Assessing Community Need in Suburban Allegheny County:
Southeastern Allegheny County

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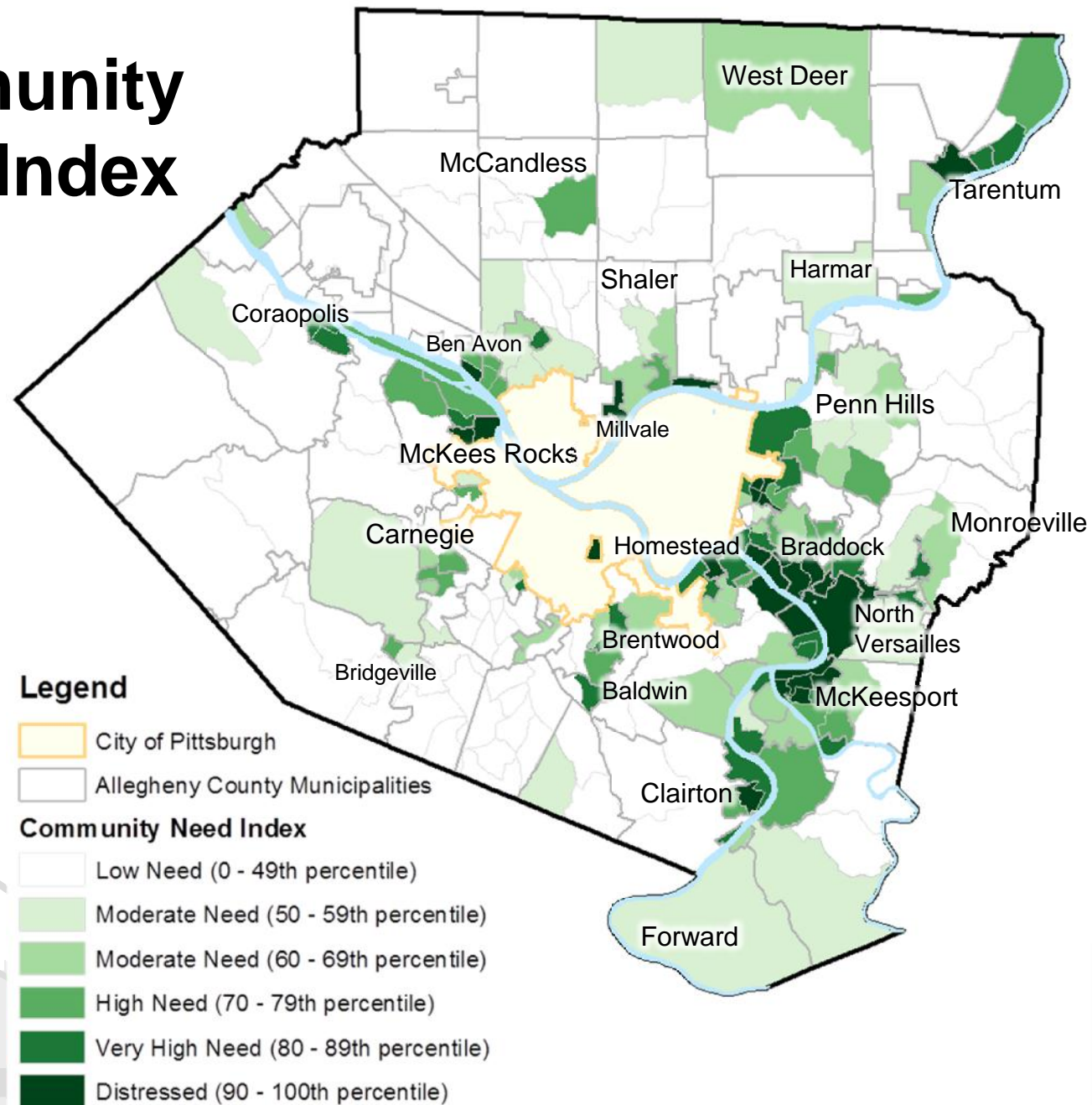
Community Need Index

➢ Population below 100% of the federal poverty line[†]

➢ Families headed by single females[†]

➢ Youth ages 16 to 19 without a high school diploma or equivalent, and not enrolled in school[†]

➢ Civilian males ages 16-64 who are unemployed or not in the labor force[†]

