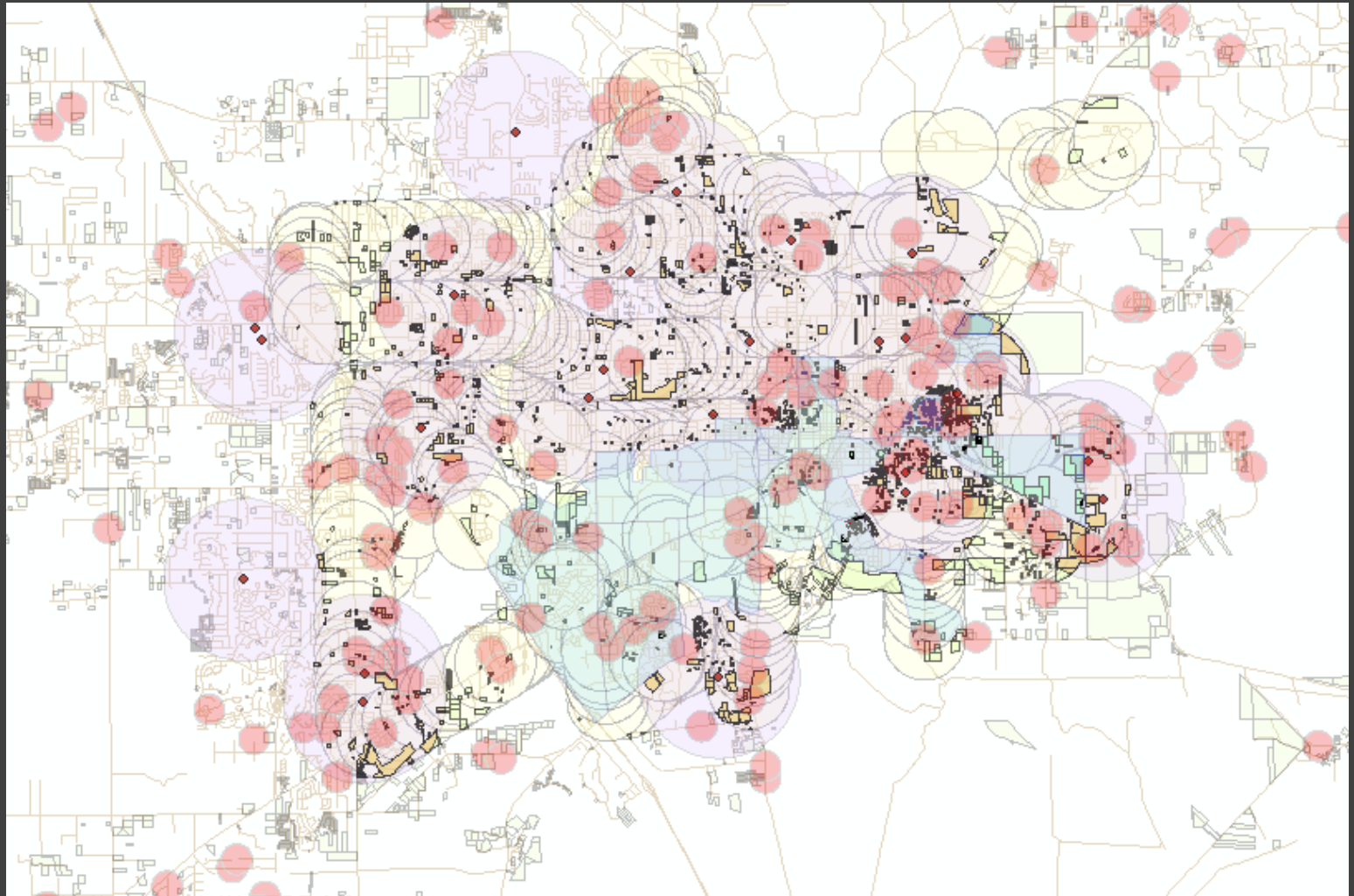# Women and Children Community Centers

Building a Sustainable Community in Alachua County

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Project Background

- Provide locations for three Women and Children Community Centers

- Mission: **shelter and enable** victims of domestic violence and provide additional public services to the general community

- **Primary Services**
  - **Provide housing** for 30 days for pregnant and parenting teens, homeless families, and children who are victims of abuse and neglect
  - **Therapy** to help visitors cope with their trauma
  - Provide **education for essential job skills**
  - Provide **prevention education**

- **Additional Services**
  - **Libraries**
  - **Tutoring services**
  - **Health centers**
  - **Sports complexes**

