

SAFER TOGETHER

APD MULTI-YEAR WORK PLAN



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- ▶ The City Council vision for Asheville, adopted in January 2016, seeks to continue to be a city where all people experience a high quality of life.
- ▶ To accomplish this vision, the City has made significant investment in the basic needs of the community such as:
 - ▶ Food Security (food action plan),
 - ▶ Water (water utility)
 - ▶ Shelter (affordable housing)
- ▶ The Asheville Police Department's Multi-Year Work Plan known as "Safer Together," lays out a strategic approach for supporting an equally important basic community need: **safety**.



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- ▲ Asheville, a community that is recognized as a great place to live.
- ▲ Based on the community's quality of life and vitality, Asheville has realized significant growth in population, development and tourism over the past decade.
 - ▲ The community's residential population has grown to an estimated 90,000, while its daytime population is estimated at 161,000
 - ▲ The Department of Planning and Urban Development lists 22 large scale development projects in the downtown area alone
 - ▲ According to the Tourism Development Authority, the number of visitors to the city has grown from approximately 8 million people in 2009, to over 10 million visitors in 2015.

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- ▶ At the same time, the continued growth also presents challenges.
- ▶ An example of the challenges presented by such growth is the impact on livability ratings, as published on Areavibes.com:

Asheville, NC Livability

Livability	74	Amenities	A+
Cost of Living	B	Crime	F
Education	B	Employment	C
Housing	C	Weather	A



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- ▲ In regard to the grade of “F” in the crime category, Areavibes.com references the following factors:
 - For 2015, the overall crime rate in Asheville is 90% higher than the national average, and 75% higher than the rest of North Carolina;
 - In Asheville you have a 1 in 19 chance of becoming a victim of any crime.
 - Gives Asheville very low ratings in terms of safety.
 - Asheville has 2.9 police employees per 1,000 residents in comparison to 4.8 police employees per 1,000 residents across North Carolina.
- ▲ Asheville is generally a safe community in which to live, work and play, however, unless resources are provided to address the crime and safety challenges that come with growth, the trends recognized by sources such as Areavibes.com could continue to negatively impact the perceived and real sense of safety in the community.



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- ▲ The growth of the City has created a substantial increase in demand for services by the Police Department.
- ▲ Calls for service have increased by an average of 1,000 per year for the past eight years and are projected to continue at or above that rate with the city's current planned growth.
- ▲ In FY-2016, APD officers responded to over 116,000 calls for service.
- ▲ If growth remains consistent, that number is expected to rise to nearly 121,000 in the next two years.
- ▲ In addition to calls for service, officer workload also includes traffic enforcement, foot and bike patrols, community engagement and many other duties related to community policing.



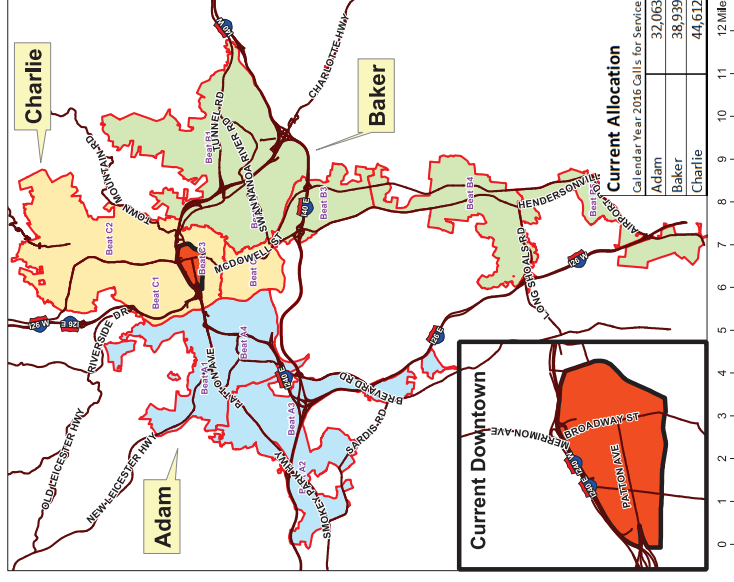
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- ▲ More growth is planned and expected, i.e. South Slope, RAD, South Asheville, etc
- ▲ NO officers have been added to address the growth of our city or the increasing demands for police services in those areas.
- ▲ APD is requesting 12 additional officer, two sergeants, and one lieutenant position to address these needs.
- ▲ The addition of these resources are necessary to maintain our current level of service.
- ▲ A minimum of two years will be required to hire and train these positions.

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- ▲ Current APD Districts were established in 2015
- ▲ Charlie District, which includes Downtown accounts for nearly 40% of CFS
- ▲ Baker District, which includes South Asheville accounts for 33%, but response times are affected by traffic challenges.
- ▲ Adam District accounts for 28% of CFS

Current Allocation



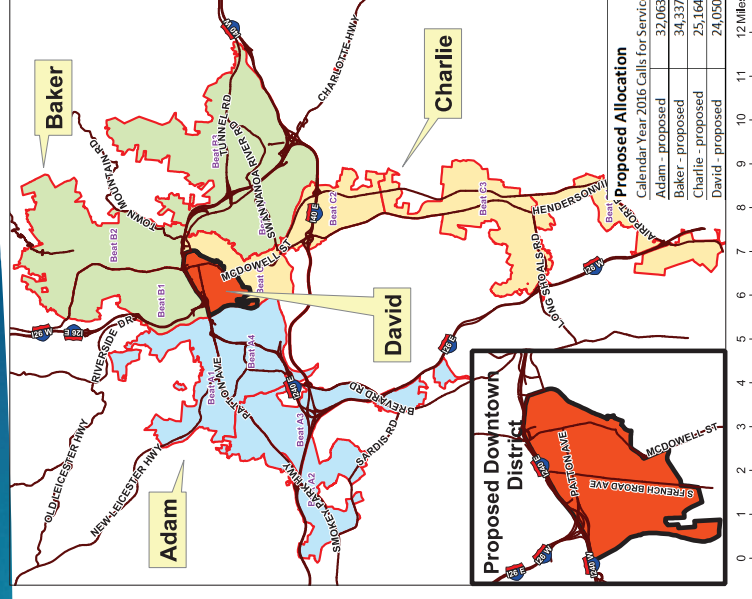
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- Proposed Districts will expand and add resources to the Downtown, South Slope, and RAD, while creating a South Asheville District.