➢ Population below 200% of the federal poverty line
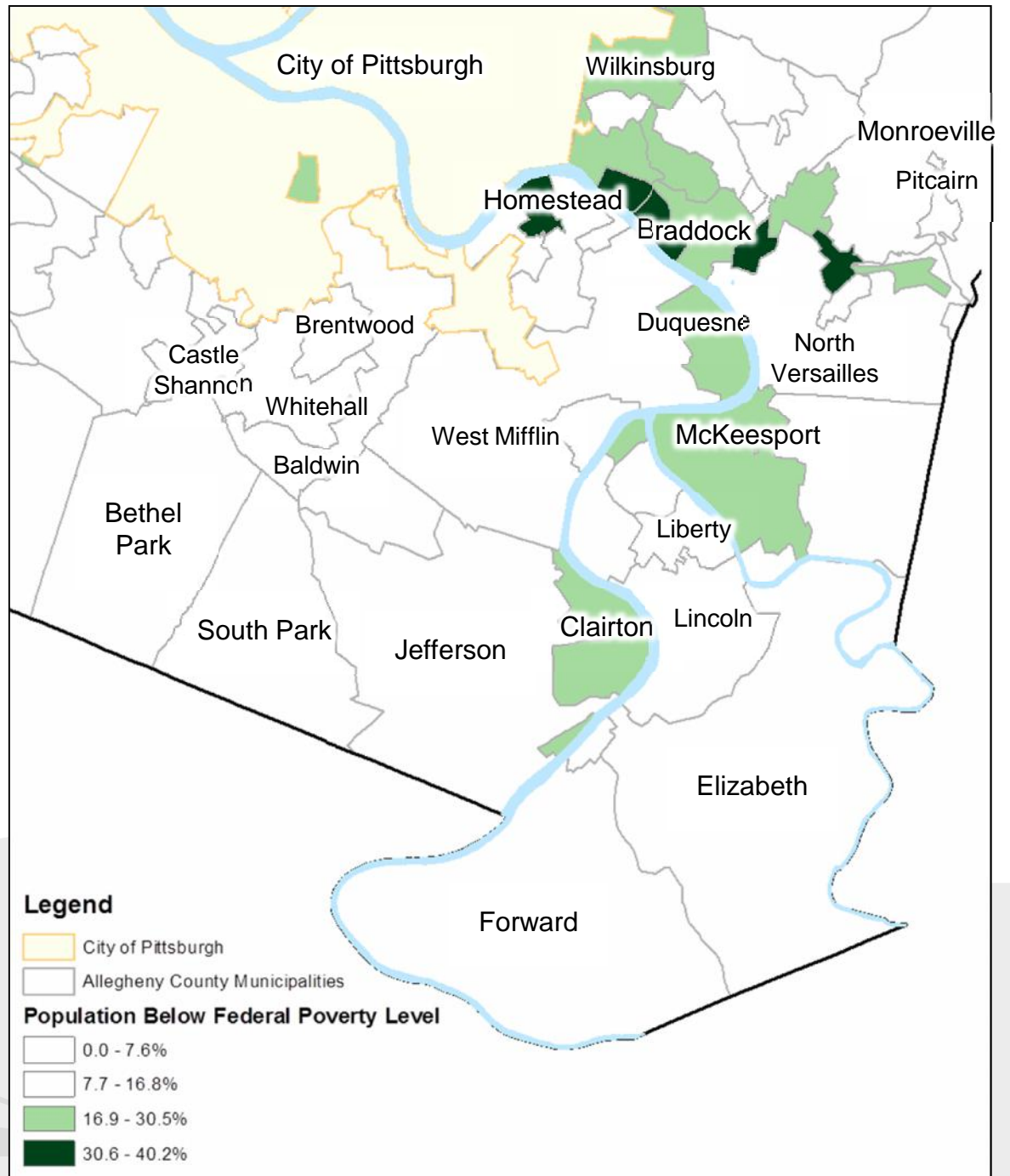
➢ Houses vacant

➢ Households with no available vehicle

* All indicators are Census variables measured as percentages
† Indicators included in Hare and Mather's criteria for severely distressed neighborhoods

Former Method of Analysis: Poverty Rate

Community Need Index

Legend

City of Pittsburgh

Allegheny County Municipalities

Community Need Index

Low Need (0 - 49th percentile)

Moderate Need (50 - 59th percentile)

Moderate Need (60 - 69th percentile)

High Need (70 - 79th percentile)

Very High Need (80 - 89th percentile)

