GIS-based modeling of Miami area residential land use as affected by water level 1900-2050

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Legacies of 20th century urban growth patterns in South Florida and resultant environmental/social justice implications given SLR Suzana Mic, Jennifer Wolfe, Hugh Gladwin



Residential location choice of non-natives moving into South Florida before World War II was strongly affected by ecosystem and hydrological constraints. Non-natives moved first onto higher elevation areas along the coastal ridge. Later draining of wetlands and creation of fill islands along the shore enabled later urban expansion west and east of the coastal Ridge into former Everglade areas and reconfigured barrier islands. Since in-migration patterns over time have been ethnically and socio-economically differentiated, clear spatial relationships now exist between ecosystem and human system patterns.



Low income areas persist in many parts of the old urban core on the coastal ridge. In the near future, climate change-induced sea level rise will require difficult choices about what to do to enable lower elevation areas to adapt. Given human system socio-cultural patterning in relation to elevation, ecosystems, and hydrology, these choices will have strong social and environmental justice implications.





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South Miami-Dade summary maps Participation of the provide structure o An earlier effort by our group was this poster at FCE LTER All Sci 2011 showing side by side maps of elevation, population spread, socio-economic and ethnic spatial variation for eyeball comparison.

Since then we have been working to better measure these variables in GIS to better model their interactions.

Today we start with the most crucial data question: **What scale?**

Most GIS modeling of urban process has been done at scale of **political jurisdictions**, **zip codes**, or **census block group**.

However what if climate change disturbance affects the urban system in small areas (patches)? If this is the case, how small do we have to go? Down to blocks, or further to parcels? Problem is the smaller the area (block, parcel) the fewer variables we have data for (otherwise would not maintain confidentiality of data).



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Guesstimate of what water level looked

like in this transverse glade, wet season

6 ft above sea level

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In other words, to what level do we have to downscale to capture the locations ("patches") where water level interacts with human urban processes?

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Map some of these variables

Mean of parcel elevations in block

NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

Mean year built of residences in block

BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Mean of market value of residential parcels in block (per living unit)

ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT

Proportion of households in block with single female household head **SOCIAL ENVIRONMENT**

The last variable, proportion of households in block with **single female household head**, is a potential indicator of the presence of factors underlying households having **high vulnerability to displacement**

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Next data & GIS tasks for modeling location of vulnerability to displacement:

- Develop decision tree models using these variables to map households to potential displacement locations and test with historical GIS data from post-Hurricane Andrew (1990 census, 1991 & 1995 parcel data).
- We still could use a lot more variables if we can downsample them from larger spatial units (zips, tracts, pumas, etc). Our current focus is on census block group variables. We are working with a large table of raw counts (~1600 fields) from <u>https://www.census.gov/geo/maps-</u> <u>data/data/tiger-data.html</u> and a procedure to code summary variables as needed (see example next slide).
- Since our current set of block level variables correlate with many of these higher level ones, we can use them as a decision training set to extend dasymmetric mapping methods via decision trees + data mining using random forest.

Example of summary block group variables used in recent study of hurricane socioeconomic vulnerability in another state coded from large table of counts.

| median gross rent as a percentage of household income | proportion female householder no husband present households | | |
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| median home value | proportion household received food stamps-snap in the past 12 months | | |
| median household income median household income Black or African | | | |
| | proportion household with one or more disabled person | | |
| American | proportion households with no or only one vehicle | | |
| median household income White | available | | |
| median number of rooms in home median year householder moved into unit | proportion households with no vehicle available proportion housing units owner occupied | | |
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| | per capita income | | |
| proportion of children under 10 years old | proportion with disability male 16-64 | | |
| proportion of elders 75 and older | proportion with no health insurance coverage 18 to 34 years | | |
| proportion married-couple family households | , proportion with no health insurance coverage 35 to 64 | | |
| proportion African American Black | years | | |
| proportion Hispanic | proportion with no health insurance coverage children | | |
| proportion college or equiv or more education | under 18 | | |
| proportion highest education 8th grade or less | proportion with no health insurance coverage over 64 years | | |
| | total population of block group | | |

With this approach we can continue with our main work of understanding current and potential climate change effects on urban processes of displacement and gentrification Example Potential Indicators for Analyzing Gentrification and Displacement (Zuk et al 2015)

- Change in property values and rents
- Investment in the neighborhood
- Disinvestment
- Change in tenure and demography
- Investment potential
- Reasons for moving in or out of neighborhood

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