New CFS distribution:

Adam	28%
Baker	30%
Charlie	22%
David	21%

Proposed Allocation





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- ▲ DTU began in 2010 and has been expanded two times during 2015 to address the massive demand for police services due to growth in tourism and activity in the Downtown.
- ▲ Tourism growth from 8 million in 2009 to over 10 million in 2015. Growth continues.
- ▲ All staffing for DTU came from internal police resources, no new positions were added.
- ▲ Continuing internal vacancies in Criminal Investigations, Drug Suppression, Traffic and other functions.

Downtown

Part 1 Crime

2016

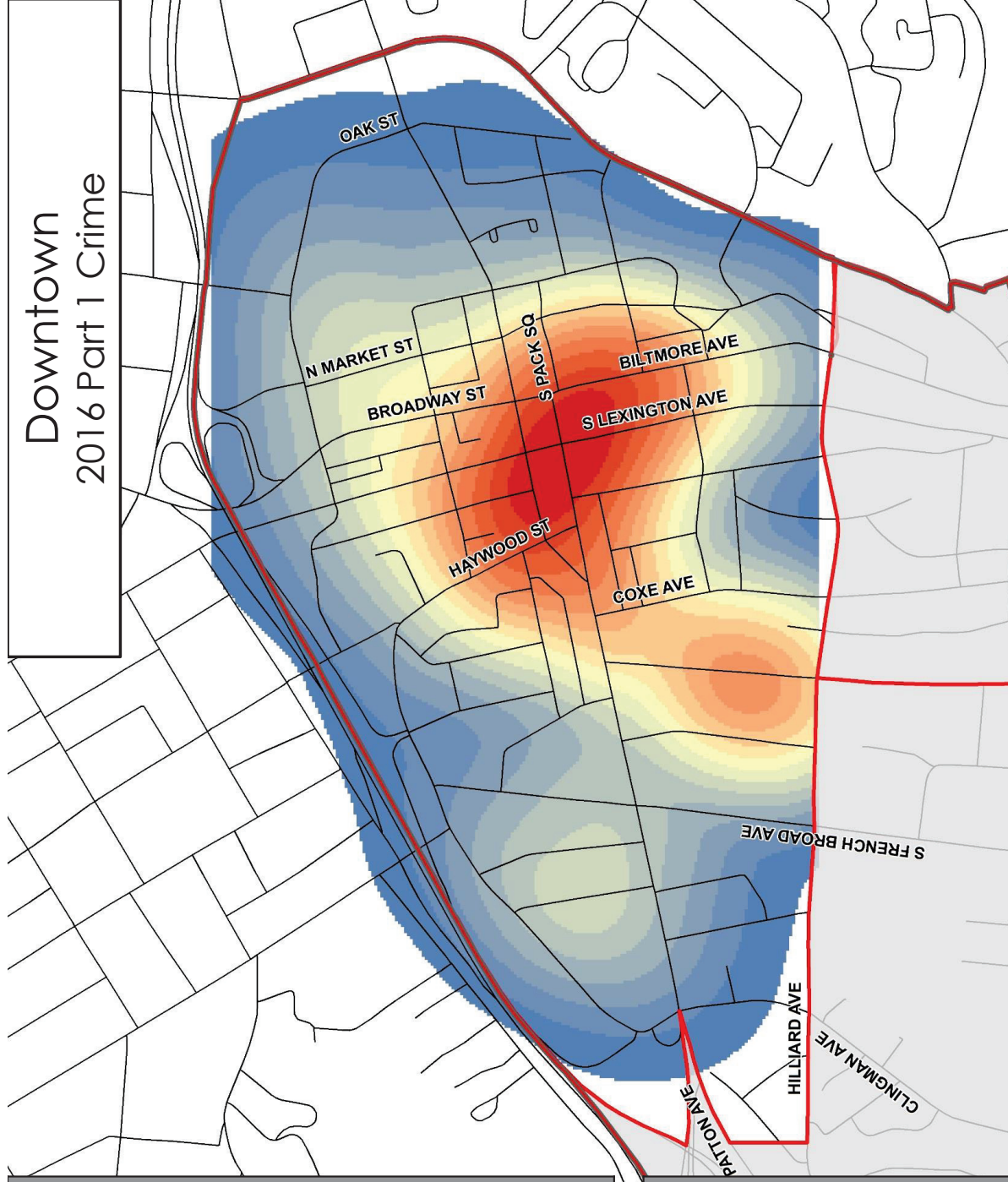
Rape	2
Robbery	24
Aggravated Assault	31
Agg - Domestic	3
Agg - NotDomestic	28
Total Violent	57
Burglary	18
Larceny	319
Car B&E	75
Shoplifting	61
Larceny - Other	183
Stolen Vehicle	18
Total Property	355
Total Part 1 Crime	412