Distressed (90 - 100th percentile)
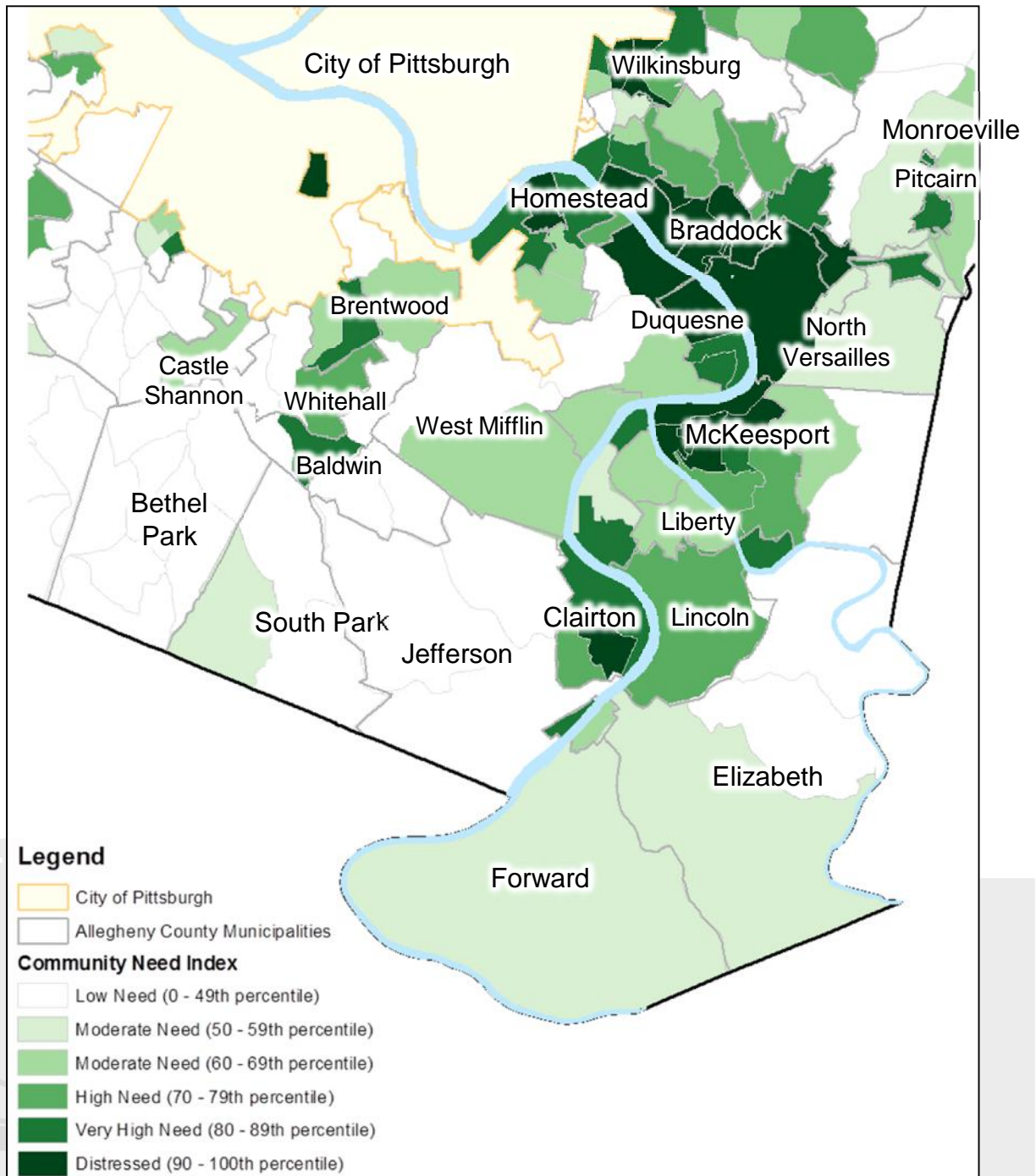
Communities with Changing Need

