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Environment and Health: Data 101

Seminar #1: CANUE Data | Illustrating Built Environment Equity

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CANUE overview and data tour



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Using CANUE data to explore built environment equity

My career journey....so far!



BA – Environmental Geography



MSc– Geography (Exploratory Spatial Data Analysis – Modifiable Areal Unit Problem Sensitivity)

University of Victoria

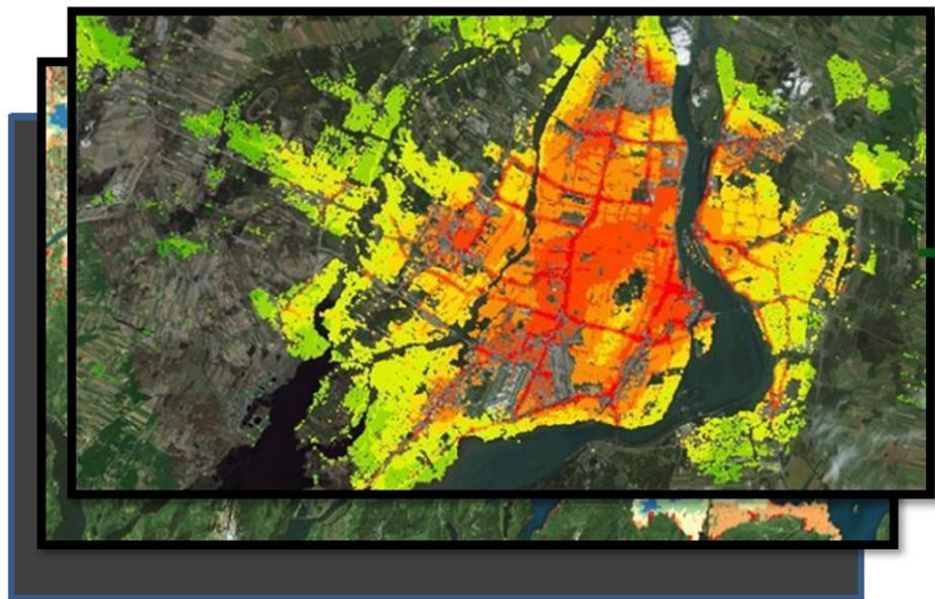
Contracting/Consulting: Resource Management, Pipeline Project Impact Assessment, Hydroelectric Development Impact Assessment, Hydroelectric Lands Management



PhD Geography (Probabilistic exposure assessment – air pollution and workers/non-workers, males/female, exposure measurement error effects on epidemiological analyses)

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Exposures – varying over space and time, like air pollution, noise, greenness, climate, walkability...



Epidemiological studies
Is there a relationship with health, and if so, how strong?

Population exposure surveillance
Where are the ‘hotspots’ and how many people live there? How does this change over time?

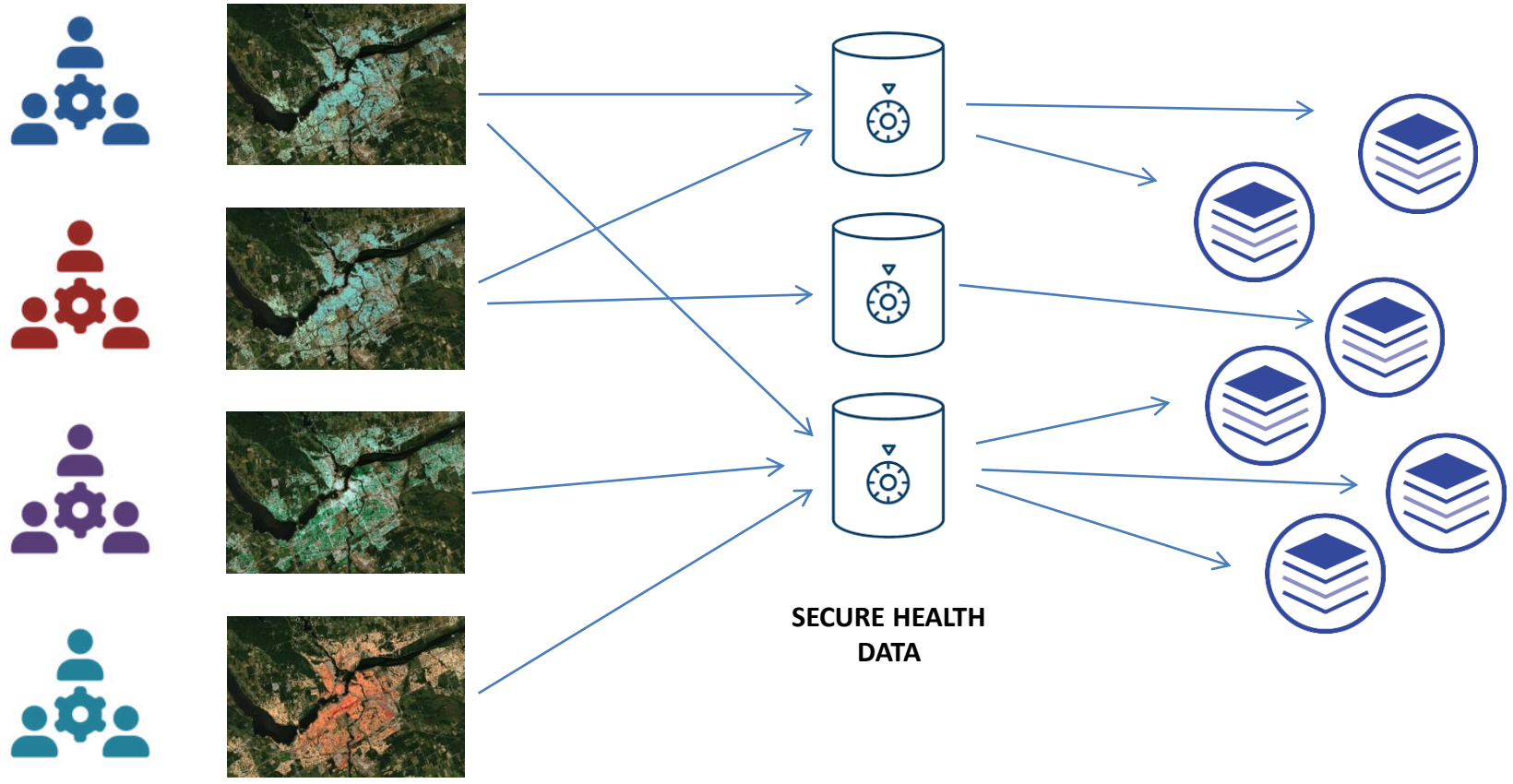


Knowledge transfer /exchange to move policy

How will changes in urban form improve or degrade health and equity?

How will changes in urban form reduce or increase exposures ?