Scope and Characteristics of Study

- **Alachua County**
  - **Over 255,000 residents**
  - Over **50,000 live below the poverty line**, at least **8,000 of which are children**
  - Approximately **1,200 residents are homeless**, including **over 400 children**
- Gainesville's favorable conditions
  - **Highest population** in Alachua county
  - Extensive **public bus system**
  - Regions of the **lowest income in Alachua County**
  - **Majority of the schools** in Alachua County
- Gainesville's negative aspects
  - **Child neglect and abuse** cases are scattered across the county, but a high concentration exists **west of Gainesville**
  - **Domestic violence** also has the highest concentration **west of Gainesville**
  - **Gainesville** is also home to the **majority of sex offenders** in the county

- The three community centers will target:

- **Women and children (ages 0-19)**

- **Easily accessible by public transportation**

- Close to **high children density and schools**

- Areas with **low socioeconomic** status

- Located safely **away from sex offenders**

Criteria

1. Parcel Use Categories labeled vacant institutional or vacant residential parcels

2. Parcels within ½ mile of RTS bus stops

3. Parcels completely within 1 mile of schools

4. Parcels within census blocks of median income less than $22,000 (poverty line)

5. Parcels at least 1,000 feet away from sex offenders

6. Parcels will be at least 1 to 2 acres in size

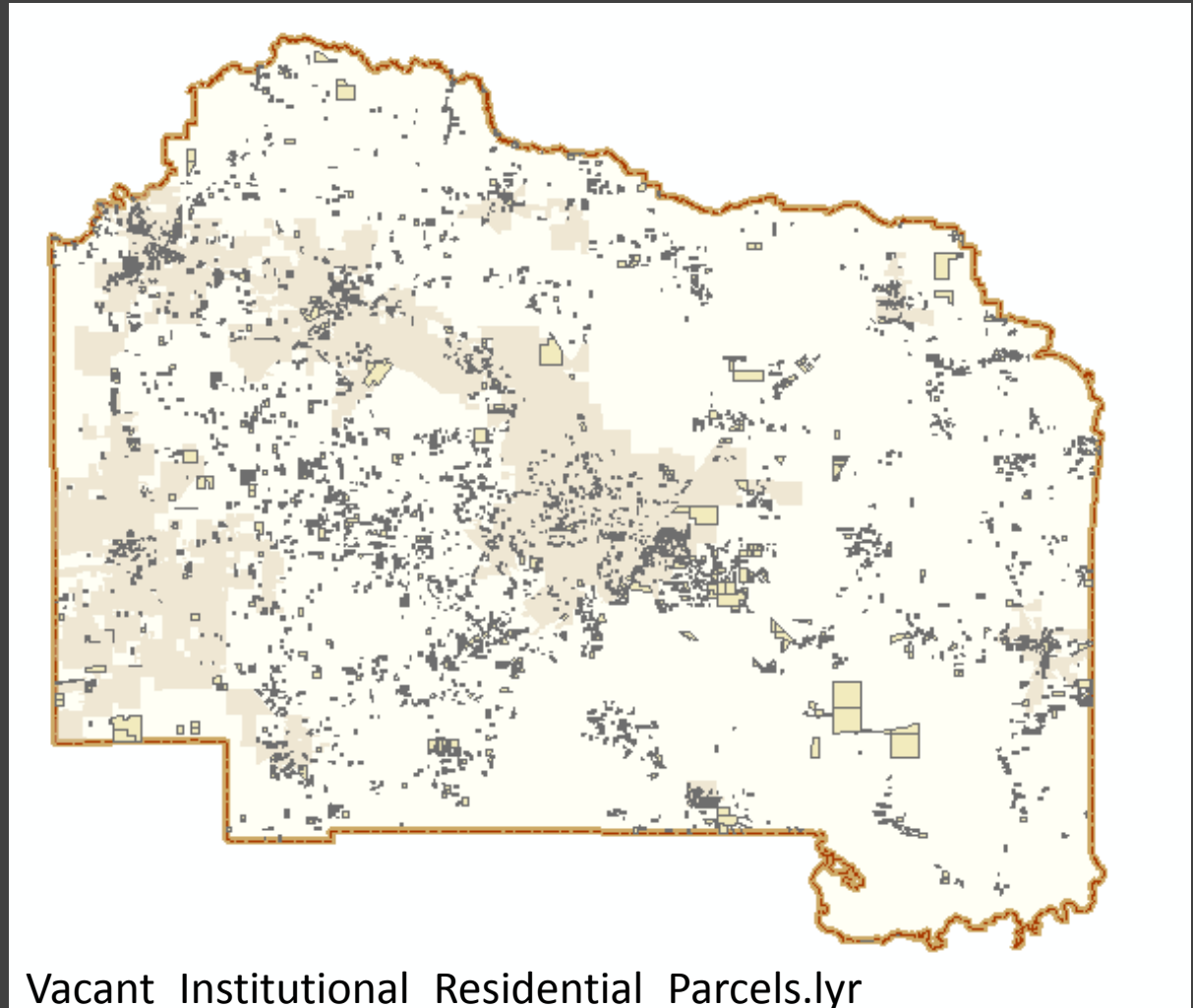7. Parcels will be at least 2.5 miles from one another

