

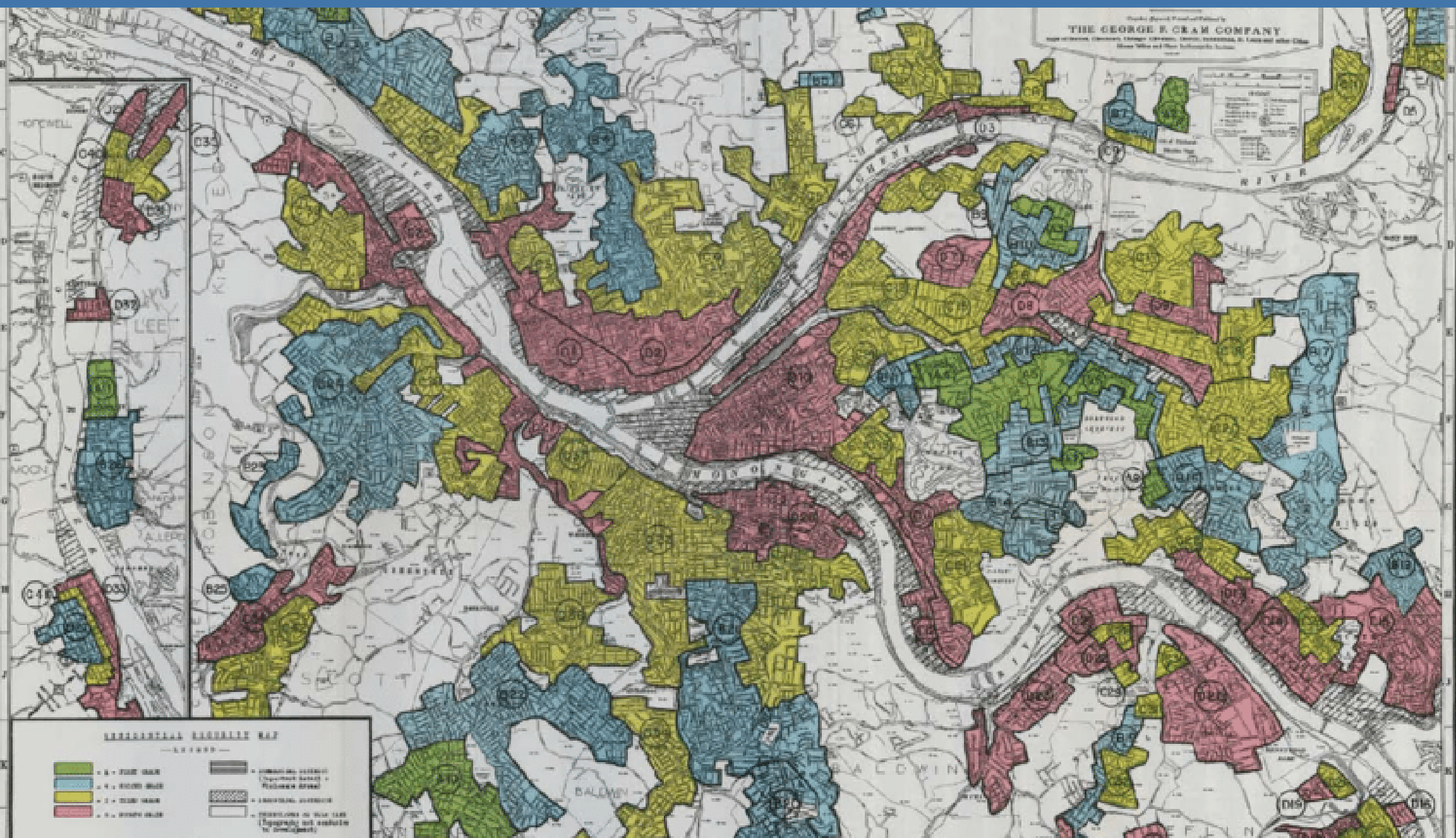


How Can We Bring Pittsburgh's Black Exiles Home?

What *doesn't* work?

Privatization of housing.