2000-2009

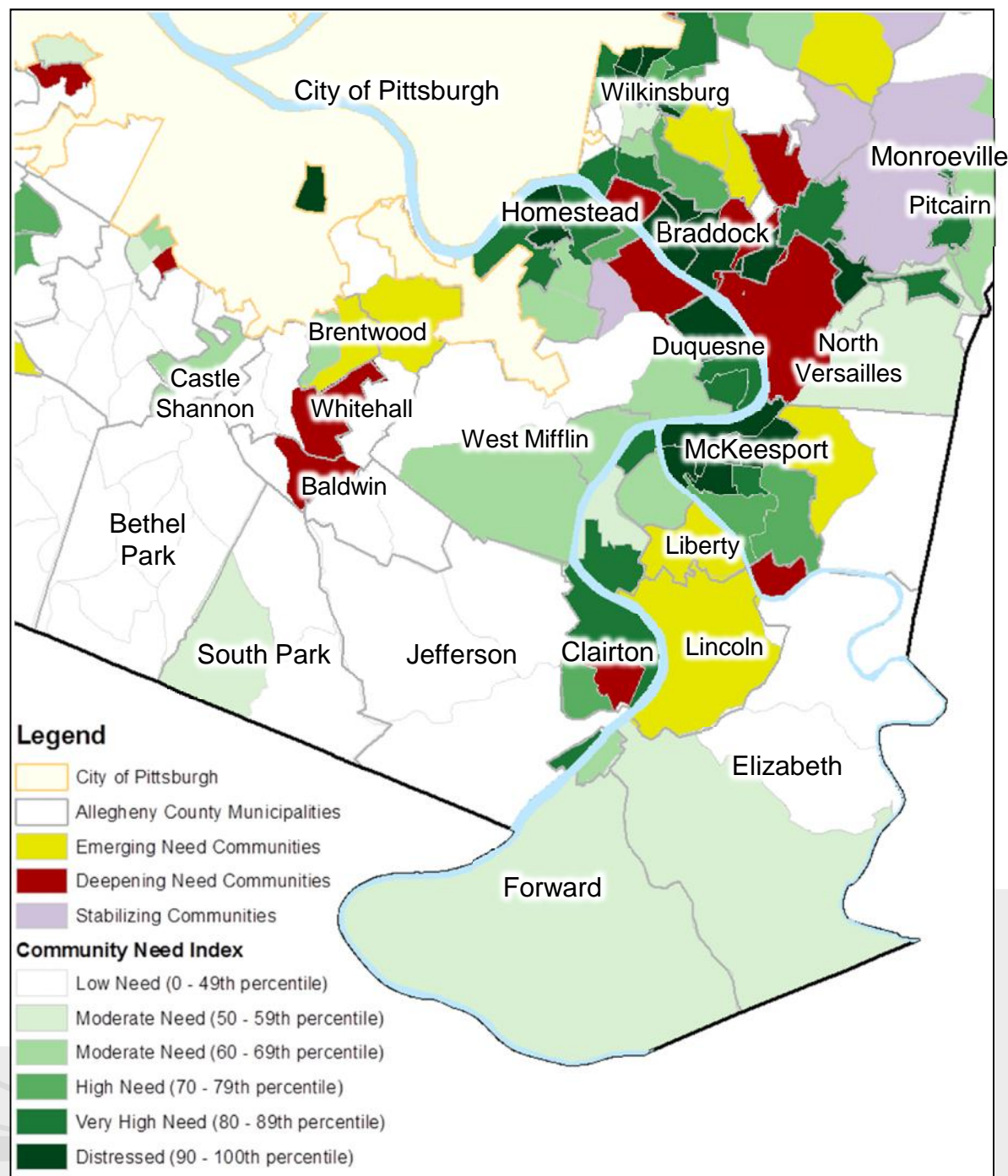*Communities with Emerging Need*
At least two tiers worse in 2009, in top 50% (tiers 6-10) in need in 2009