Nuisance Crime

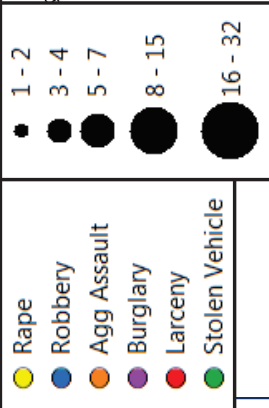
2016

Simple Assault	166
Simple - Domestic	30
Simple - NotDomestic	136
Vandalism	200
Disorderly Conduct	370
Drug Offenses	496
DWI	46
Liquor Law Violation	625
Trespassing	708
Panhandling	123

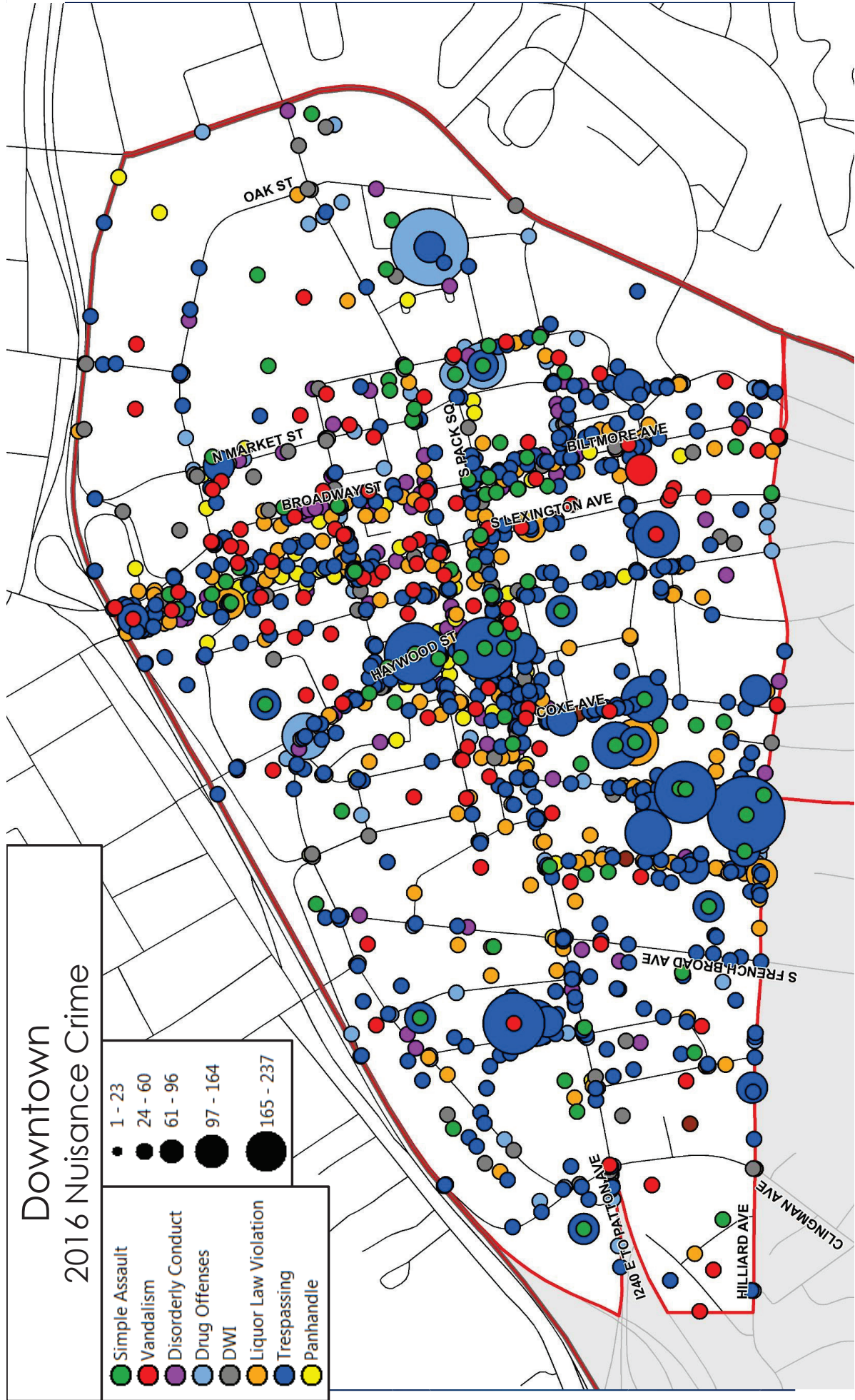
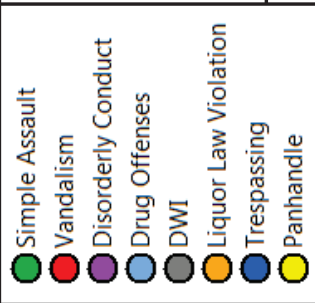
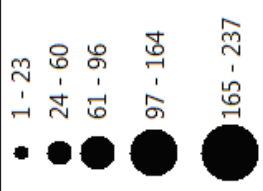
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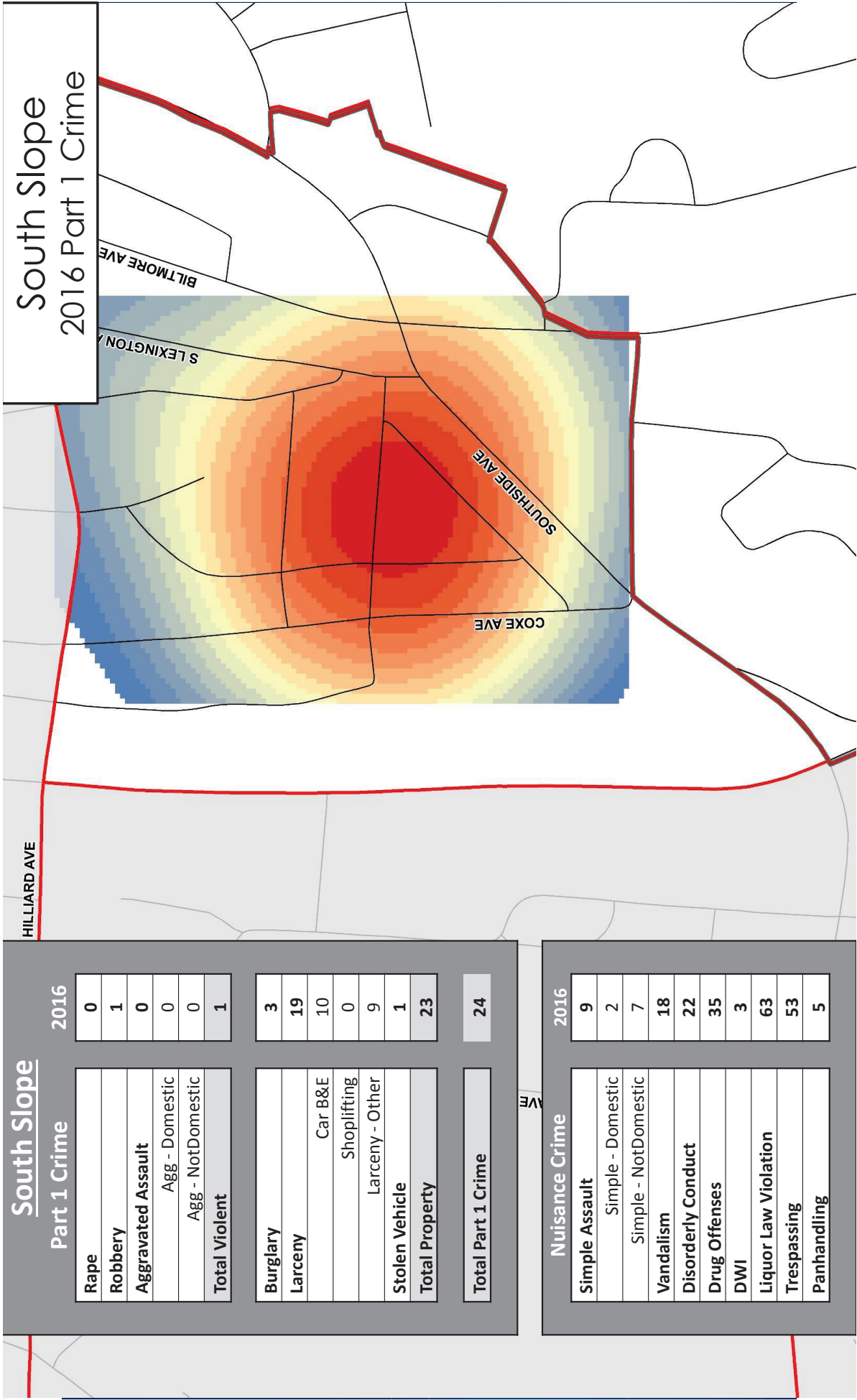