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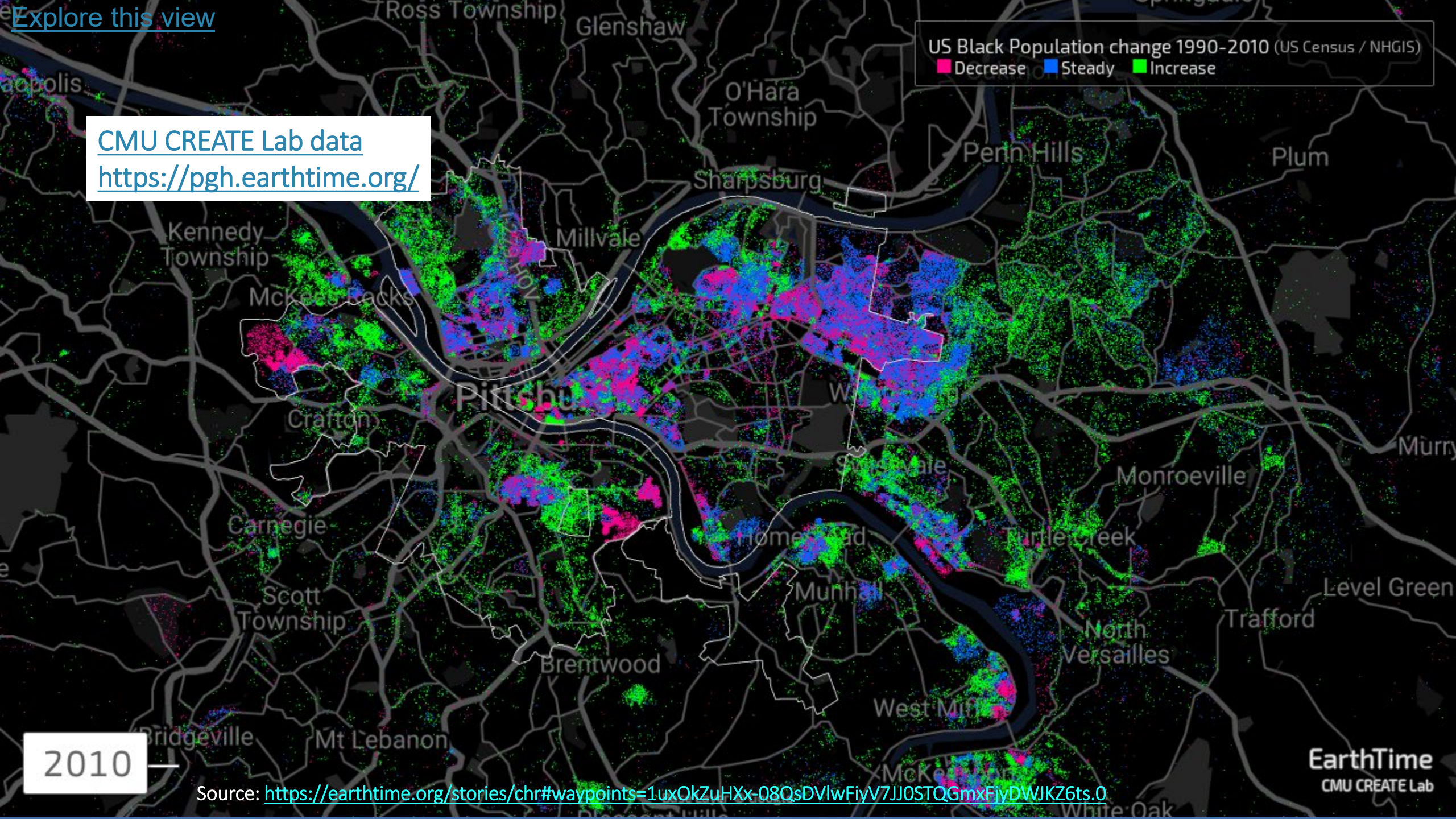
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