Step 1

•Community Planning: Tax Parcels

• Find Vacant Residential Parcels and Vacant Institutional Parcels

Definition Query:

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'Vacant
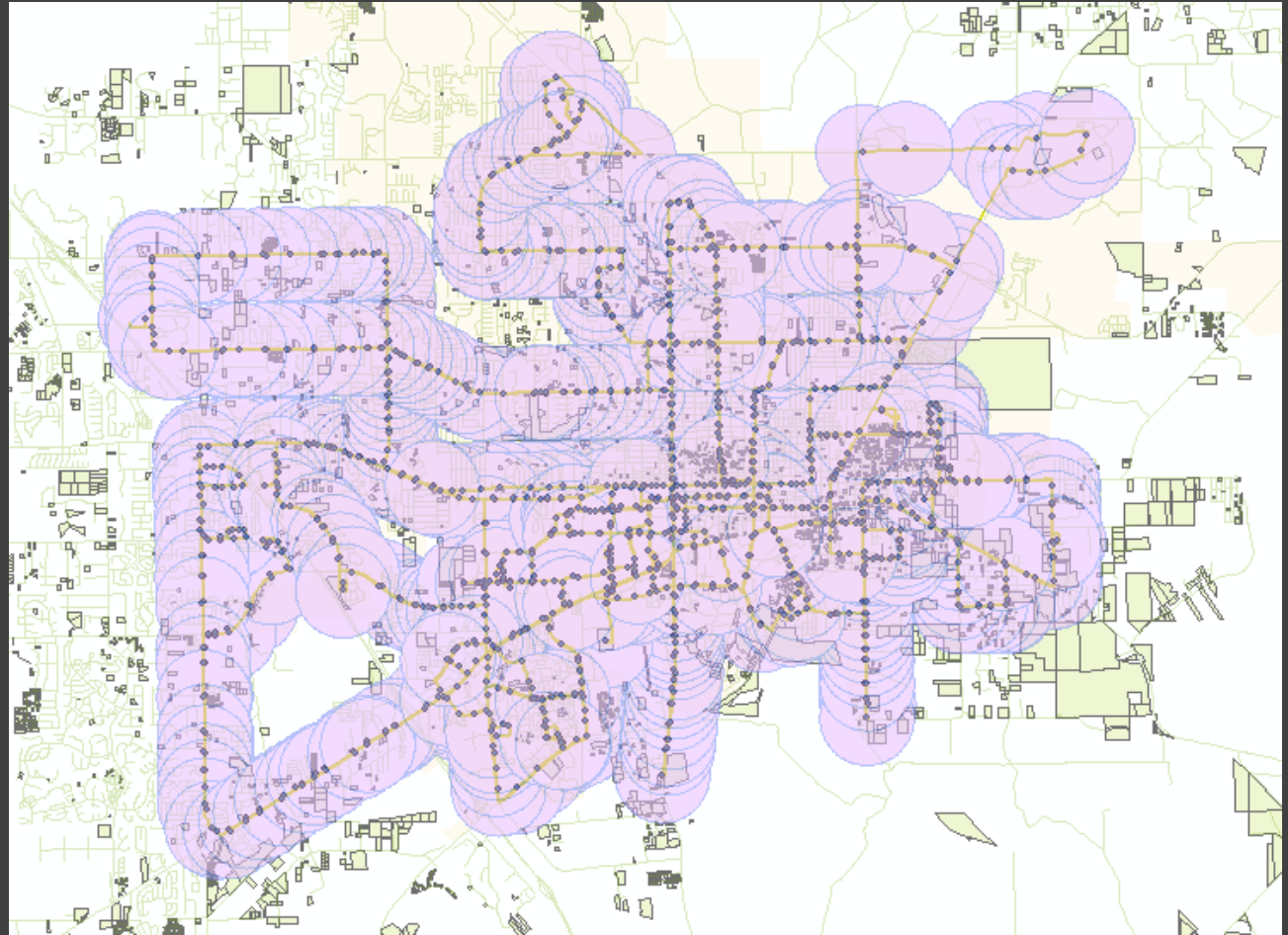Institutional'

