

Living in a High Reentry Community

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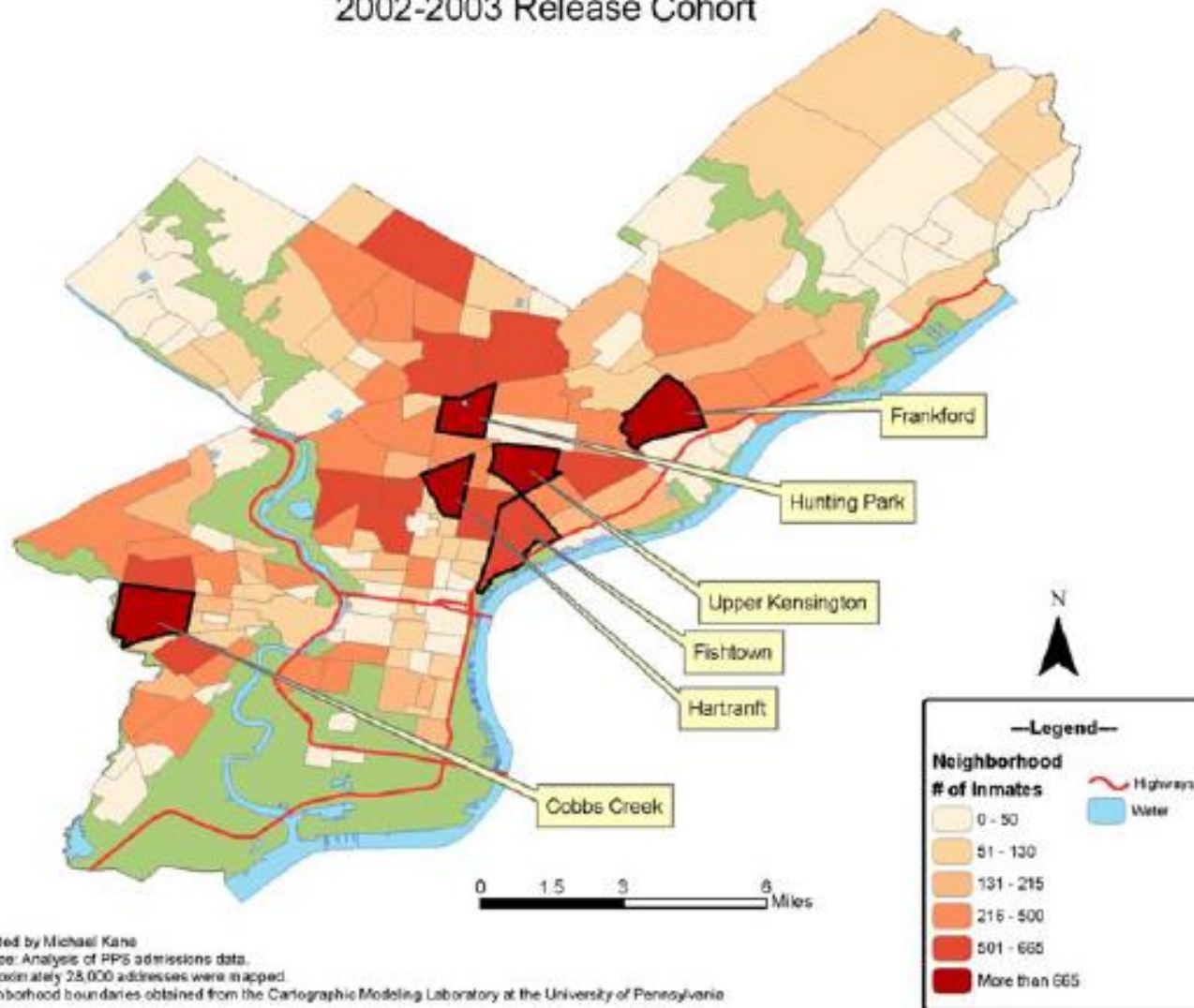
High-Reentry Communities

- Returning citizens are spatially concentrated
 - Impoverished communities with few jobs
- “Churn” of residents
- Community stigma
- Residents don’t interact with neighbors
 - Leads to higher crime/violence
- Neighborhood context affects recidivism
- What is it like to live in a high-reentry community?