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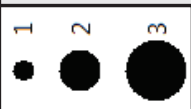


Downtown 2016 Nuisance Crime

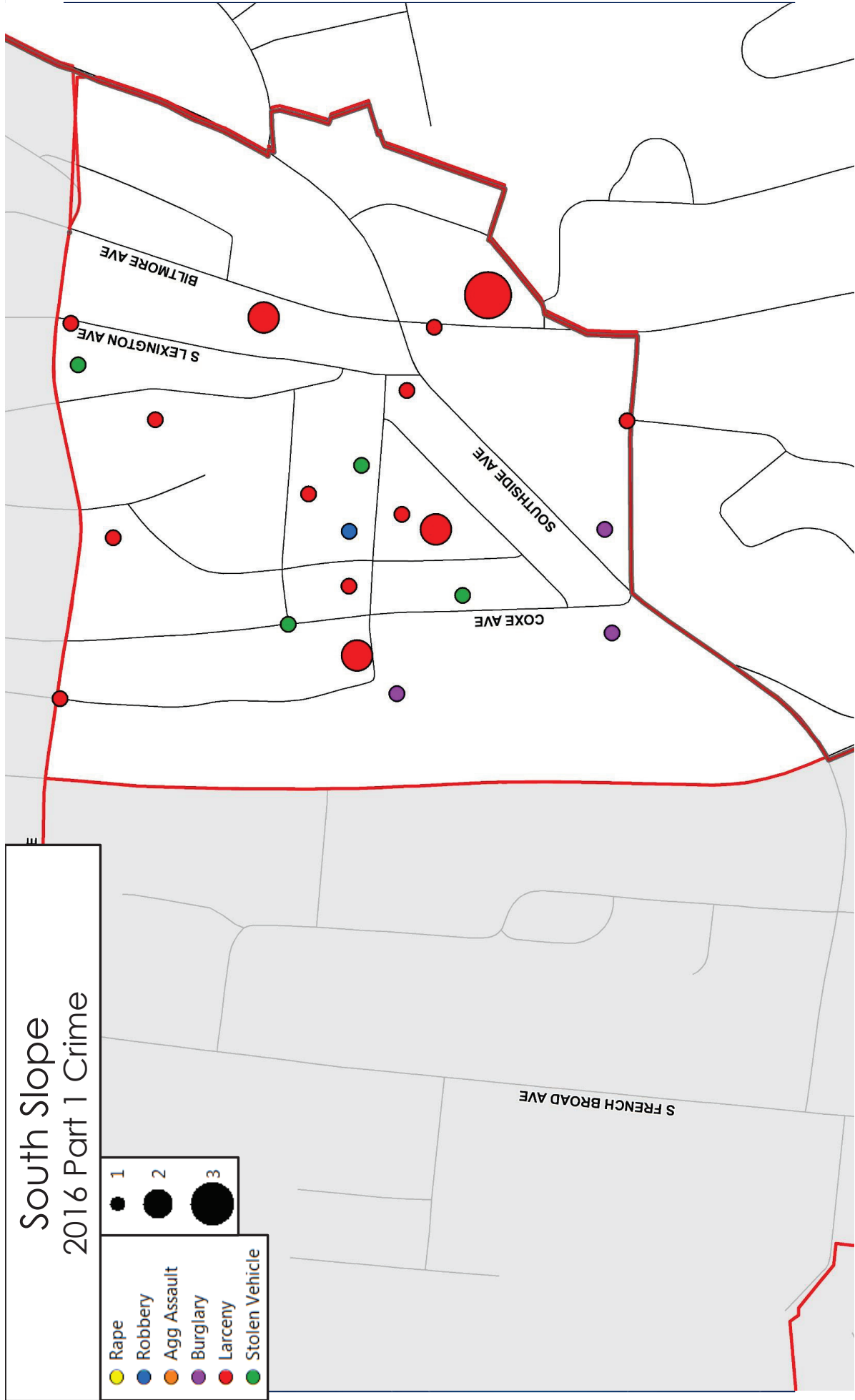