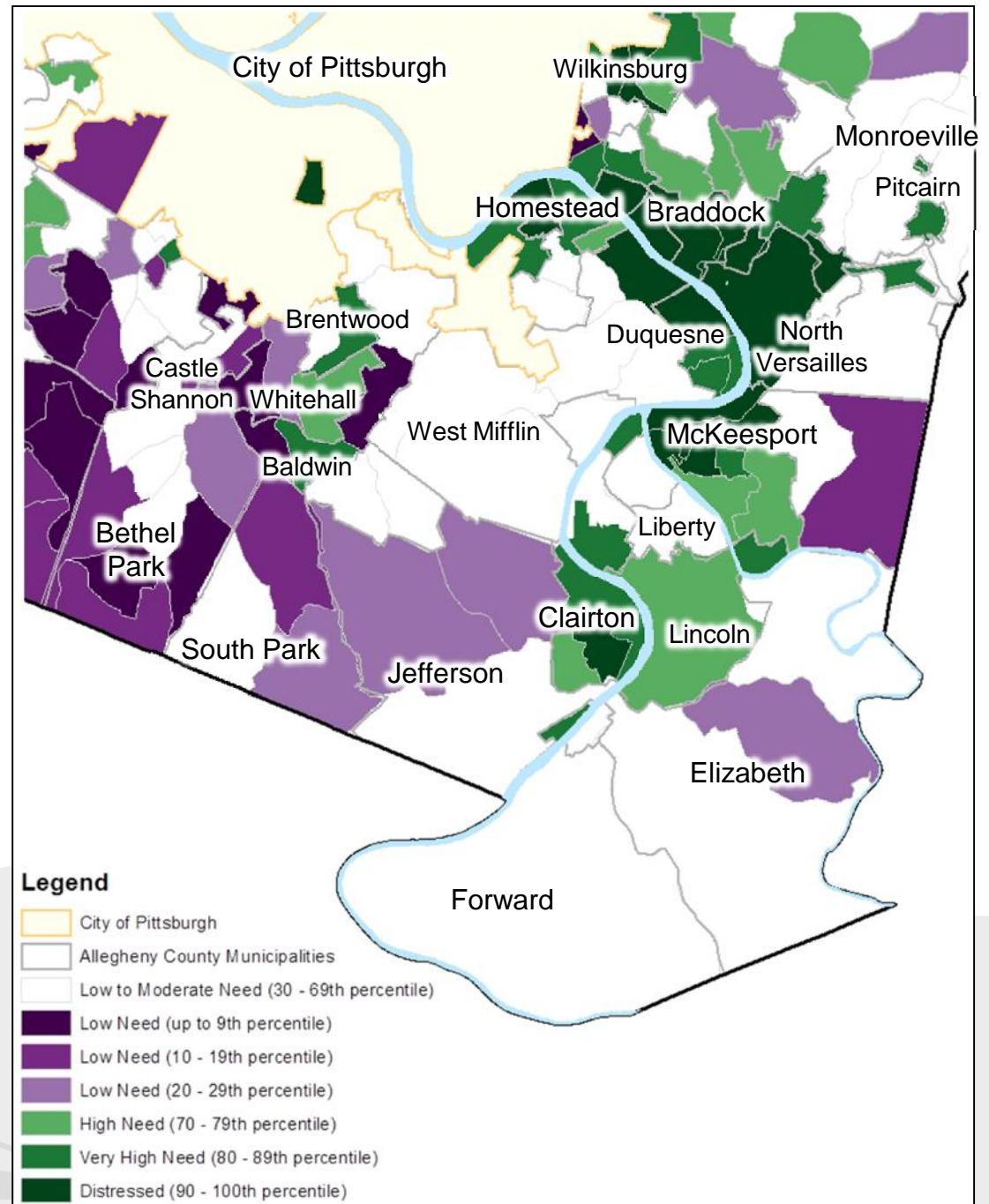
Communities with Deepening Need
At least one tier worse in 2009, and in top 40% (tiers 7-9) in need in 2000