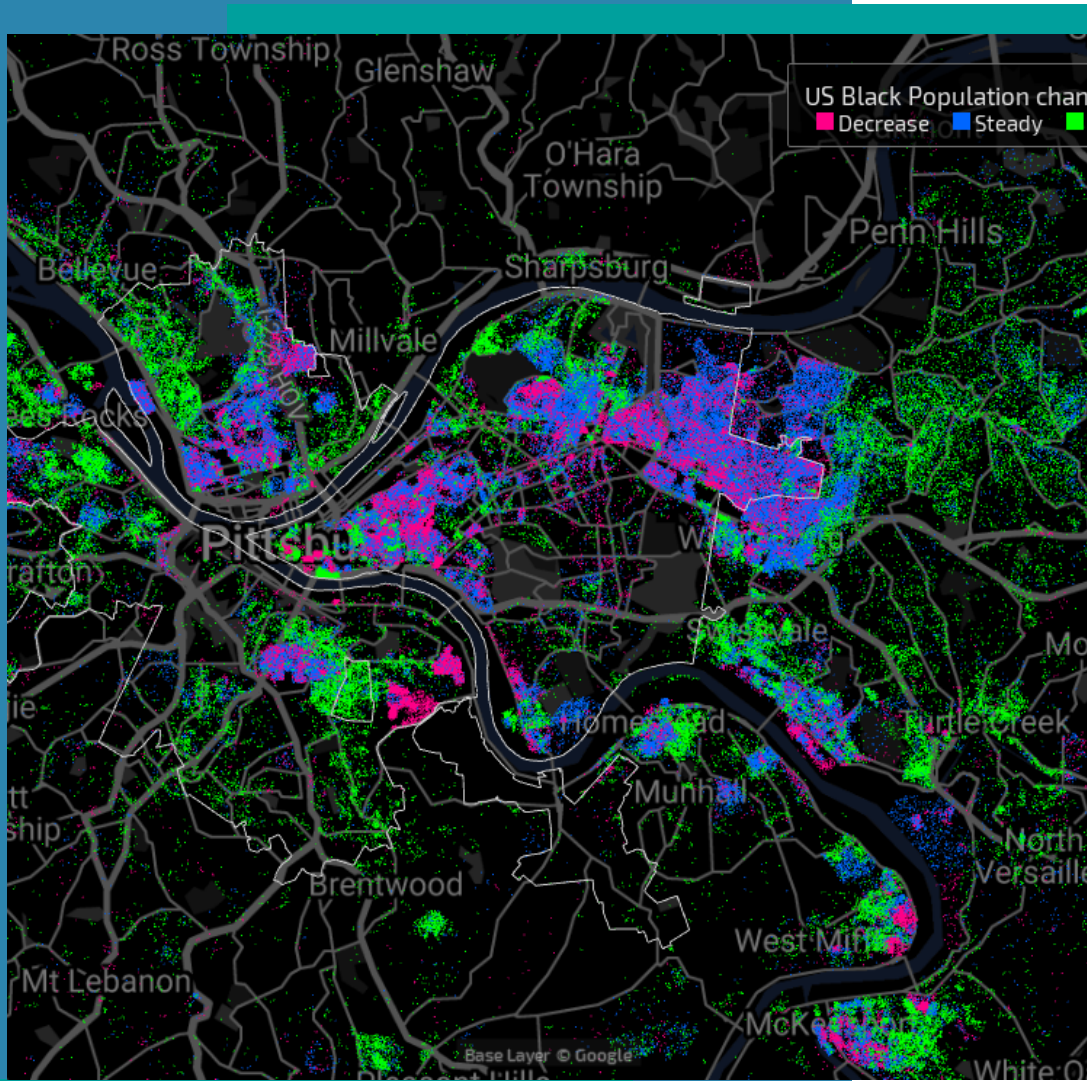
US Black Population change 1990-2010 (US Census / NHGIS)
■ Decrease ■ Steady ■ Increase



