

Equitable Development

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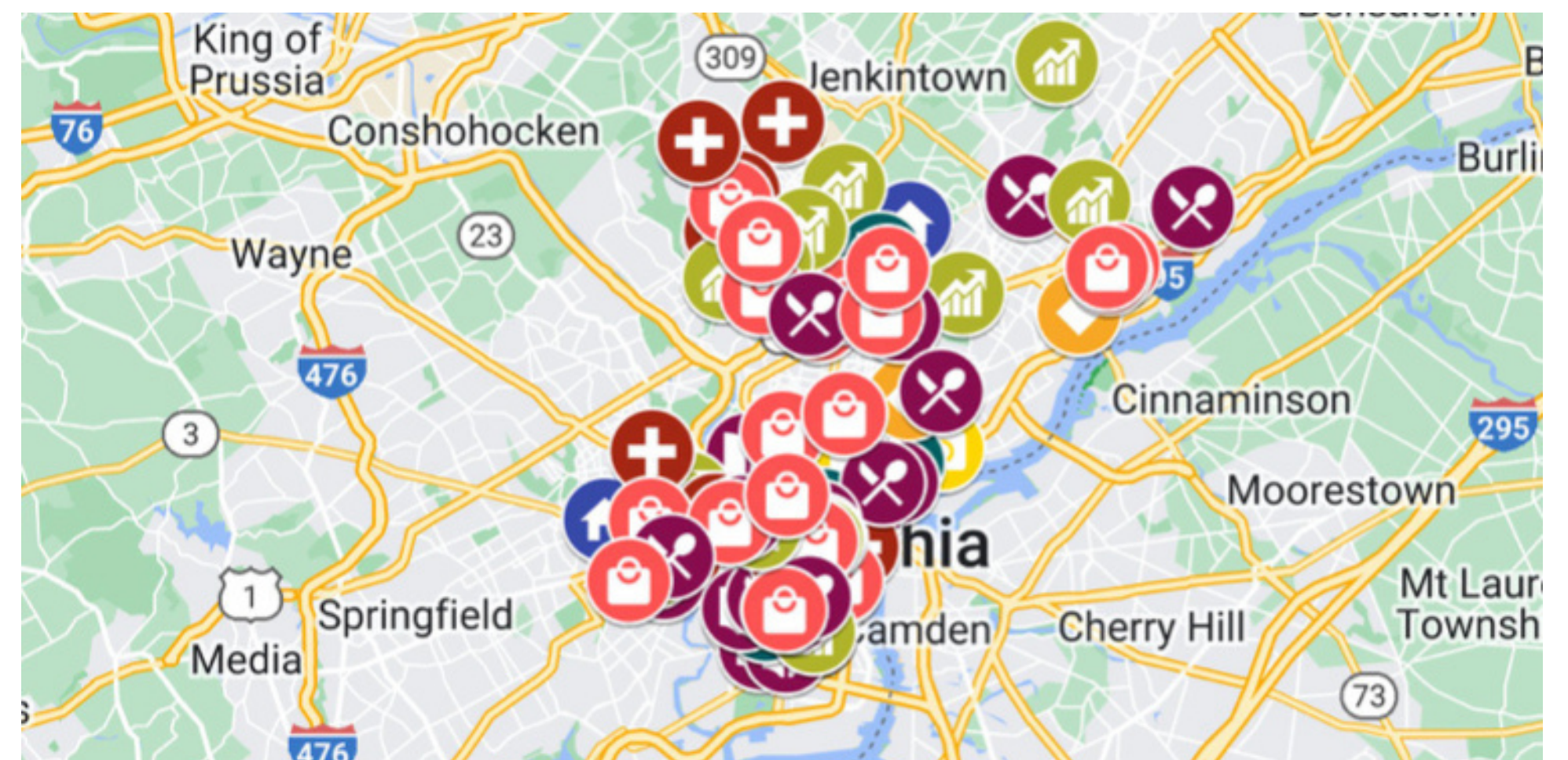
What is a CDC?



A community development corporation is a community-based nonprofit that aims to revitalize, preserve, and overall improve the area it serves.

Internship and Project Tasks

- Designed SurveyMonkey assessment for PACDC's EDPP 2.0
- Forward Equitable Development Conference (Oct. 5th)
- Created GIS Projects (COMCAST RISE recipients, CDC Service Boundaries)
- Conducted Policy Research and Assessment for EDPP 2.0
- Attended staff meetings virtually and in-person
- Provided comprehensive administrative support for PACDC staff



What makes a city, neighborhood, or community "equitable?"

Key Takeaways

Learning Goals & Policy Research

- Educating myself on property and land issues in Philadelphia
- Learning about CDCs and municipal/federal policies
- Understanding and learning about creative urban planning policies

Professionalism

- Networking
- Working in-person
- Being prompt and prepared
- Communication
- Improving digital competencies (GIS, SurveyMonkey)
- Improving analysis and writing skills

Connection to Major & Thesis

- Policies regarding housing and equity
- Addressing inequity within housing
- Educating myself on how to pay attention to policy details