Stabilizing Communities
Starting in top 40% in need in 2000, and at least two tiers better in 2009 (and outside of top 30% in 2009)

Legend
- City of Pittsburgh
- Allegheny County Municipalities
- Emerging Need Communities
- Deepening Need Communities
- Stabilizing Communities

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Map labels: City of Pittsburgh, Wilkinsburg, Monroeville, Pitcairn, Homestead, Braddock, Brentwood, Duquesne, North Versailles, Castle Shannon, Whitehall, West Mifflin, McKeesport, Baldwin, Bethel Park, Liberty, South Park, Jefferson, Clairton, Lincoln, Elizabeth, Forward

Proximity of Struggling Communities to Healthy Communities

Legend

- City of Pittsburgh
- Allegheny County Municipalities
- Low to Moderate Need (30 - 69th percentile)
- Low Need (up to 9th percentile)
- Low Need (10 - 19th percentile)
- Low Need (20 - 29th percentile)
- High Need (70 - 79th percentile)
- Very High Need (80 - 89th percentile)
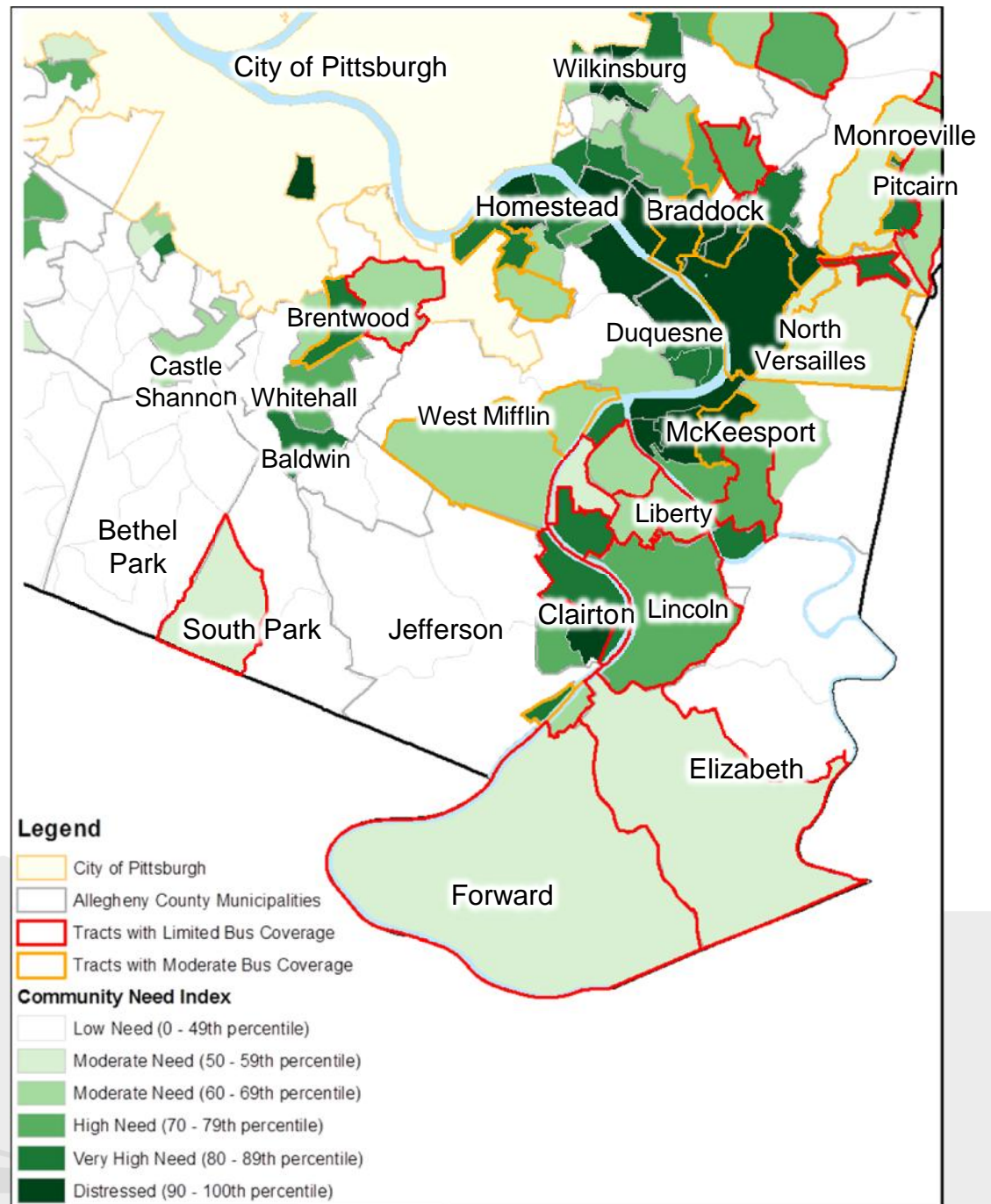- Distressed (90 - 100th percentile)

Communities with Limited Access to Public Transportation

Percentage of a tract within 2000 feet of a bus stop:

High access = more than 80%
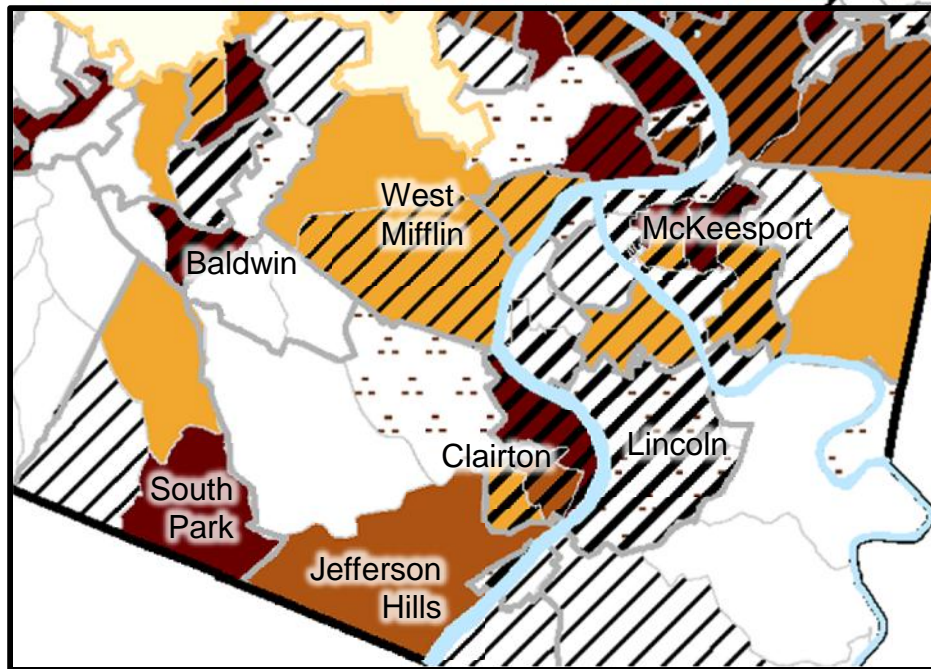Moderate access = 40-80%
Limited access = less than 40%