Environmental Health – Epidemiology and Exposure Surveillance

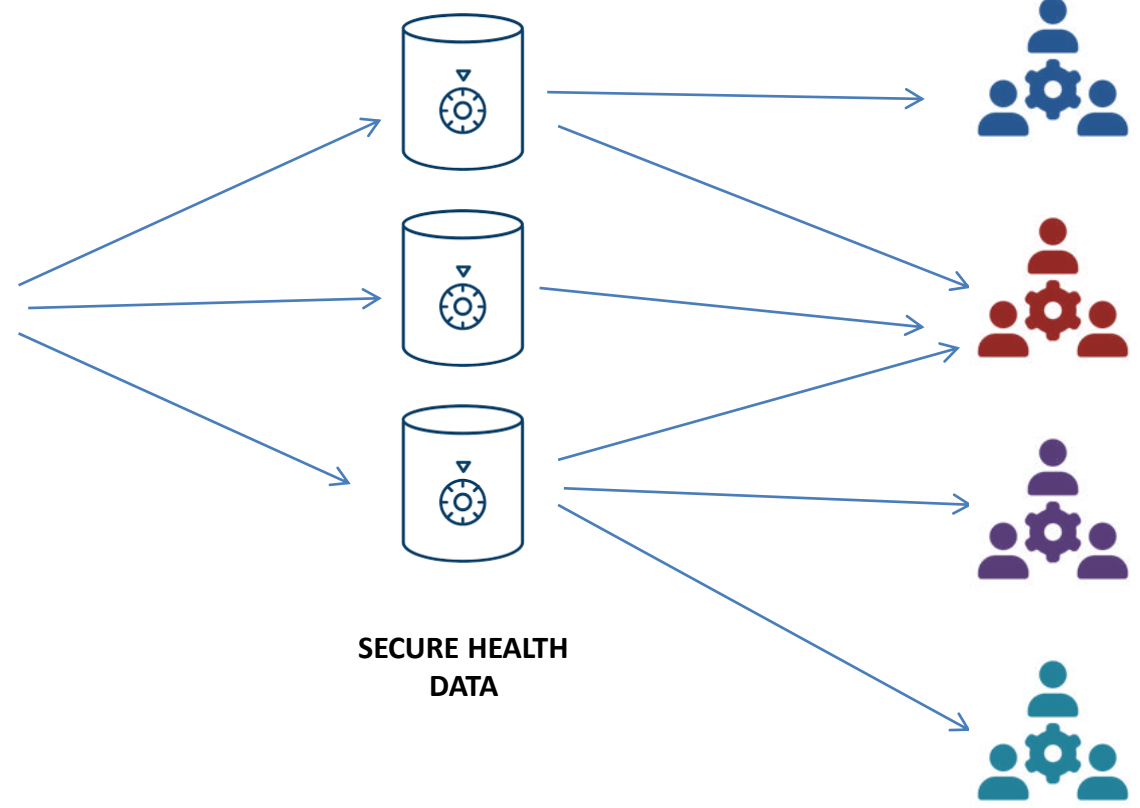


- DIFFICULT TO COMPARE
- DIFFICULT TO REPRODUCE
- DIFFICULT TO REUSE
- TIME-CONSUMING or REDUNDANT LINKING

Environmental Health – Epidemiology and Exposure Surveillance



INDEXED TO POSTAL CODES → ACADEMIC USE



-  - STANDARD METRICS
-  - STUDIES CAN BE REPRODUCED
-  - CAN BE USED BY MANY RESEARCHERS
-  - EFFICIENT FOR HEALTH DATA HOLDERS

The Canadian Urban Environmental Health Research Consortium (CANUE)

ADVANCING RESEARCH ON URBAN LIVING AND HUMAN HEALTH

INCREASED SCIENTIFIC UNDERSTANDING of the interactions among the physical features of the urban environment and health will lead to cost-effective actions promoting healthy childhood development and aging, reducing the burden of chronic disease, and minimizing the impact of changing environments.

DATA AND TOOLS

We use and develop tools to process complex data from diverse sources into a simple, easily readable common format.

LINKING TO HEALTH

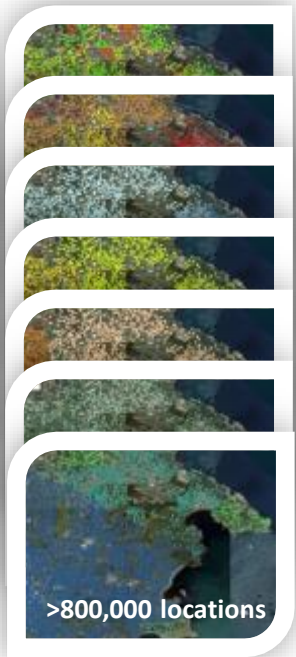
We provide data directly to researchers and a wide range of health data organizations who pre-link and distribute data securely.

ENABLING RESEARCH

We can focus on answering complex research questions in a single neighbourhood or across countries with ease using comparable data.

CANUE DATA PORTAL

- Nitrogen Dioxide
- Fine Particulates
- Sulfur Dioxide
- Ground-level Ozone
- NDVI greenness
- Nighttime Light
- Heat & Cold events
- Rain, Snow & Soil Moisture
- Local Climate Zones
- Material & Social Deprivation
- Marginalization
- Gentrification
- Active Living Index
- Access to Employment
- Ultraviolet



COMING SOON

- Food environment
- Noise
- Transportstion
- Hi-res satellite-derived metrics

HEALTH DATA PARTNERS



CANUE data are sent directly to health data organizations so researchers can have one-stop access to environmental and health data:



We are now working on the next wave of pre-linking with Canada's wealth of census-based cohorts, surveys, and administrative health data via the Pan-Canadian Real-World Health Data Network.

> 200 Data requests
Researchers and students >275

>40 Peer-reviewed papers
Dissertations and theses 6



COLLABORATING NOW TO BUILD THE FUTURE

We see the future as a global living laboratory that connects international environmental health researchers and knowledge users with a common goal to increase human wellbeing . We are looking to connect with major cohorts and data initiatives around the world.



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CANUE DATA PORTAL

FEBRUARY 25, 2021



ADVANCED ANNUAL DATASETS

Greenness

- 📍 Landsat - Annual
- | 📍 Landsat - Growing Season
- | 📍 Landsat - Greenest Pixel
- | 📍 Modis - Annual Mean
- | 📍 Modis - Annual Max
- | 📍 Modis - Growing Season Mean
- | 📍 Modis - Growing Season Max
- | 📍 AVHRR - NDVI

Neighborhood

- 📍 Active Living Environments
- | 📍 Nighttime Light
- | 📍 Material and Social Deprivation Index
- | 📍 Canadian Marginalization Index
- | 📍 Canadian Access to Employment
- | 📍 Proximity to Roads
- | 📍 Proximity to Water Bodies
- | 📍 Proximity Measures - StatsCan
- | 📍 Gentrification, Urban Interventions, and Equity
- | 📍 Green Roads
- | 📍 Urban Sprawl

Air Quality

- 📍 Ozone (O3)
- | 📍 Fine Particulate Matter (PM2.5 v1)
- | 📍 Fine Particulate Matter (PM2.5 v2)
- | 📍 Fine Particulate Matter (PM2.5 v3)
- | 📍 Sulfur Dioxide (SO2)
- | 📍 Nitrogen Dioxide (NO2)

Weather

- 📍 Climate Metrics
- | 📍 Water Balance Metrics
- | 📍 Local Climate Zone

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CANADIAN URBAN ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH RESEARCH CONSORTIUM

In order to receive data from CANUE, your institution must participate in the DMTI Spatial SMART Consortium Agreement. If your institution is not listed below, contact info@canue.ca.

Before you can access data, you will be asked to download, sign and return a data sharing agreement. Once it is completed, your project will be activated and you will be notified.

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Universite de Moncton
University of New Brunswick

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Enter a short project name (DO NOT use space, punctuation and special characters):

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Project Password (This password will be shared with all team members):



Project Title:

 air pollution and lung disease

Lead Institution:

 University of Victoria

Project Summary:

This project will look at lung disease in a cohort of elderly people in BC.


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Principal Data User - Email:

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 Eleanor Setton

Principal Data User - Institution:

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Data Sharing and Use Agreement
Data Browser

1 – PURPOSE OF AGREEMENT

This agreement documents the sharing and use conditions related to data distributed by the Canadian Urban Environmental Health Research Consortium (CANUE), the intended use of the dataset(s), the Principal Data User who takes delivery of the data and accepts responsibility for ensuring these conditions are fulfilled, and the project team members who will have access to the datasets. The signature of the Principal Data User is required to fully execute this agreement. Copies of this agreement must be provided to CANUE by email (info@canue.ca). CANUE will forward copies to all original data developers as per the exposure data source contact listed in the associated metadata files.

2- DISCLAIMER

Data are provided as-is. While substantial efforts are made to ensure the accuracy of data and associated documentation, complete accuracy cannot be guaranteed. CANUE makes no guarantee, either express or implied, including but not limited to, the fitness for any purpose. The Data User holds all parties involved in the production or distribution of the data harmless for damages resulting from its use or interpretation.

