APPENDIX D

IOWA OPPORTUNITY INDEX CENSUS TRACTS

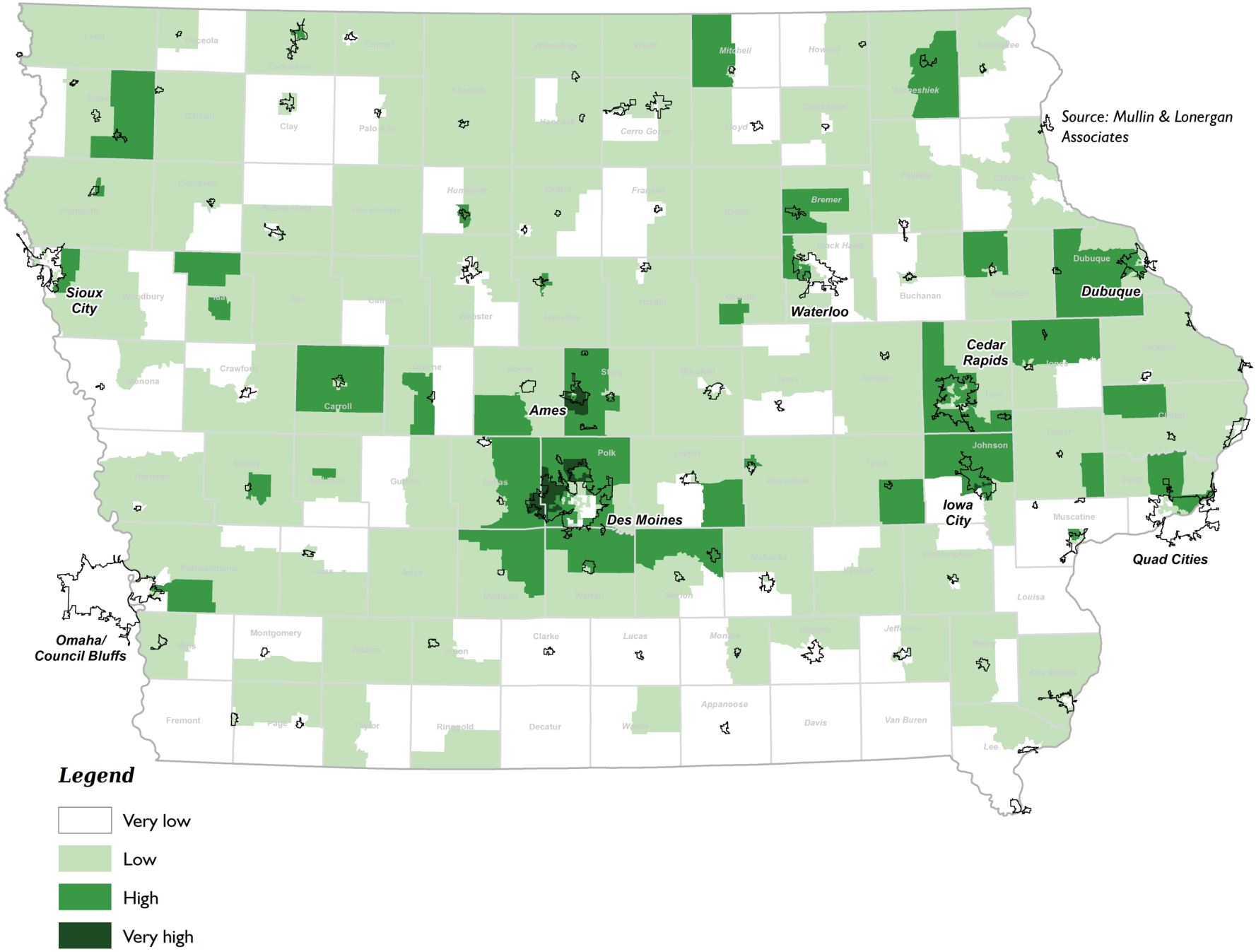
The “high” and “very high” opportunity areas were calculated as part of the State of Iowa’s Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice. IFA and IEDA are required to conduct such an analysis because both agencies administer HUD funding. One of the components of the Analysis is to identify Opportunity Areas.

HUD adapted the Communities of Opportunity model to calculate opportunity index scores for each census block group on six separate dimensions. Each dimension analyzed for Iowa’s Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice includes a collection of variables describing conditions for each census tract in the State.

- **Prosperity** includes rates of family poverty and the receipt of public assistance (cash welfare, such as Temporary Assistance to Needy Families) to capture the magnitude of a given neighborhood’s rate of poverty.
- **Labor Market Engagement** measures the level of employment, labor force participation, and educational attainment in each neighborhood to describe its local human capital.
- **Job Access** gives each census tract a score based on distance to all job locations, weighting larger employment centers more heavily. The distance from any single job location is positively weighted by the number of job opportunities at that location and inversely weighted by the labor supply (competition) of the location.
- **Mobility** was calculated based on commute times and the percent of people who travel to work via public transit.
- **School Proficiency** uses the results of the Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) test by elementary, middle, and high school students as a proxy for educational quality. Rates of proficient scores for all grades for both the reading and math exams are combined into one overall score for each school district.
- **Community Health** for a given tract was calculated as a function of the number of residents without health insurance and low food access ranking by the USDA.