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WHO'S EVICTING PITTSBURGH?

How privatizing affordable housing displaces Pittsburgh residents

White Paper by the Local Democracy and Corporate Power Working Group*

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The Hidden Costs of Privatizing housing

- Lost public assets
- Private extraction of taxpayer resources
- Diminished local democracy

“When housing is treated as a commodity—a vehicle for wealth and investment—rather than a human right and a social good, it becomes inaccessible to growing numbers of residents.”

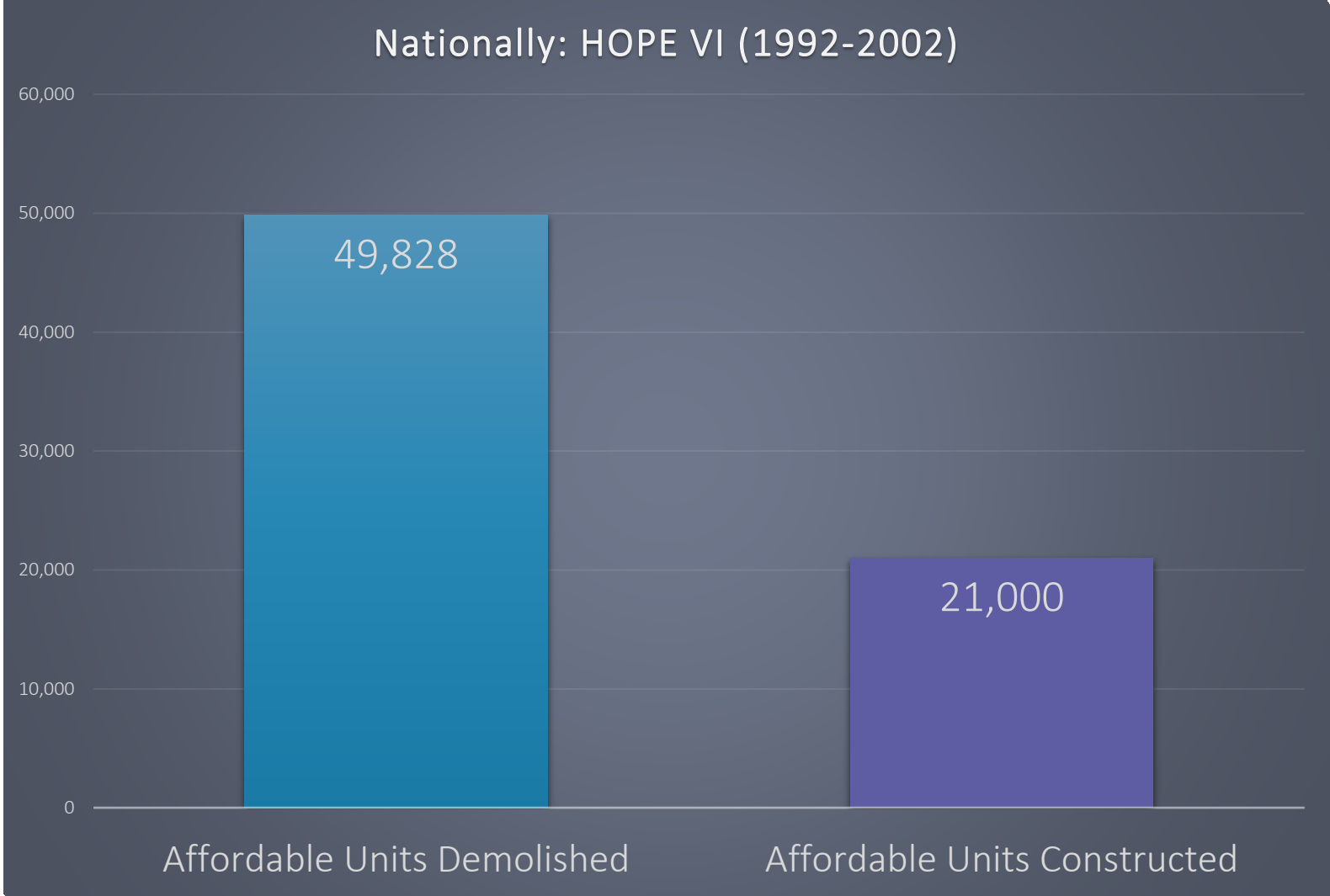
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Image: Bedford Dwellings Aerial View

