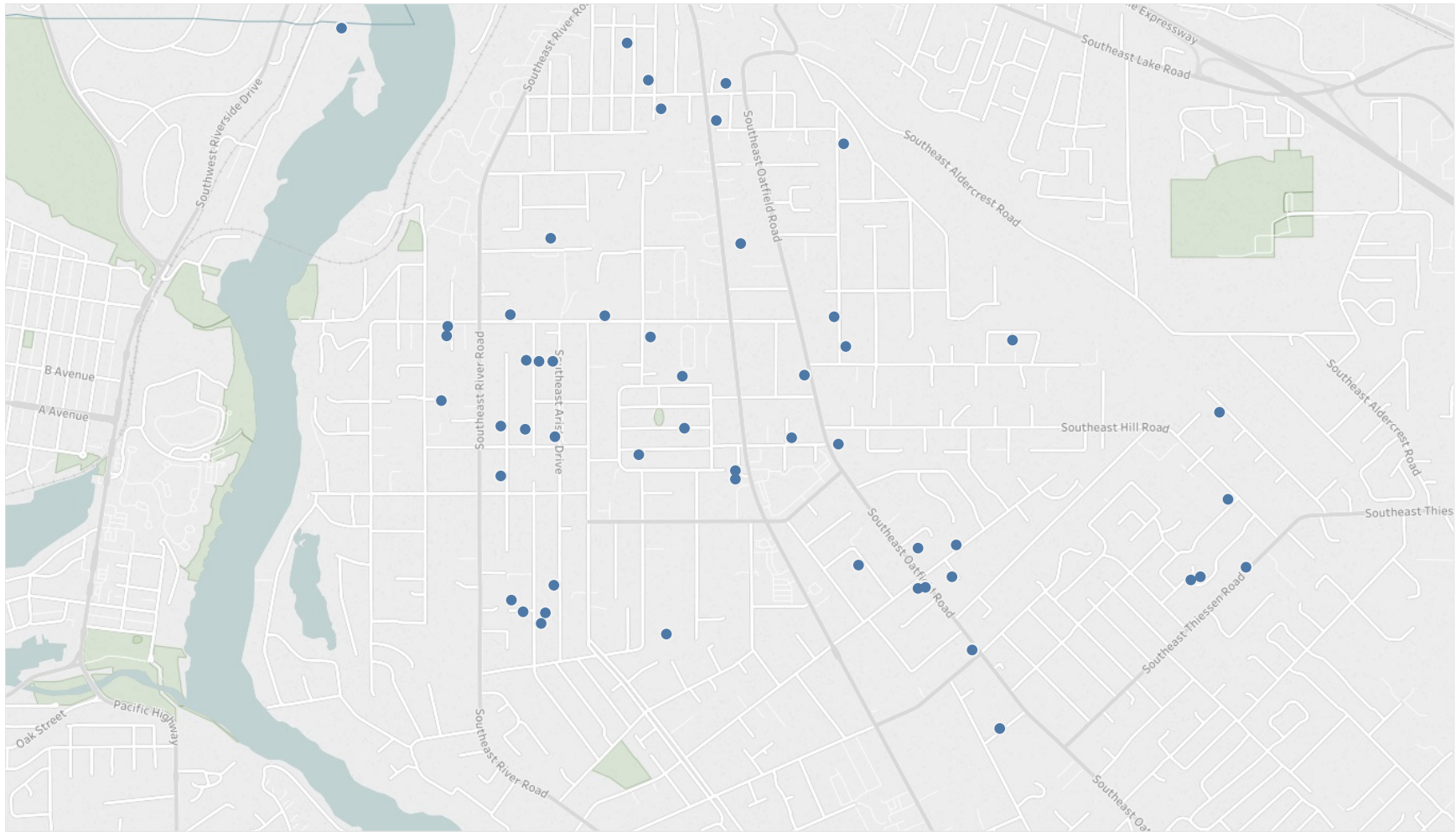
Tuesday, January 3, 2023

NLP Properties as of 01.03.2023



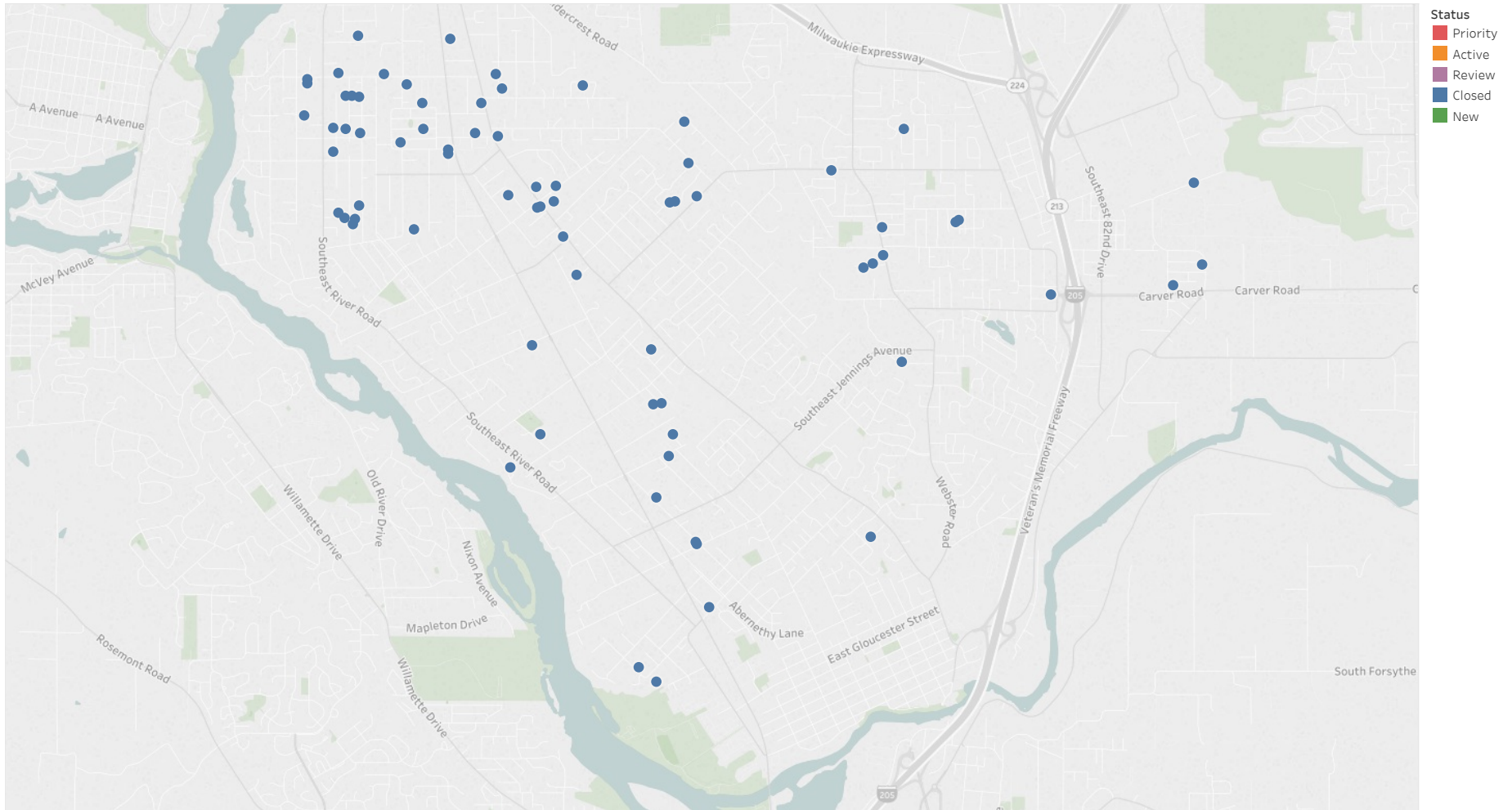
Map based on Longitude and Latitude. Color shows details about Status. Details are shown for Status.

River Road Area NLP Properties as of 01.03.2023



Map based on Longitude and Latitude. Color shows details about Status. Details are shown for Status.

Jennings Lodge Area NLP Properties as of 01.03.2023



Map based on Longitude and Latitude. Color shows details about Status. Details are shown for Status.

Johnson Creek Area NLP Properties as of 01.03.2023