3 – INTENDED USE(S)

Use of CANUE datasets is restricted to academic, research, educational, or other not-for-profit purposes.

- I am affiliated with a Canadian academic institution listed in Addendum 1. (if no, please contact info@canue.ca to identify possible study collaborators)
- I have read the associated metadata files for the indicated datasets/variables and agree to abide by the limits for data sharing and use conditions contained in each file.
- I will ensure all project team members are aware of and abide by the limits for data sharing and use conditions set out in each metadata file.
- I understand this agreement will be terminated immediately upon breach of, non-compliance with, any of its terms and/or those contained in each metadata file, and that I may be held responsible for any misuse that is caused or encouraged by failure of myself or members of the project team to abide by the terms of this agreement.
- I agree to provide CANUE staff with information, upon request, on how the analytical results were disseminated, i.e., published journal articles, academic or professional conference abstracts, posters and presentations, invited presentations and webinars, and project reports.

Principal Data User – Name

Project Name

Signature

Date

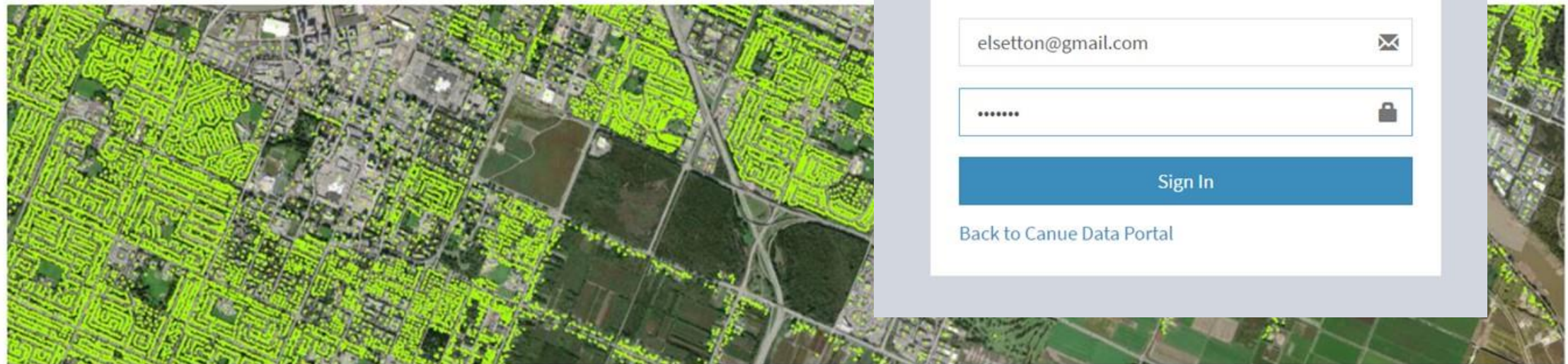
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VARIABLES

GRLANY_01 - Annual Mean Value at Postal Code

Annual mean NDVI at postal code (range -1 to 1)

GRLANY_02 - Annual Mean of Means 100m

Mean of annual mean NDVI within 100 m (range -1 to 1)

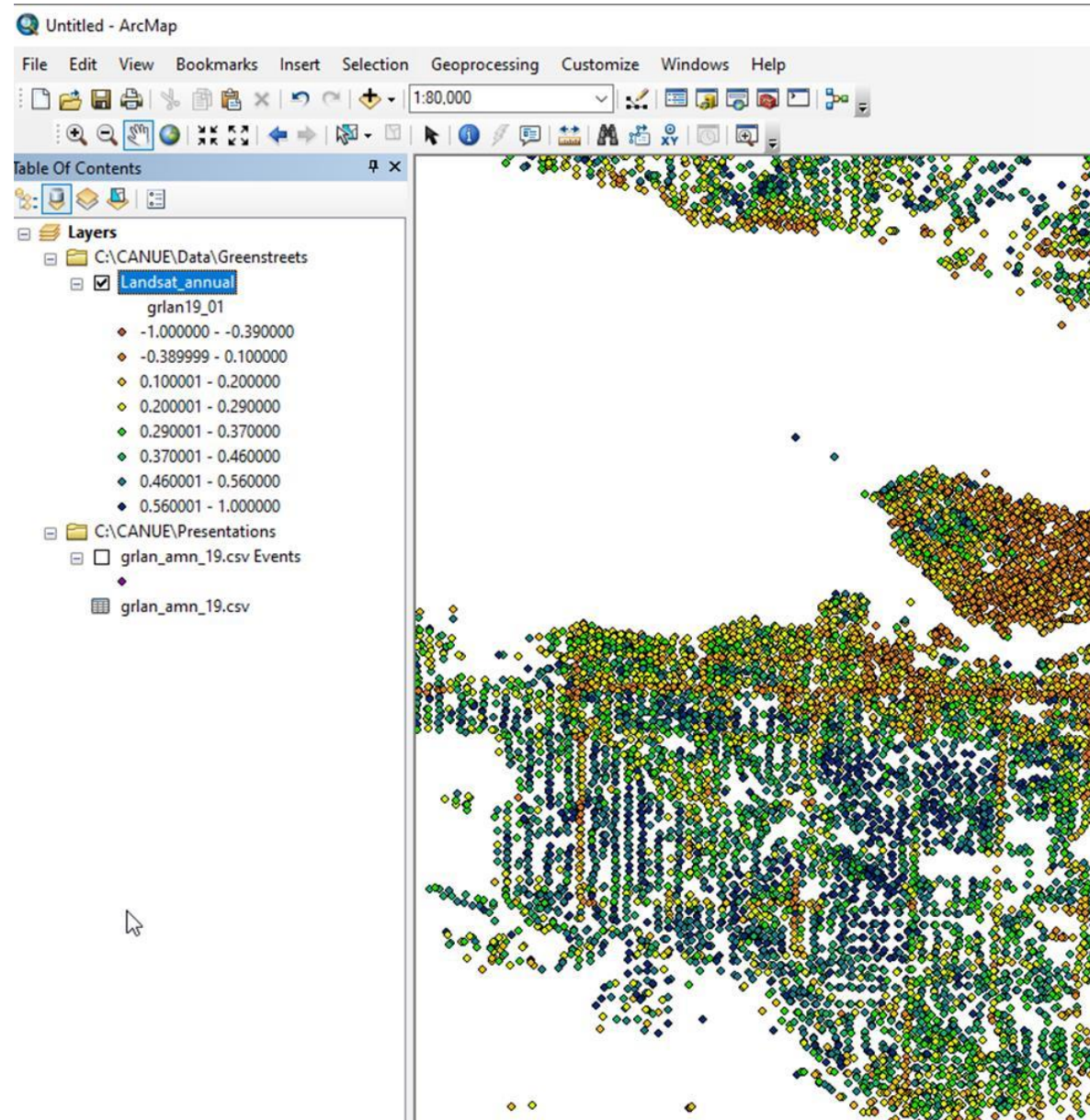
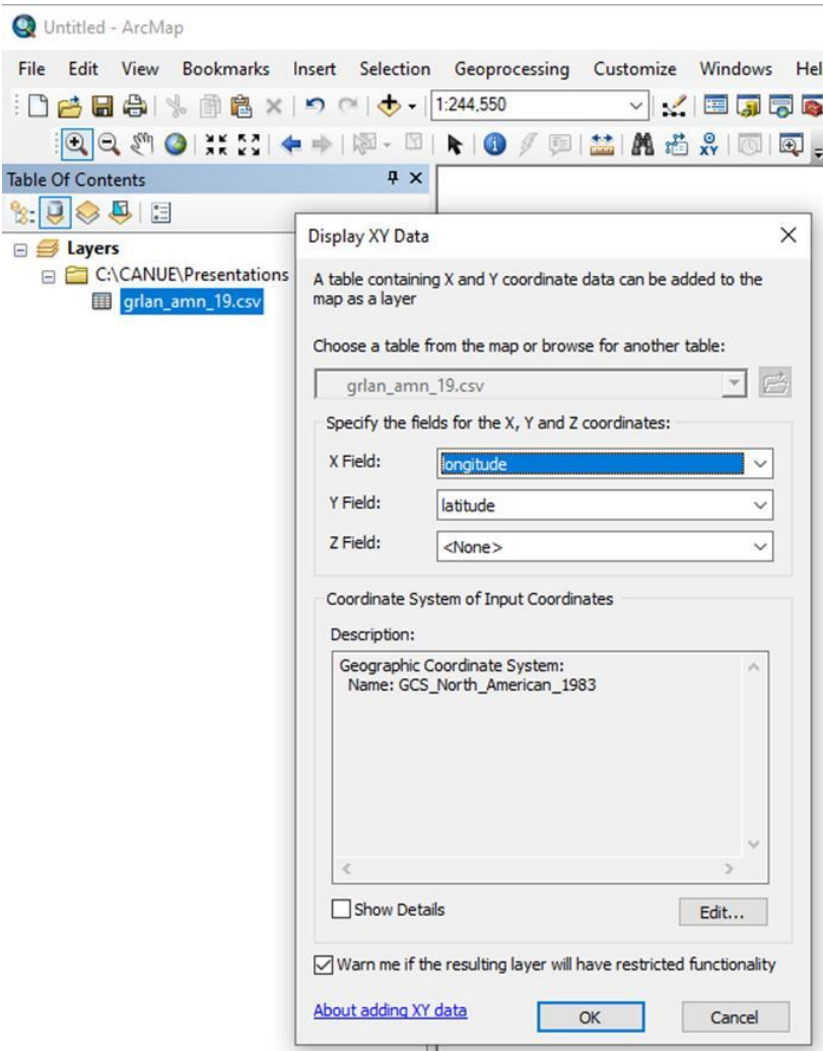
GRLANY_03 - Annual Mean of Means 250m