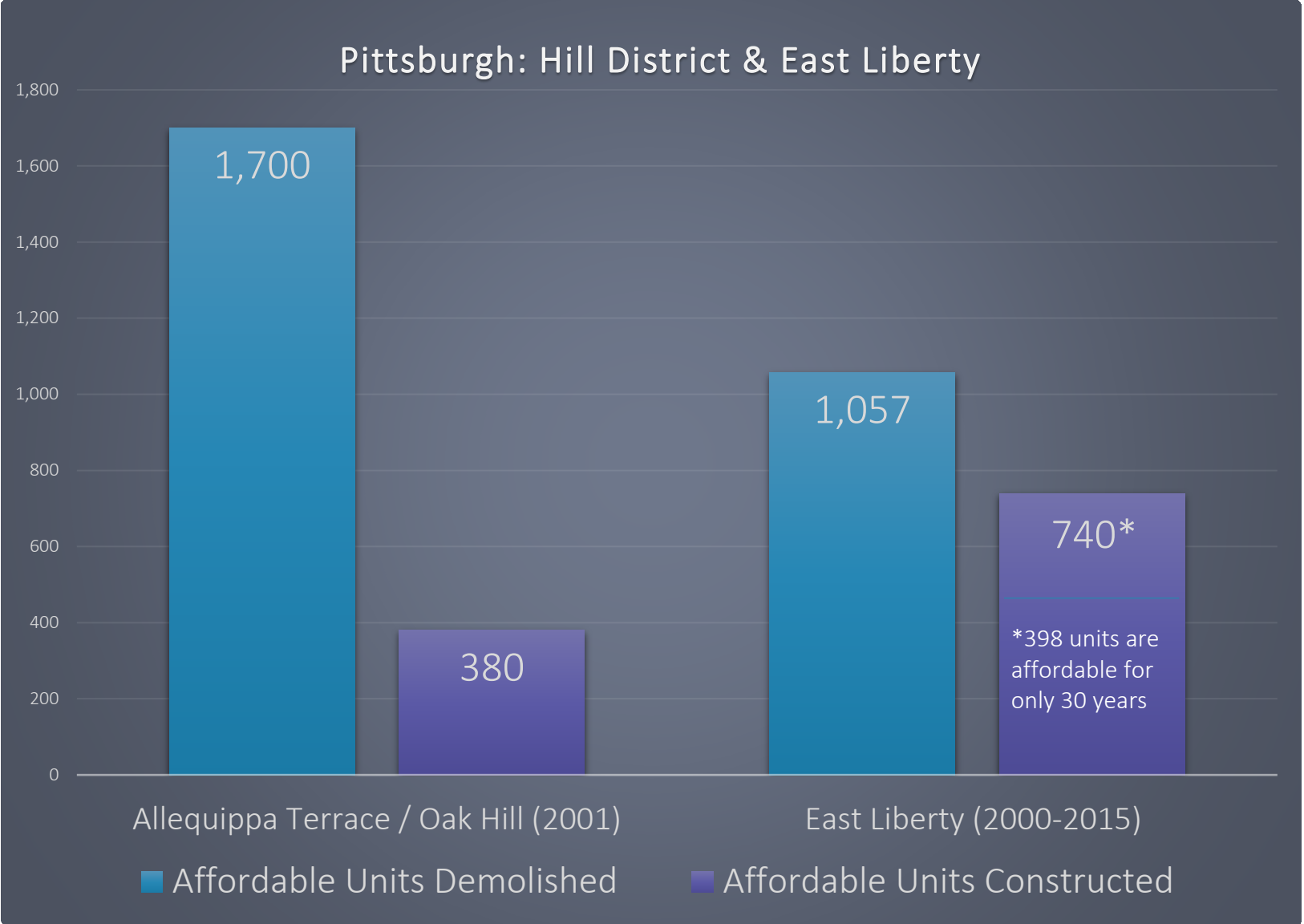
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The Hidden Costs of Privatizing Housing

1. Communities lose both publicly owned owned affordable housing units and the land on which they once sat.
2. Private developers and landlords also profit from generous tax credits, public subsidies, and public financing—all funded with taxpayer dollars.



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Housing Privatization Undermines Democracy

- Transparency
- Community Participation
- Accountability




Democracy without people



= Corruption



Source: Marcell Walker www.marcelwalker.com Occupy Pittsburgh Now (March 1, 2011) At: <https://opnnews.org/events>



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