Today's Presentation

- Frankford: a high-reentry community
- Study design
- Structural features of Frankford
- Experiences of long-term residents
- Policy implications

Philadelphia Prison System (PPS) Inmates by Neighborhood at Admission 2002-2003 Release Cohort



Roman, John, Michael Kane, Emily Turner, and Beverly Frazier. 2006. "Instituting Lasting Reforms for Prisoner Reentry in Philadelphia." Urban Institute.

Research Design

- Participant observation in Frankford
 - Community meetings, events since Sept. 2014
 - Access to leaders, involved residents
- Content analysis of *Frankford Gazette*
- In-depth interviews with male residents
 - Age 25-34 with less than college education
 - White, Black, and Latino
 - 42 complete of 60 planned
- A caveat about causality

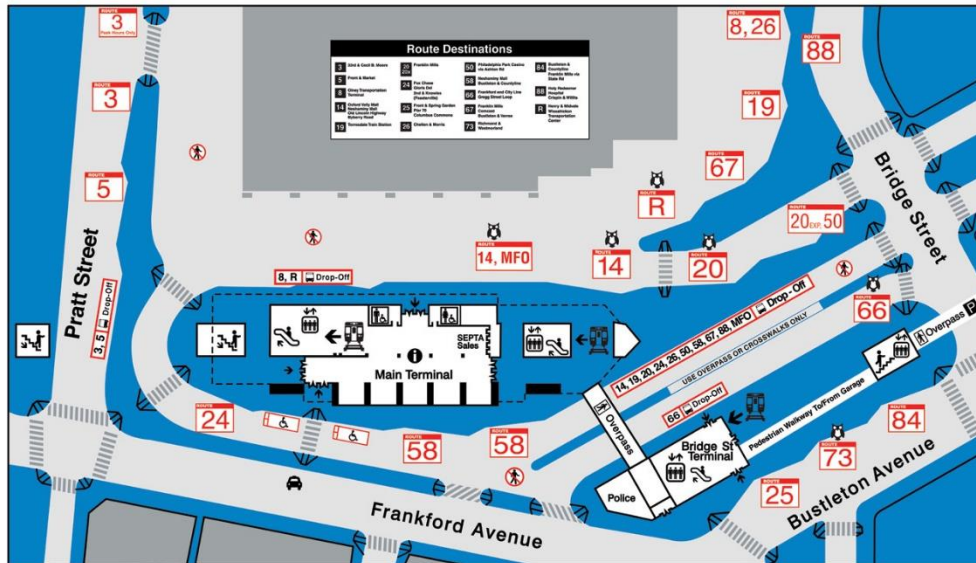
Frankford: Structural Features



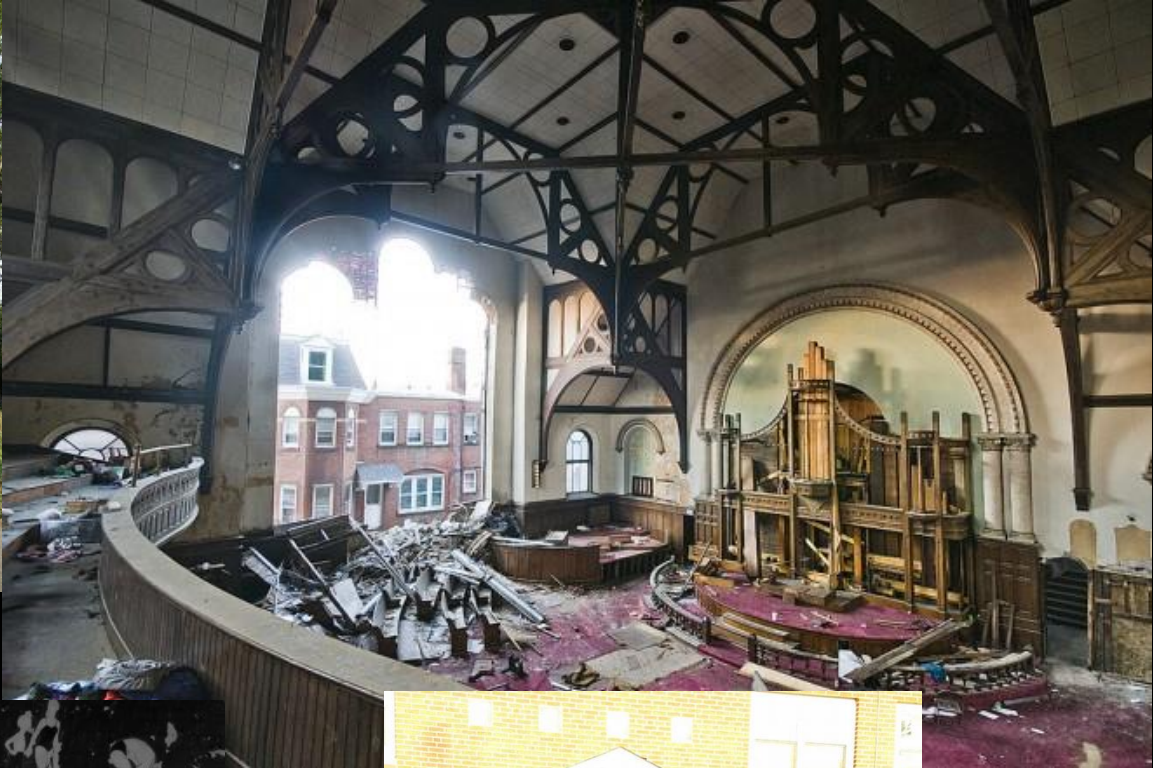


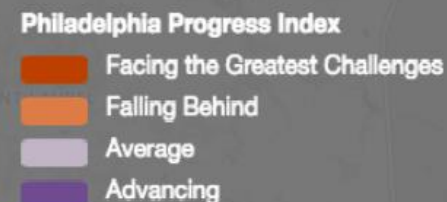


Frankford Transportation Center



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| Parking Garage | Pedestrian Overpass | Escalator / Stair | Market - Frankford Line |
| Taxi Stand | Pedestrian Crossing | Train Platform Exit Only Stair | Bus Boarding |
| Men's Restroom | No Pedestrian Crossing | Elevator | Paratransit |
| Woman's Restroom | Night Owl Bus | Information | |





Neighborhood	Crime Change	Income Change	Population Change	Poverty Index	Home Price Change	Category