The objective of pinpointing Opportunity Areas is to identify places that are good locations for investment that may not have been selected based on other criteria. This identification allows for balanced investment across neighborhoods that offer opportunities and advantages for families.

Comprehensive Opportunity Index, 2012



"Very high" Tracts

Rank	Very High

Row Labels
Dallas County
Census Tract 508.03
Census Tract 508.05
Census Tract 508.07
Census Tract 508.09
Census Tract 508.11
Johnson County
Census Tract 11
Census Tract 12
Census Tract 13
Census Tract 16
Census Tract 5
Census Tract 6
Polk County
Census Tract 102.03
Census Tract 102.12
Census Tract 104.04
Census Tract 104.06
Census Tract 104.07
Census Tract 104.08
Census Tract 104.09
Census Tract 110.21
Census Tract 110.25
Census Tract 110.26
Census Tract 111.11
Census Tract 111.12
Census Tract 111.13
Census Tract 112.03
Census Tract 112.06
Census Tract 113
Census Tract 117.01
Census Tract 117.02
Story County
Census Tract 10
Census Tract 12
Census Tract 13.01
Census Tract 13.02
Census Tract 2
Census Tract 3
Census Tract 4
Census Tract 5

"High" Tracts

Rank	High

Row Labels
Audubon County
Census Tract 702
Black Hawk County
Census Tract 23.01
Census Tract 23.04
Census Tract 24
Census Tract 25
Census Tract 26.01
Census Tract 26.03
Boone County
Census Tract 206
Bremer County
Census Tract 40
Census Tract 41
Census Tract 42
Census Tract 44
Census Tract 46
Carroll County
Census Tract 9601
Census Tract 9602
Census Tract 9603
Cedar County
Census Tract 4504
Clinton County
Census Tract 11
Dallas County
Census Tract 501
Census Tract 502
Census Tract 508.12
Census Tract 509.01
Census Tract 509.02
Delaware County
Census Tract 9502
Dickinson County
Census Tract 4505
Dubuque County
Census Tract 101.01
Census Tract 101.04
Census Tract 102.01
Census Tract 102.02
Census Tract 103

Census Tract 6
Census Tract 9

Census Tract 104
Census Tract 105
Census Tract 11.01
Census Tract 11.02
Census Tract 12.01
Census Tract 12.02
Census Tract 12.04
Census Tract 12.05
Census Tract 7.01
Census Tract 8.01
Census Tract 8.02

Greene County

Census Tract 803

Grundy County

Census Tract 9603

Hamilton County

Census Tract 9603

Humboldt County

Census Tract 9703
Census Tract 9704

Ida County

Census Tract 901
Census Tract 903

Iowa County

Census Tract 9604

Jasper County

Census Tract 409

Johnson County

Census Tract 1
Census Tract 101
Census Tract 102
Census Tract 103.01
Census Tract 103.02
Census Tract 14
Census Tract 15
Census Tract 17
Census Tract 18.01
Census Tract 18.02
Census Tract 2
Census Tract 21
Census Tract 23
Census Tract 3.01
Census Tract 3.02
Census Tract 4

Jones County

Census Tract 701
Census Tract 706

Linn County
Census Tract 1
Census Tract 10.01
Census Tract 102
Census Tract 106
Census Tract 107
Census Tract 108
Census Tract 11.01
Census Tract 11.02
Census Tract 14
Census Tract 15
Census Tract 16
Census Tract 17
Census Tract 19
Census Tract 2.03
Census Tract 2.05
Census Tract 2.06
Census Tract 2.07
Census Tract 27
Census Tract 29
Census Tract 30.01
Census Tract 30.02
Census Tract 4
Census Tract 5
Census Tract 6
Census Tract 7
Census Tract 8
Census Tract 9.02
Madison County
Census Tract 601
Marion County
Census Tract 301
Census Tract 302
Census Tract 303
Mitchell County
Census Tract 5602
Muscatine County
Census Tract 506
Plymouth County
Census Tract 9701
Polk County
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Census Tract 40.01
Census Tract 40.04
Census Tract 41
Census Tract 45.02
Census Tract 46.03
Census Tract 7.02
Census Tract 7.03
Census Tract 8.01
Census Tract 8.02
Census Tract 9.02

Pottawattamie County

Census Tract 216.02
Census Tract 316.01

Poweshiek County

Census Tract 3703

Scott County

Census Tract 101.02
Census Tract 102.01
Census Tract 102.02
Census Tract 129.01
Census Tract 129.02
Census Tract 132
Census Tract 135

Census Tract 136
Census Tract 137.02
Census Tract 137.03
Census Tract 137.05
Census Tract 137.06

Shelby County

Census Tract 9604

Sioux County

Census Tract 701
Census Tract 705
Census Tract 706

Story County

Census Tract 1
Census Tract 101
Census Tract 103
Census Tract 106
Census Tract 11
Census Tract 7

Warren County

Census Tract 201
Census Tract 202
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Census Tract 208
Census Tract 210

Winneshiek County

Census Tract 9502
Census Tract 9503
Census Tract 9504

Woodbury County

Census Tract 33