Mean of annual mean NDVI within 250 m (range -1 to 1)

GRLANY_04 - Annual Mean of Means 500m

Mean of annual mean NDVI within 500 m (range -1 to 1)

GRLANY_05 - Annual Mean of Means 1000m



Looking forward...

New data →


- OSM-derived layers (parks and recreation density, amenities density, transit density)
- OSM/Microsoft building footprints via ML – landuse index (residential, commercial, core)
- Planet 3m satellite derived NDVI
- Noise and transportation models for select cities

Hackathon→

- Challenge teams to develop new metrics using some of our input data/new input data
- High visibility for teams, data could be used widely by leading researchers

Virtual Annual General Meeting →

- May 18th speakers
- Three options to attend a feedback/work session for shaping the next 5 years of CANUE





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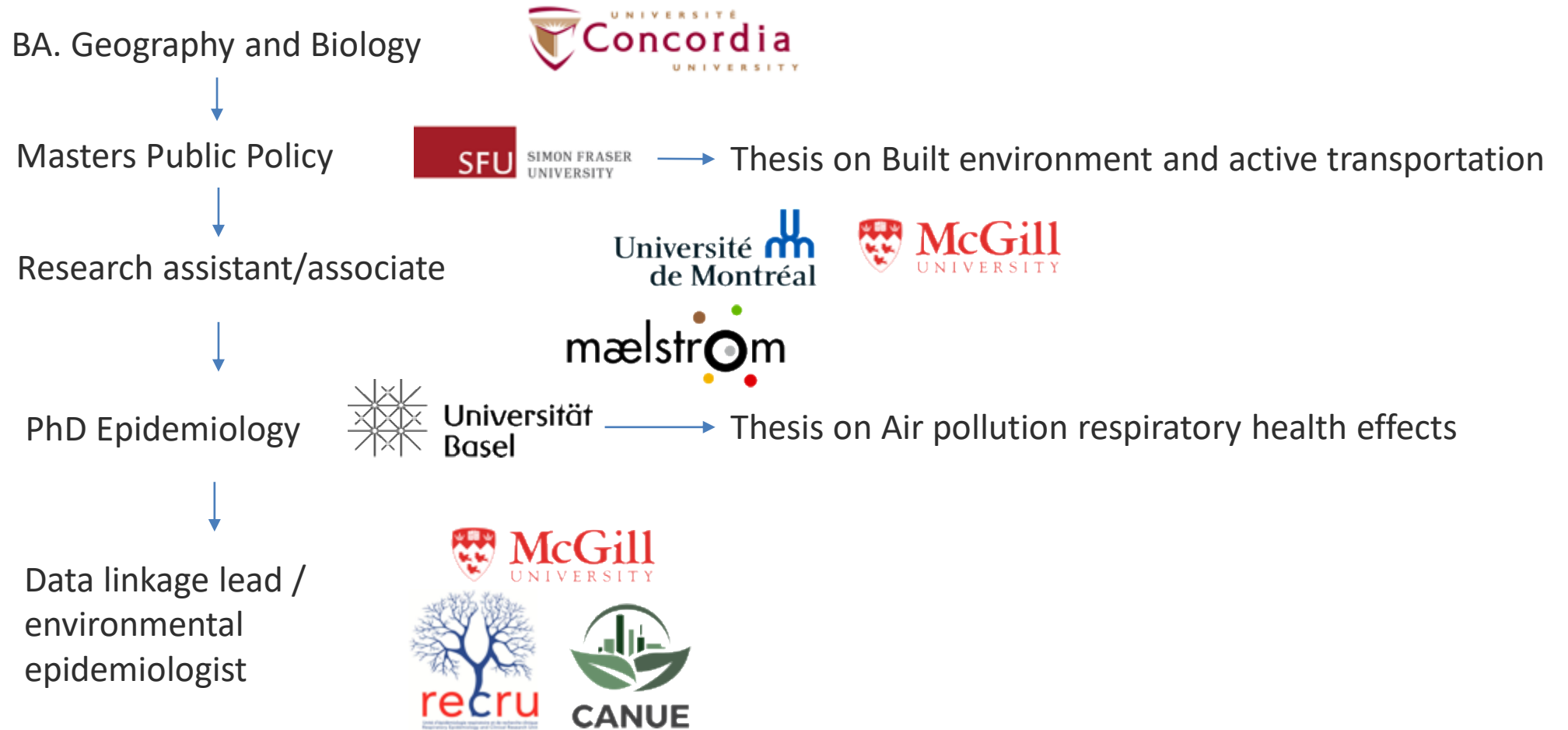
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Healthy built environment: Spatial patterns and relationships of multiple exposures and deprivation in Toronto, Montreal and Vancouver



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Toronto



Montreal



Vancouver

Case study: CANUE data for environmental equity research in Canada

Objectives:

1. Explore **spatial distribution** of walkability, ambient air pollution, and greenness in Canada's three largest cities
2. Assess how exposures are **distributed across socioeconomic deprivation** gradients
3. Identify areas with **clusters of favorable and unfavorable attributes** – i.e. “sweet” and “sour” spots

Data:

1. Canadian Active Living Environments (Can-ALE) Index
2. NDVI greenness
3. Nitrogen dioxide (NO₂) air pollution
4. Material deprivation index



Case study: CANUE data for environmental equity research in Canada

Methods:

Environmental equity analyses:

- Exposure in tertiles across material deprivation in quintiles
- Calculate proportion of postal codes characterised by *low* (and *high*) exposure tertiles within each deprivation quintile
- Divide by the overall proportion of *low* (and *high*) exposure across a given city (=33.3%)

Result-> Identify prevalence of high or low exposure in each deprivation quintile relative to city-wide prevalence

Spatial distribution of “sweet” and “sour” spots

- **Sweet spots:** postal codes characterized by **low air pollution, high greenness, high walkability**
- **Sour spots:** postal codes characterized by **high air pollution, low greenness, low walkability**