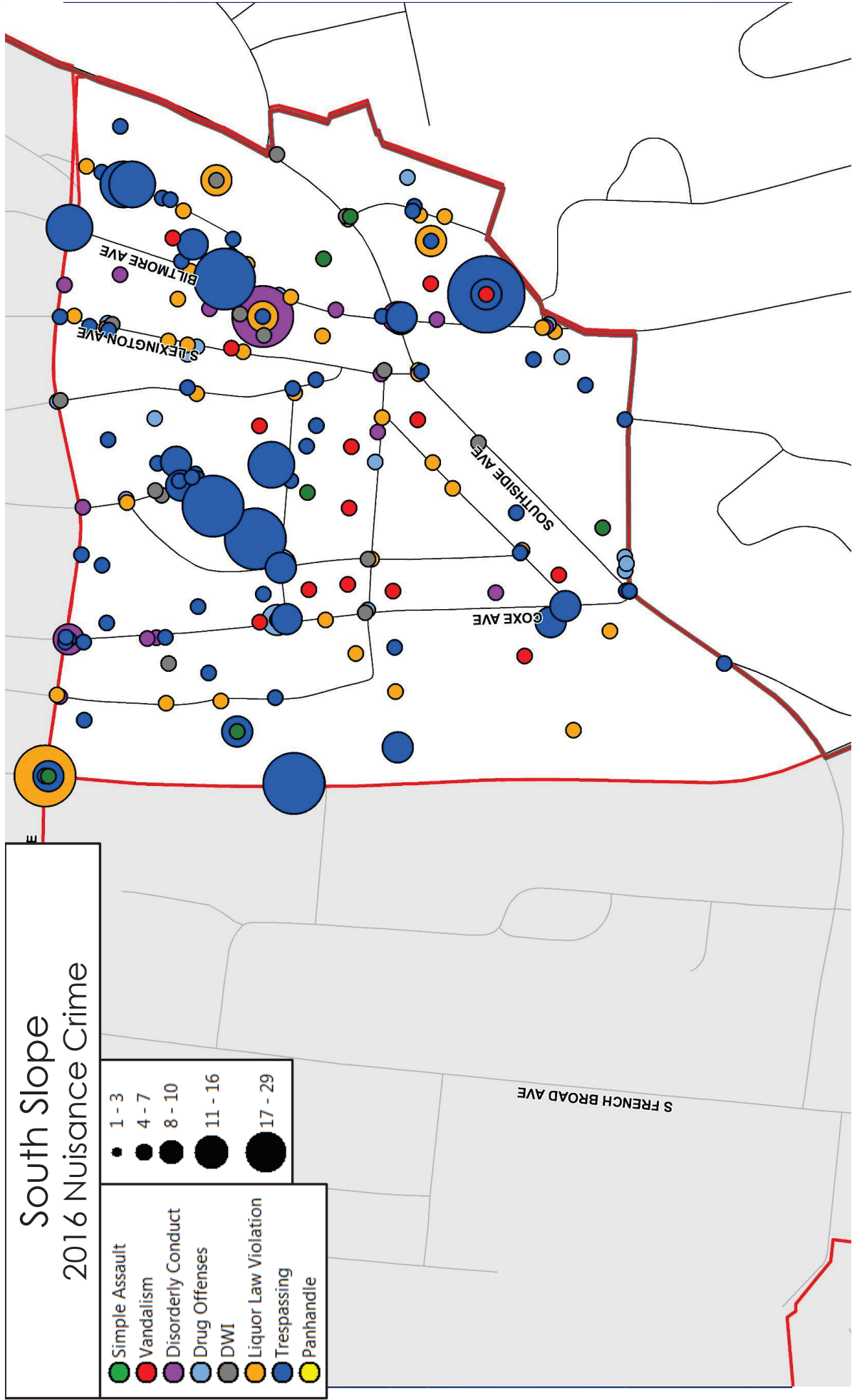


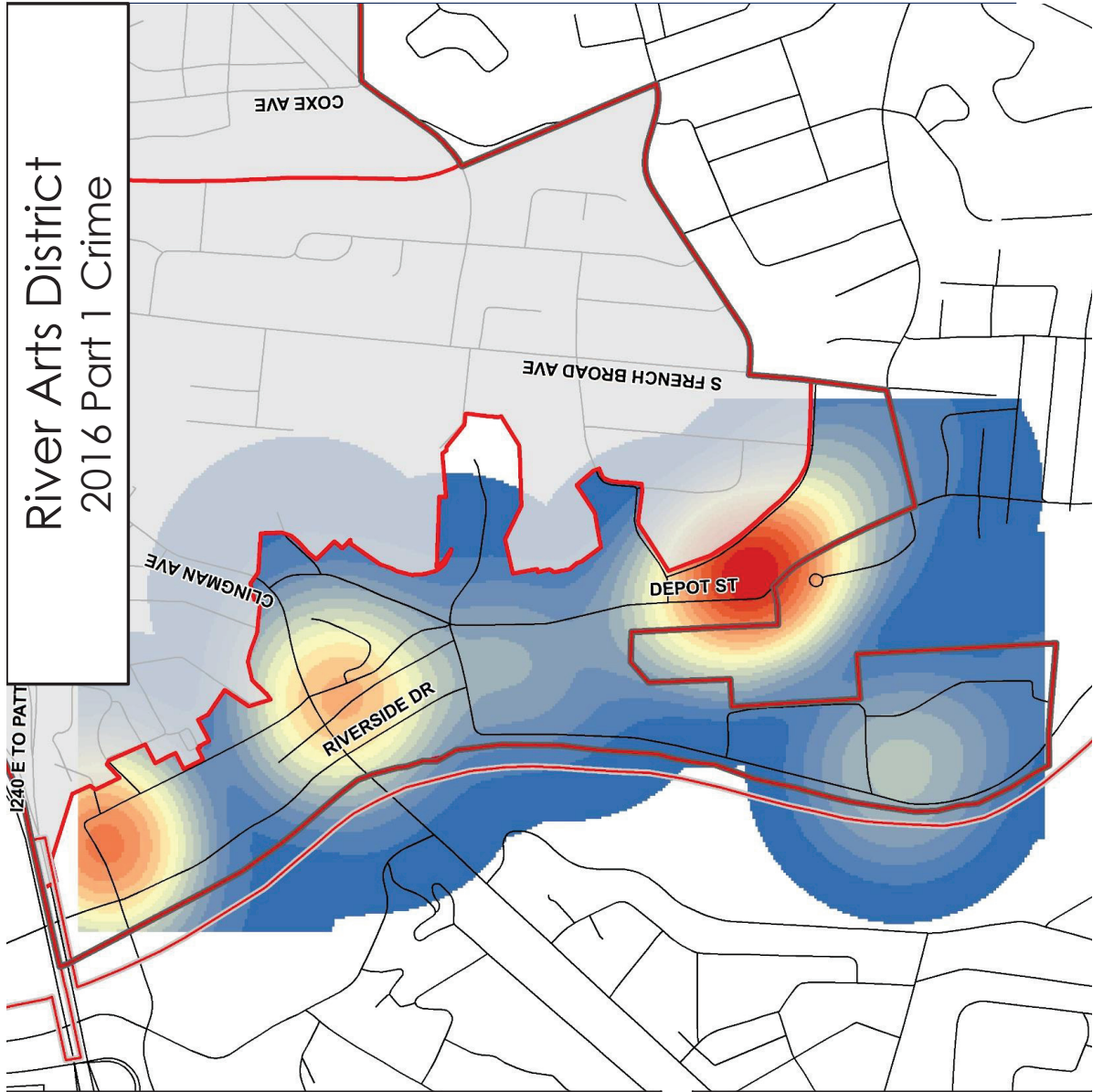
South Slope 2016 Part 1 Crime



- Rape
- Robbery
- Agg Assault
- Burglary