Legend

City of Pittsburgh
Allegheny County Municipalities
Tracts with Limited Bus Coverage
Tracts with Moderate Bus Coverage

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Families with Young Children

West Mifflin

McKeesport

Baldwin

Clairton

Lincoln
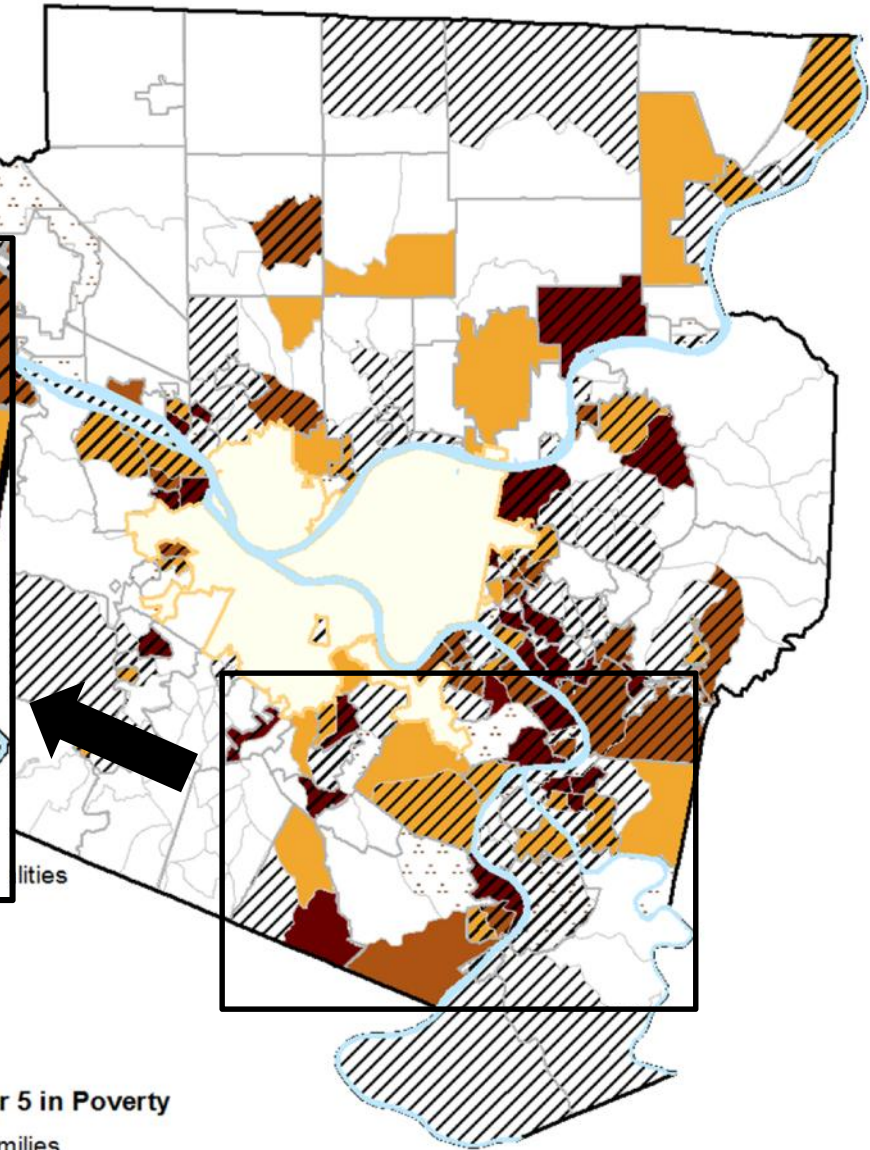
South Park

Jefferson Hills

Community Need Index

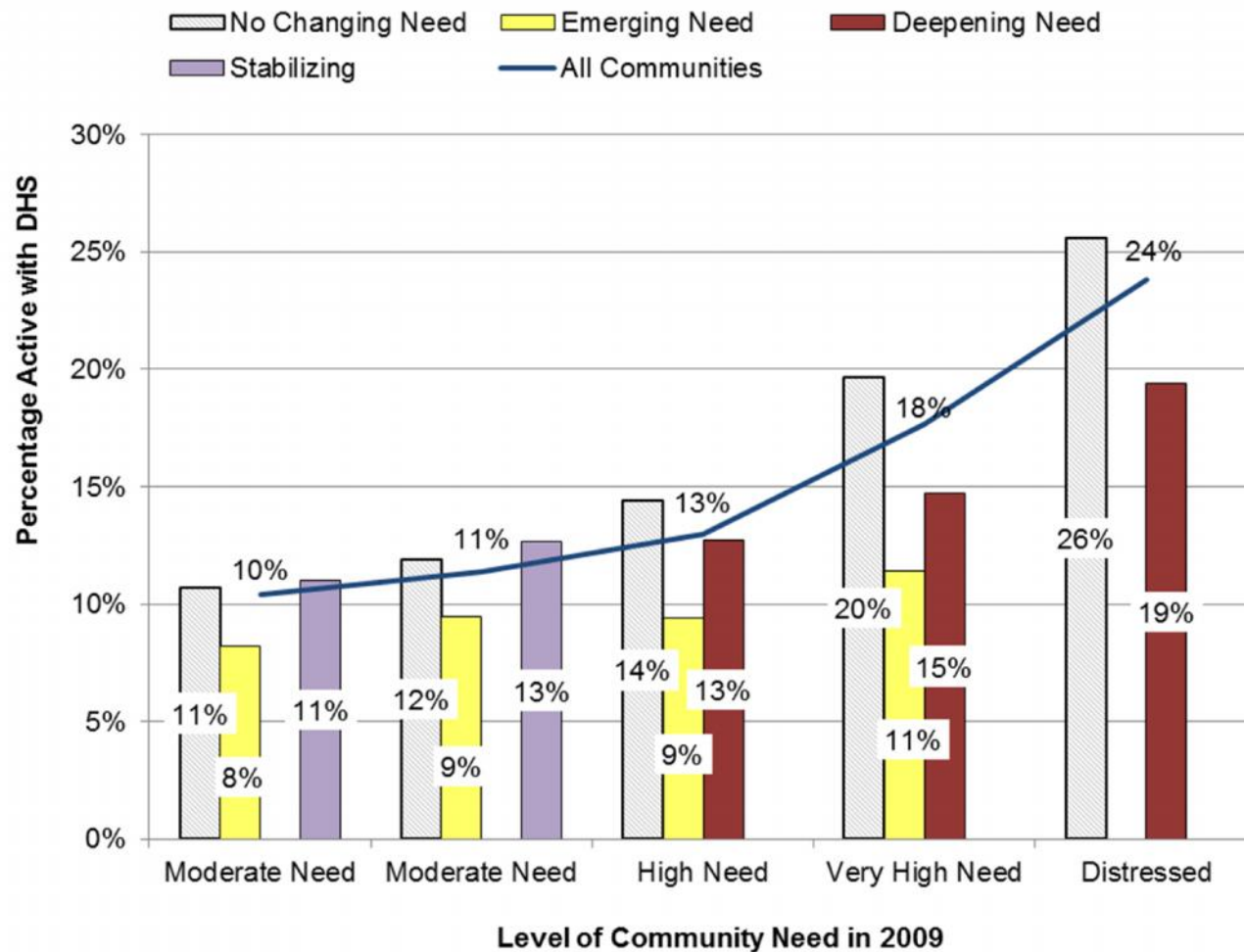☐ Low Need

▨ Moderate Need

▨ High Need - Distressed

Families with Children Under 5 in Poverty

⠿ NA, fewer than 15 total families

☐ Less than 15%

▨ 15 to 29%

▨ 30 to 49%

▨ 50% or higher

Communities with Changing Need

Average Percent of Residents Served by DHS by Changing Community Needs

Next Steps

- Updating the Community Need Index as additional years of Census ACS data are released

- Expanding use of a new, similar relative-need index which has been developed for tracts within the City of Pittsburgh

- Including the Community Need Index in internal maps as is relevant for planning decisions

- Helping community groups use Community Need Index data in decision-making

- For more information: http://www.alleghenycounty.us/dhs/research-basic-needs.aspx