Case study: CANUE data for environmental equity research in Canada

Results: Environmental equity analyses



Walkability

High deprivation area: ~50% lower prevalence of highly walkable areas

Low deprivation areas: 68% to 114% higher prevalence of highly walkable areas



NO₂ air pollution

High deprivation areas:

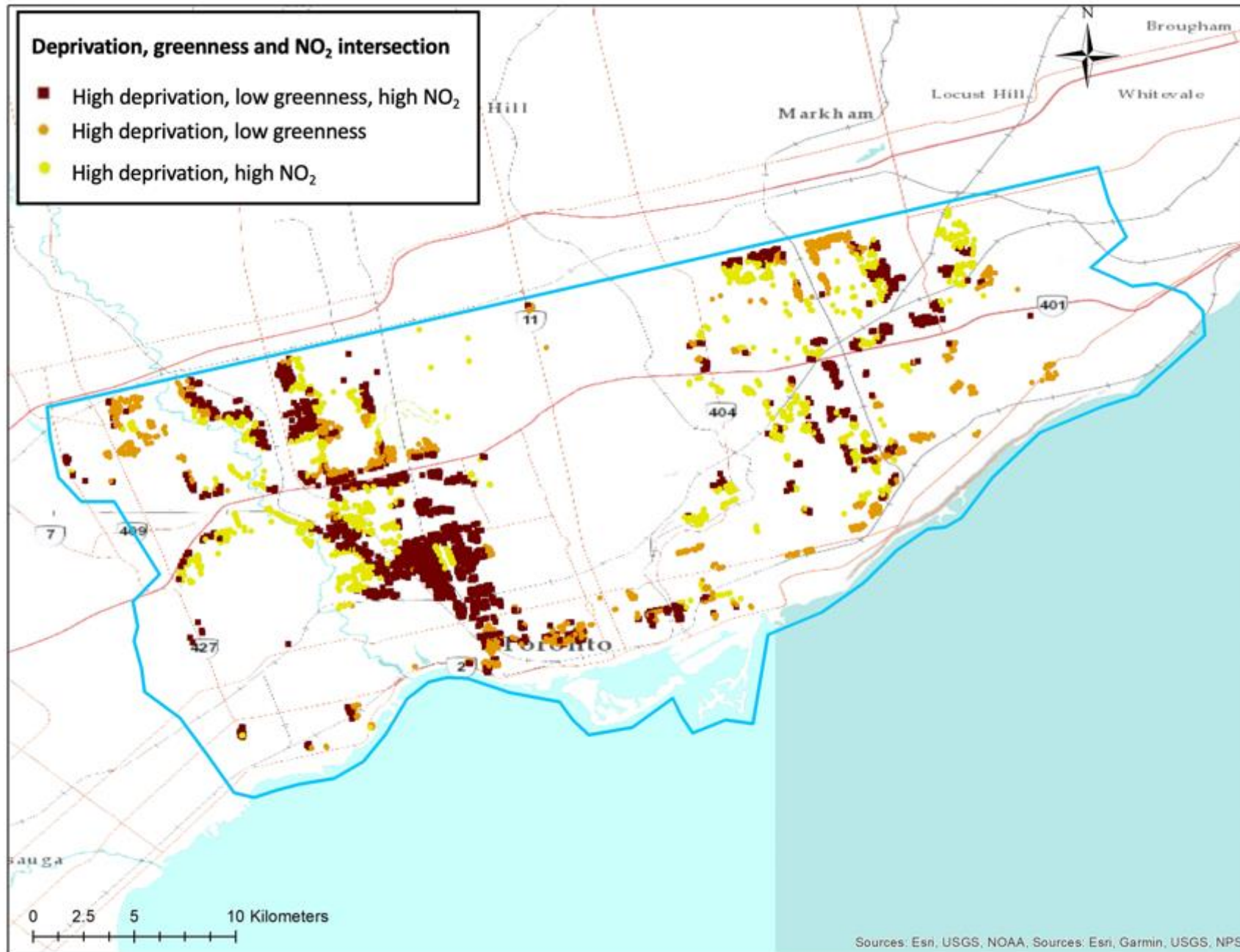
- Between 18% and 80% less likely to experience low levels
- And 38% (Toronto) and 23% (Vancouver) more likely to experience high air pollution



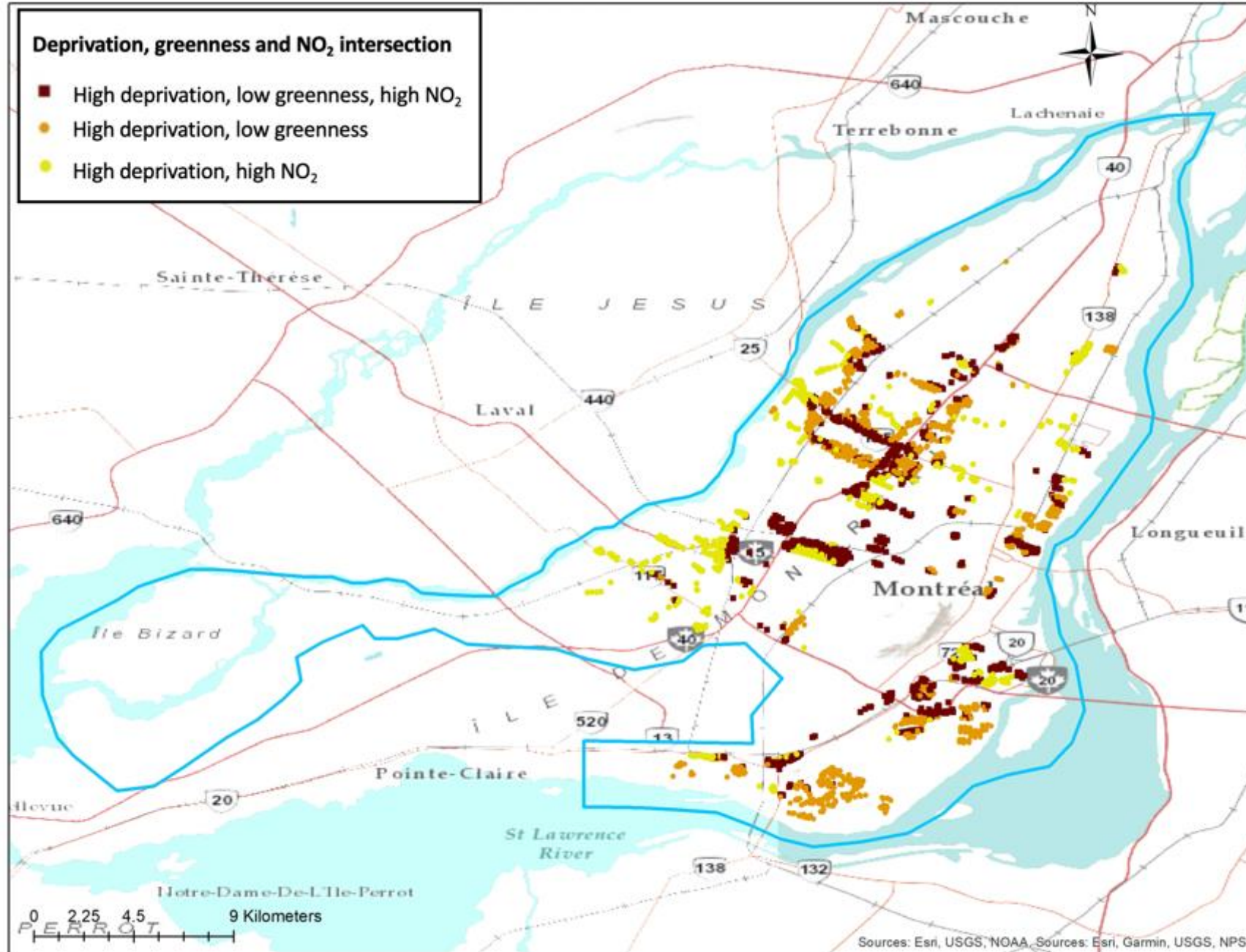
Greenness

High deprivation areas: ~50% as likely to be surrounded by high greenness, and between 23 and 44% more likely to experience low greenness