- Larceny
- Stolen Vehicle

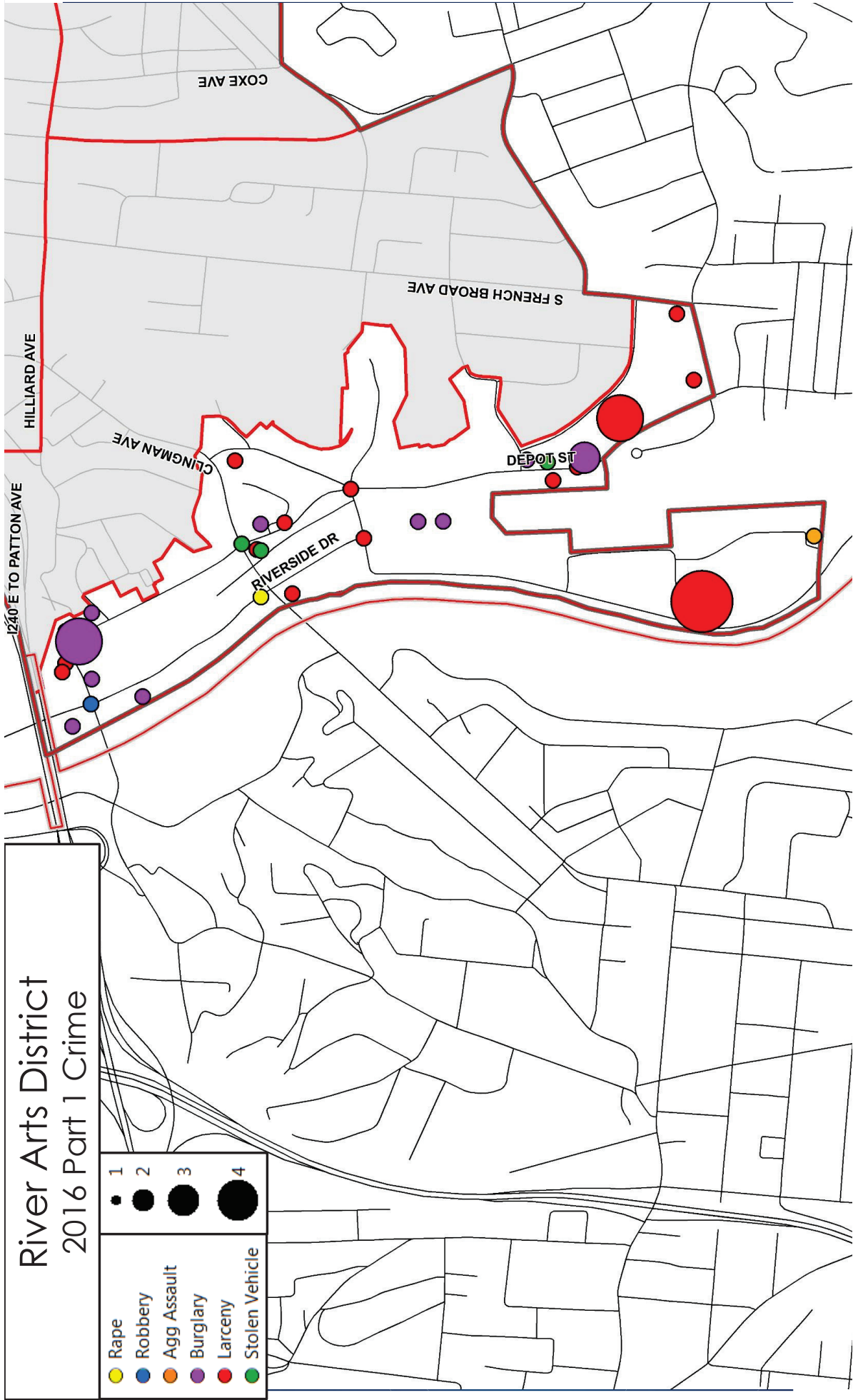




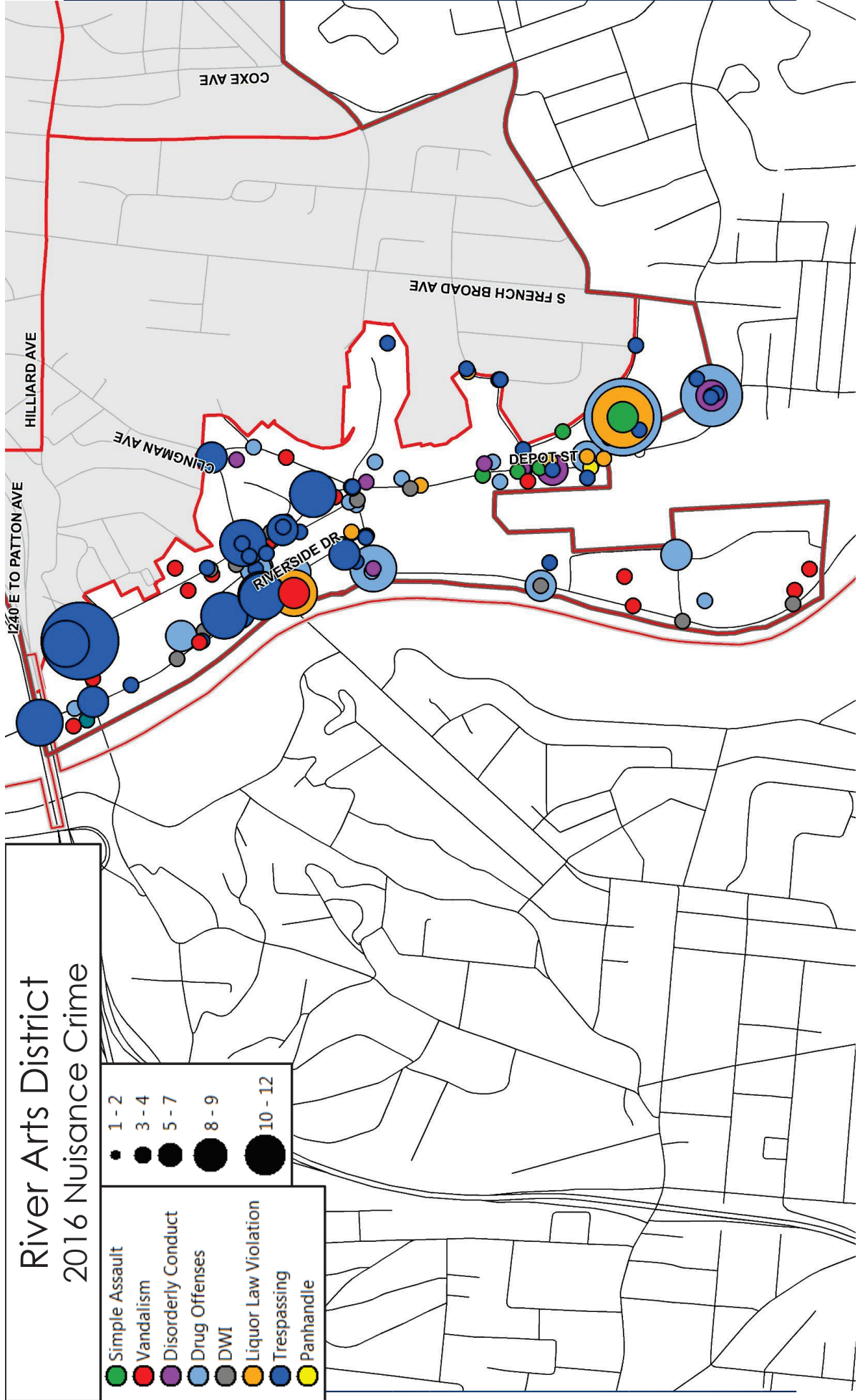
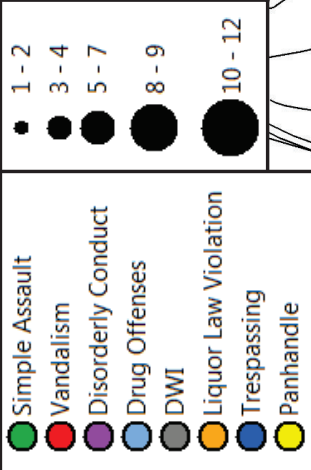