Wynnefield	-1.9%	-25.9%	-9.3%	-3	-7.1%	Facing the Greatest Challenges
Hunting Park	-10.0%	-30.1%	0.7%	-3	-28.8%	Facing the Greatest Challenges
Mantua	-3.5%	-20.3%	-10.4%	-1	-15.6%	Facing the Greatest Challenges
Holmesburg	16.1%	-8.7%	-21.9%	0	-16.4%	Facing the Greatest Challenges
Southwest Philadelphia	2.3%	-15.9%	-13.9%	2	-15.6%	Facing the Greatest Challenges
Frankford	-13.3%	-10.8%	-5.5%	0	-25.7%	Facing the Greatest Challenges
Mayfair	-8.9%	-17.0%	-7.6%	-1	-5.0%	Facing the Greatest Challenges



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MAN STABBED TO DEATH IN FRANKFORD



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Woman assaulted in Frankford
Currently fighting for her life



2 Charged in attempted rape at Frankford HS
14-year-old girl assaulted in bathroom



Two Men Shot While Driving in Frankford
Both Victims in Stable Condition Right Now



PD: Suspect Beat Woman Unconscious, Tried To Stuff Her Into Trash Bag

A woman is fighting for her life after a heinous assault overnight in Philadelphia's Frankford section.

2 Students Charged In Attempted Rape At Frankford High School

Officers say two students tried to sexually assault a 14-year-old girl yesterday.

2 Shot While Driving In Frankford, Police Say

City police are investigating after they say two men were shot while driving in their vehicle this morning.