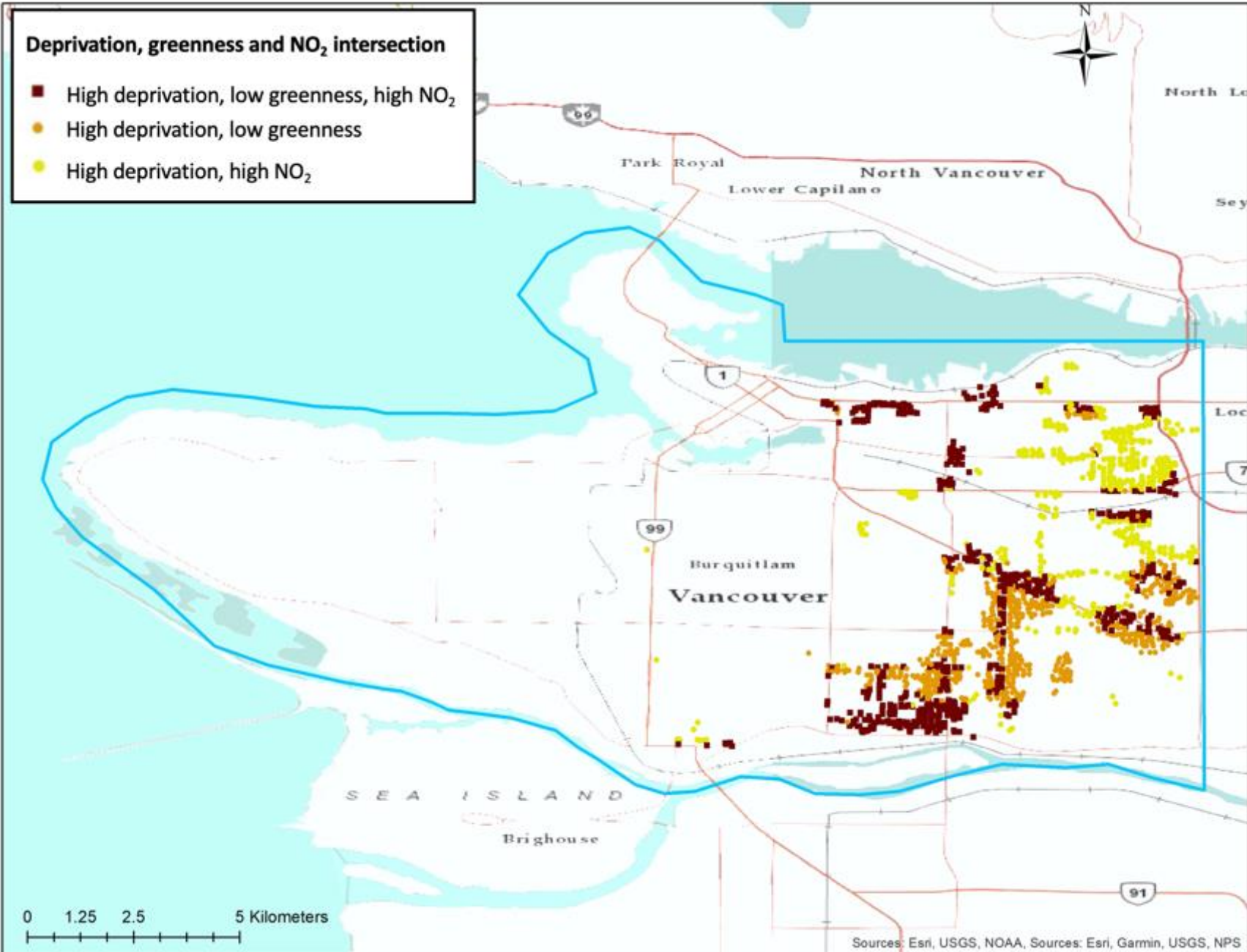
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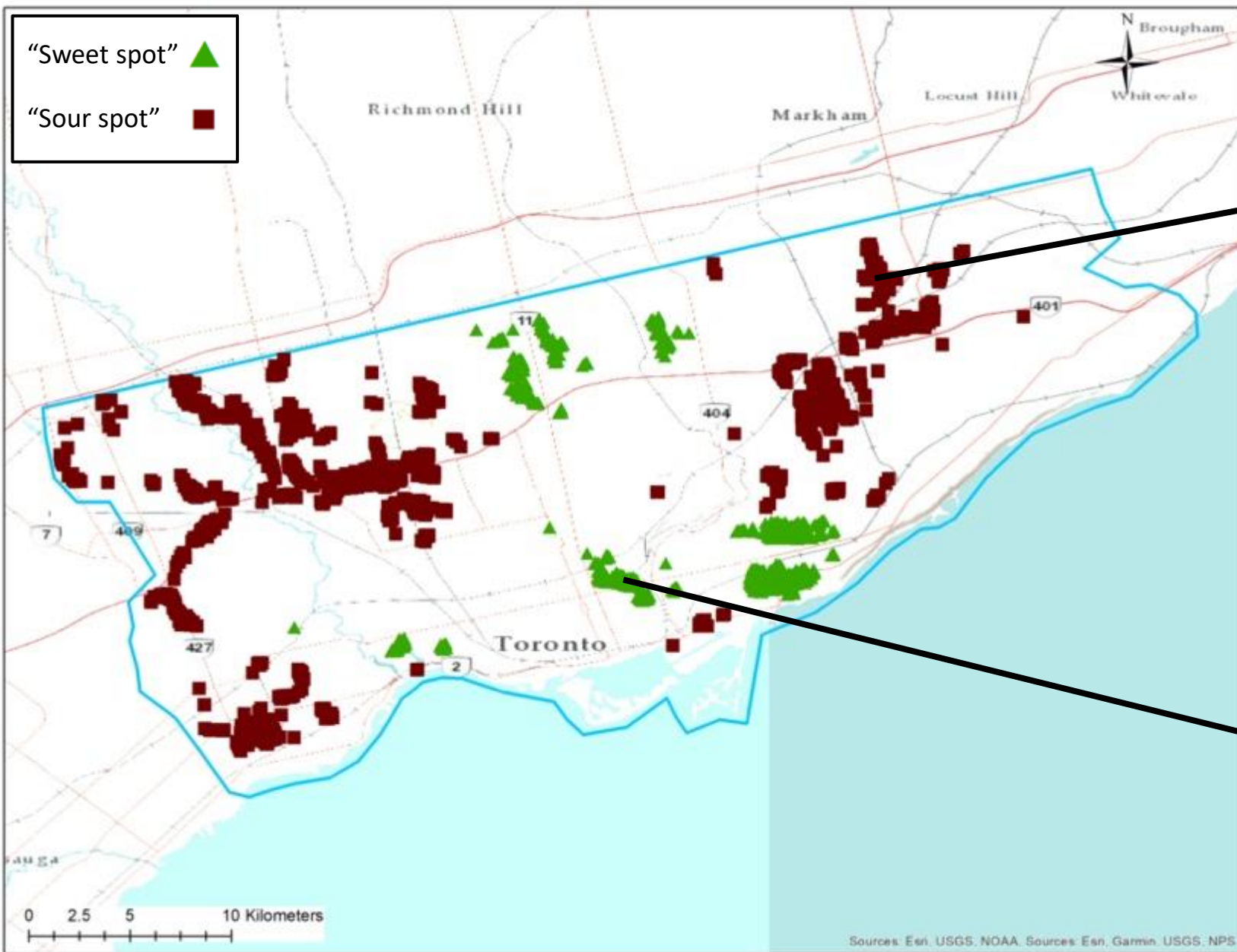
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