River Arts District	
Part 1 Crime	2016
Rape	2
Robbery	2
Aggravated Assault	2
Agg - Domestic	0
Agg - NotDomestic	2
Total Violent	6
Burglary	14
Larceny	22
Car B&E	10
Shoplifting	2
Larceny - Other	10
Stolen Vehicle	5
Total Property	41
Total Part 1 Crime	47

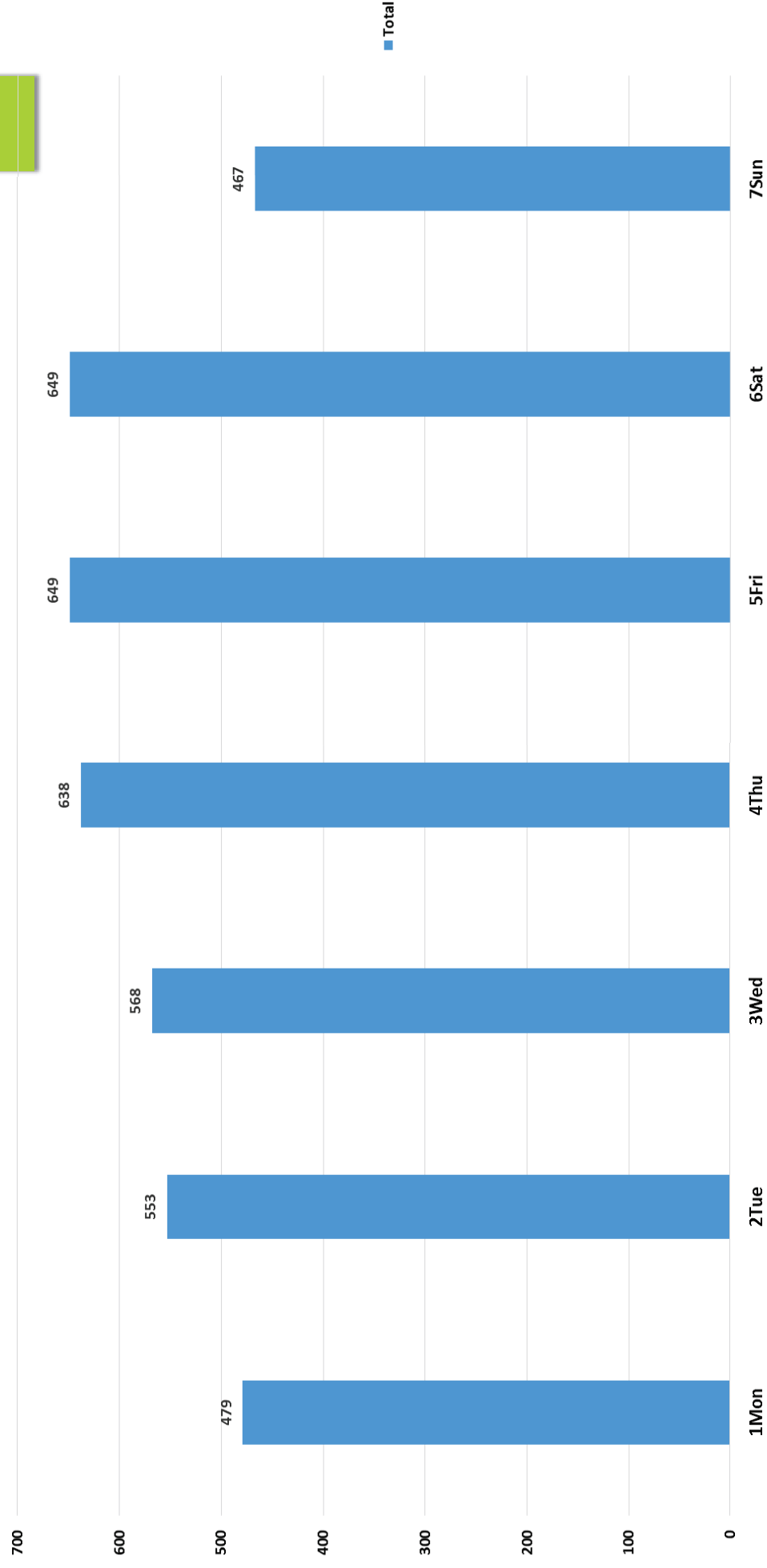
Nuisance Crime	
	2016
Simple Assault	12
Simple - Domestic	5
Simple - NotDomestic	7
Vandalism	25
Disorderly Conduct	8
Drug Offenses	30
DWI	1
Liquor Law Violation	20
Trespassing	41
Panhandling	2



River Arts District 2016 Nuisance Crime



2015 - 2016 Crime by Day - Proposed Downtown District



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- ▶ Who were the victims and offenders of Downtown Part One Crime in 2016?
 - ▶ At least 35% of victims and 17% of offenders are from outside Buncombe County

Residence	Percent of Victims	Percent of Offenders
Asheville/Buncombe	53%	67%
Buncombe County	4%	8%
NC not Buncombe	20%	14%
Out of State	15%	3%
No fixed	1%	9%

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- Consequences:
- No community policing efforts –
 - foot and bike patrols
 - citizen contacts, business checks
 - community engagement and partnerships
- No traffic enforcement
- No proactive patrolling or other evidence based proactive crime responses
- Eventually, limiting the types of calls we respond to at all
- Ultimate result will mean more crime and more victims of crime

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