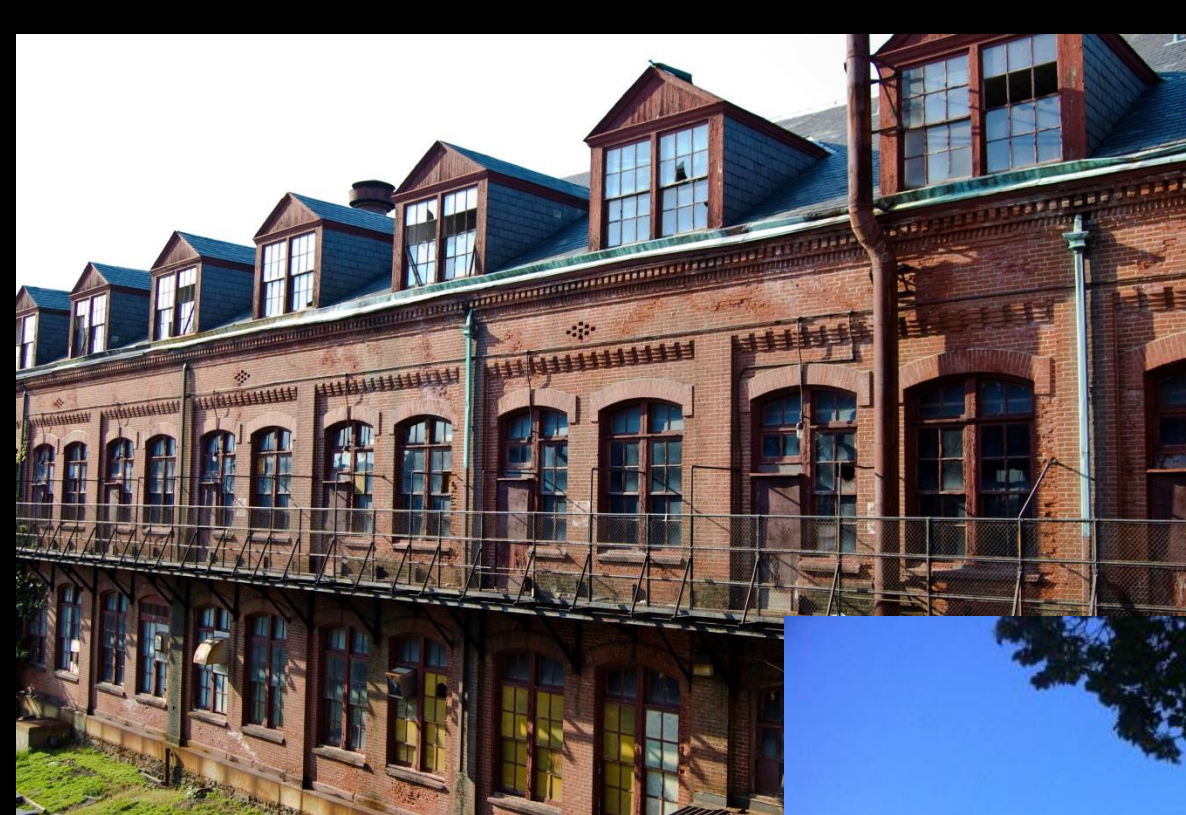
Police: Group of Armed Men Terrorizing People In Frankford

Philadelphia Police are looking for a group of men who robbed and terrorized people in the city's Frankford section.

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Long-Term Residents

- Use community meetings to frame problems and solutions
 - Harsh responses to drug dealers
 - Public health outreach for “quality of life” offenses







“What about those who are unlucky enough not to be arrested?”

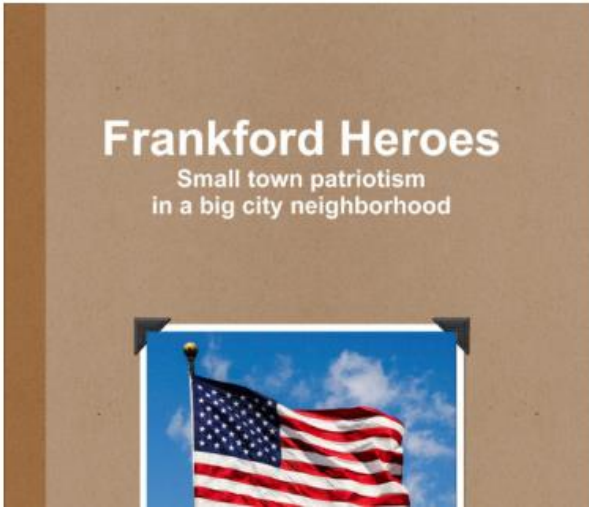
“The homeless veteran who had been living in his car on Herbert Street has moved. He caused no trouble and residents were more concerned about him than frightened.” – Frankford Gazette (Sept/Oct 2015)

“We know that locking people up doesn’t work.”

No It is Not Frankford



FRANKFORD HEROES



Policy implications

- More local resources to support community reentry efforts
 - Investments in existing programs
 - Justice reinvestment?
 - Investments in economic development
- Shared approach by residents and police
 - Addressing quality of life “offenses”
- Opportunities for residents to build social ties
 - Critical role of community based organizations
 - Need to get younger generation involved/ invested

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