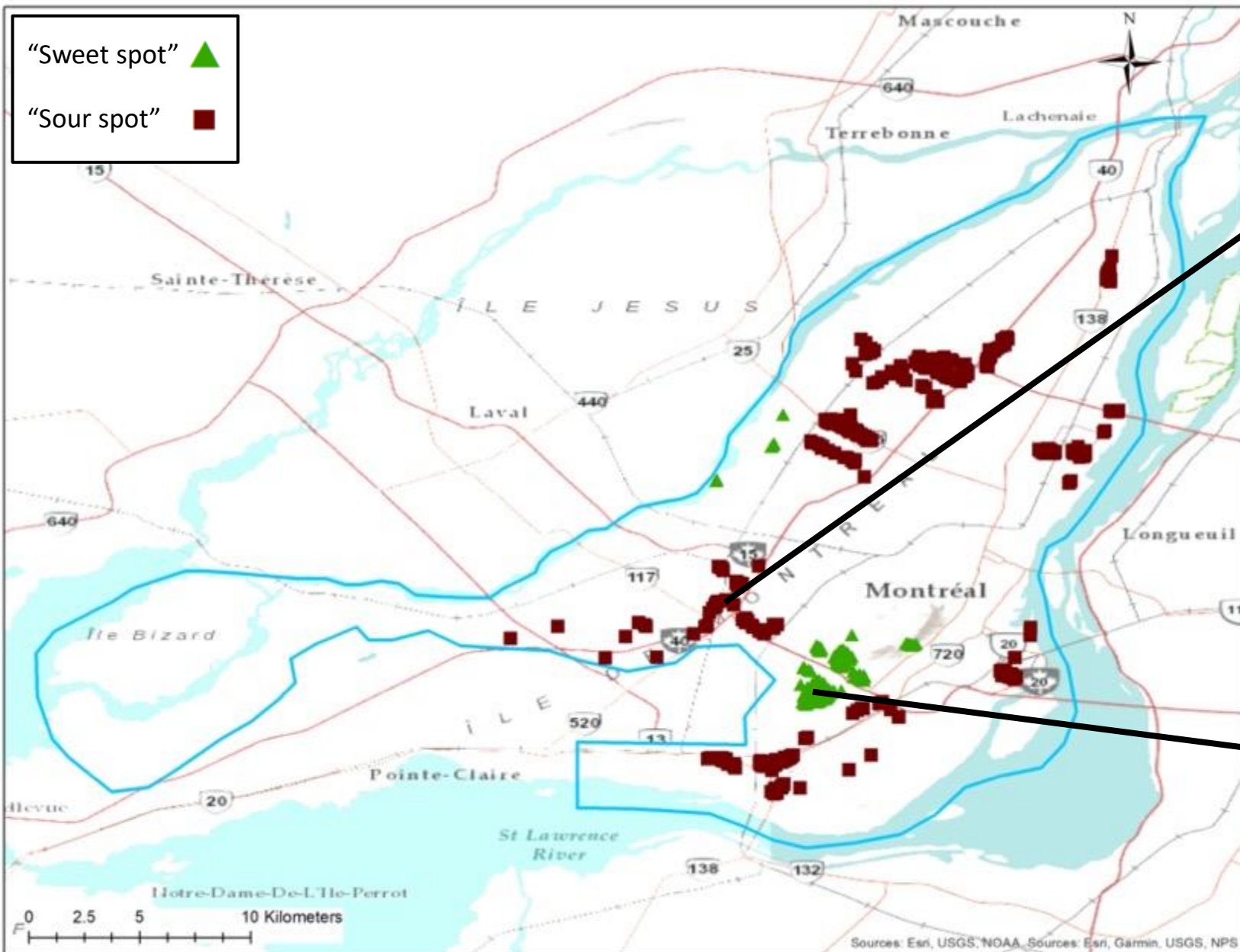
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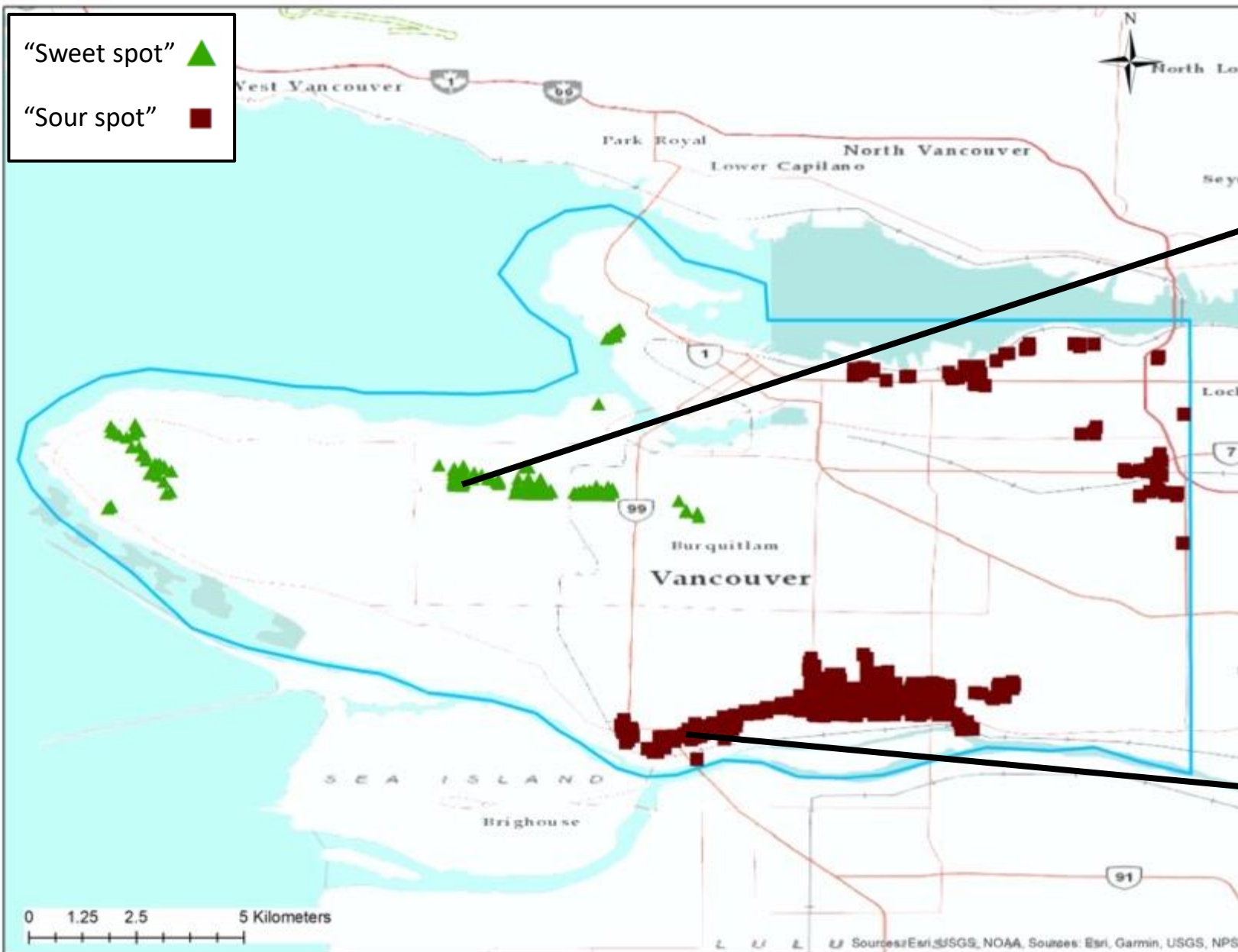
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Policy relevance

Urban planners, policy makers and public health professionals can leverage urban environmental data when developing new policies and interventions:

Refine investments and prioritize areas for interventions.

Reliably benchmark municipalities and track patterns in urban environmental risks

Facilitate comparisons of urban environmental risks across populations

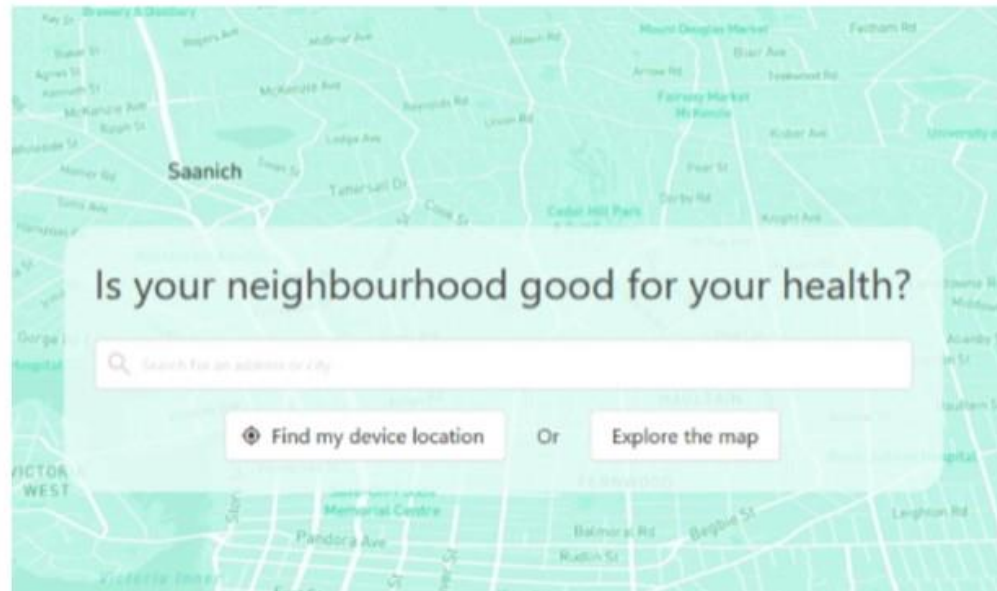
Real-life example in Montreal

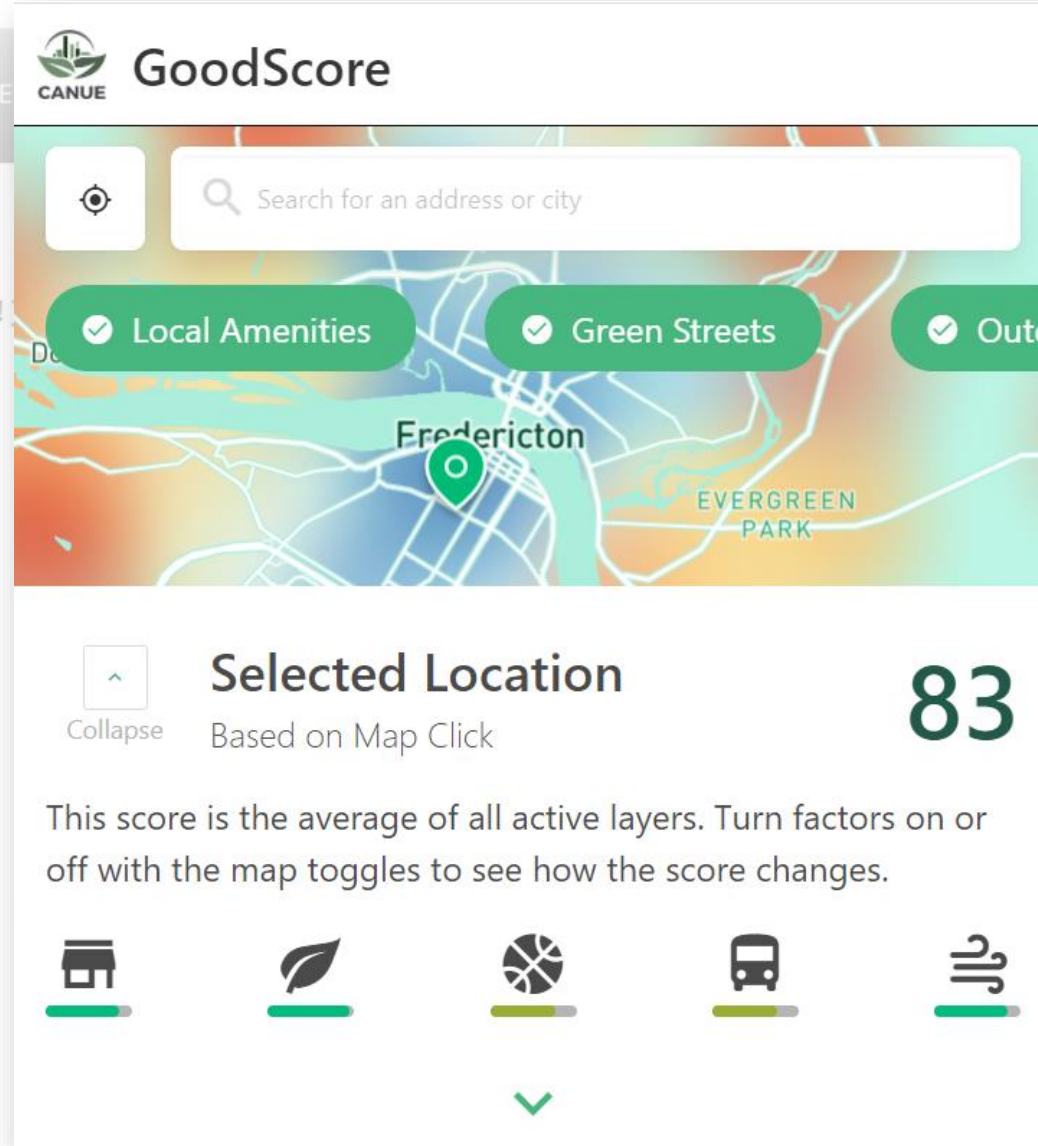


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Walkability, NO₂, and greenness tertiles: relative postal code prevalence rate by quintiles of material deprivation*.

	All postal codes	Low walk.	Low NO ₂	Low green	High walk.	High NO ₂	High green
Proportion of all postal codes (%)	100	33.3	33.3	33.3	33.3	33.3	33.3
Toronto (prevalence rate)							
1 (low deprivation)	1.0	0.59	0.80	0.66	1.68	0.70	1.58
2	1.0	0.92	1.14	0.77	1.17	0.76	1.26
3	1.0	1.17	1.22	0.92	0.87	0.90	1.03
4	1.0	1.16	1.03	1.17	0.72	1.24	0.69
5 (high depr.)	1.0	1.19	0.82	1.44	0.50	1.38	0.45
Montreal (prevalence rate)							
1 (low depr.)	1.0	0.79	0.74	1.13	1.70	1.26	1.11
2	1.0	1.00	1.12	0.94	1.30	1.08	1.29
3	1.0	1.25	1.28	0.75	0.75	0.89	1.27
4	1.0	1.09	1.18	0.90	0.71	0.78	0.87
5 (high depr.)	1.0	0.87	0.65	1.23	0.57	0.95	0.51
Vancouver (prevalence rate)							
1 (low depr.)	1.0	0.59	1.47	1.82	2.14	0.88	0.69
2	1.0	1.39	1.77	0.53	1.06	0.61	1.59
3	1.0	1.18	1.12	0.62	0.68	0.99	1.33
4	1.0	1.15	0.48	0.68	0.51	1.21	0.97
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2	1.0	1.39	1.77	0.53	1.06	0.61	1.59
3	1.0	1.18	1.12	0.62	0.68	0.99	1.33
4	1.0	1.15	0.48	0.68	0.51	1.21	0.97
→ 5 (high depr.)	1.0	0.74	0.20	1.25	0.55	1.23	0.43