OR

 "PUSECAT" =
'Vacant Residential'

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Step 2

- Transportation
- Bus Stops: Within ½ of a mile of a bus stop
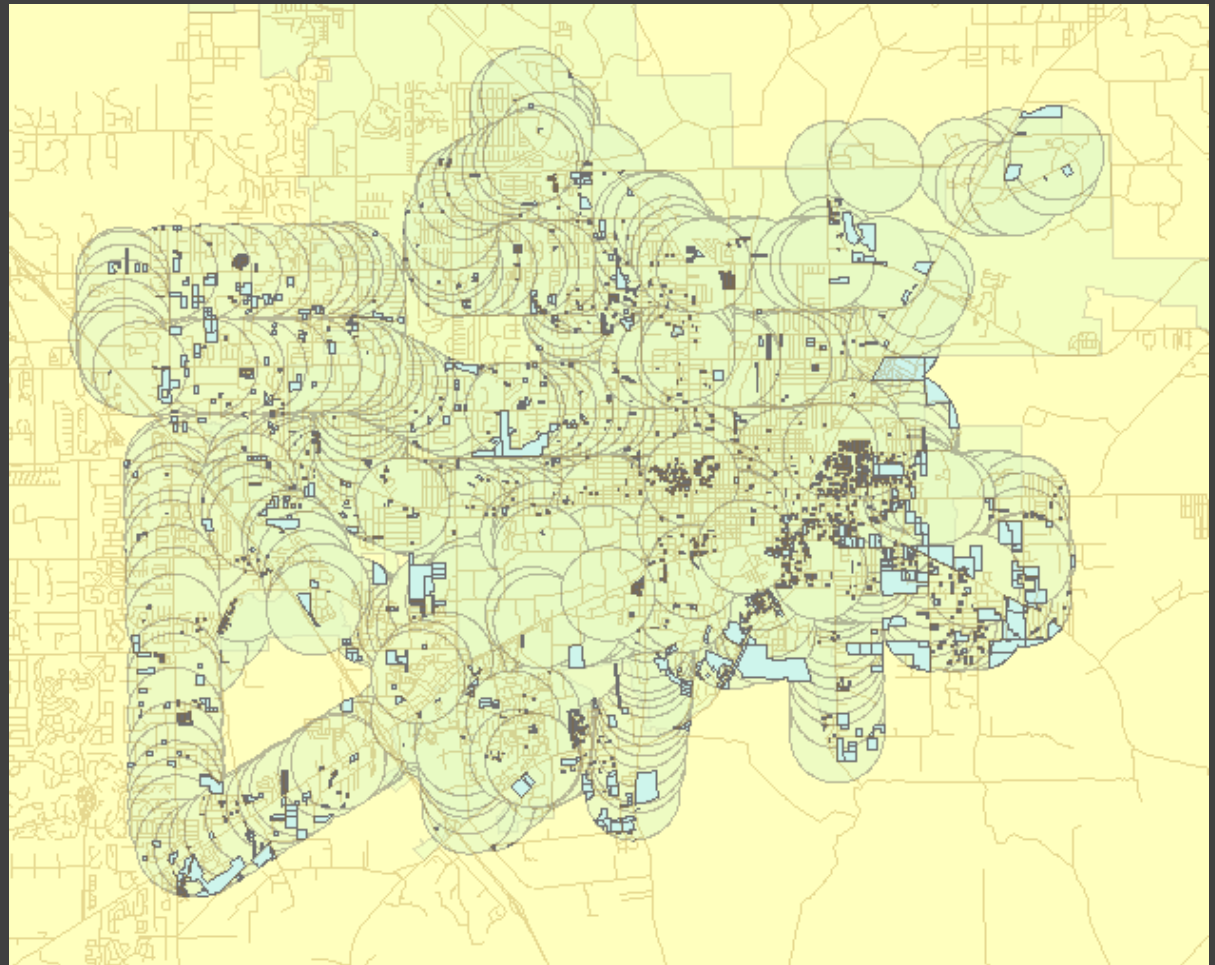
½ Mile buffer
around Bus Stops

Buffer_Bus_Stops.lyr

Step 3

- Clip

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_Residential_Parcel
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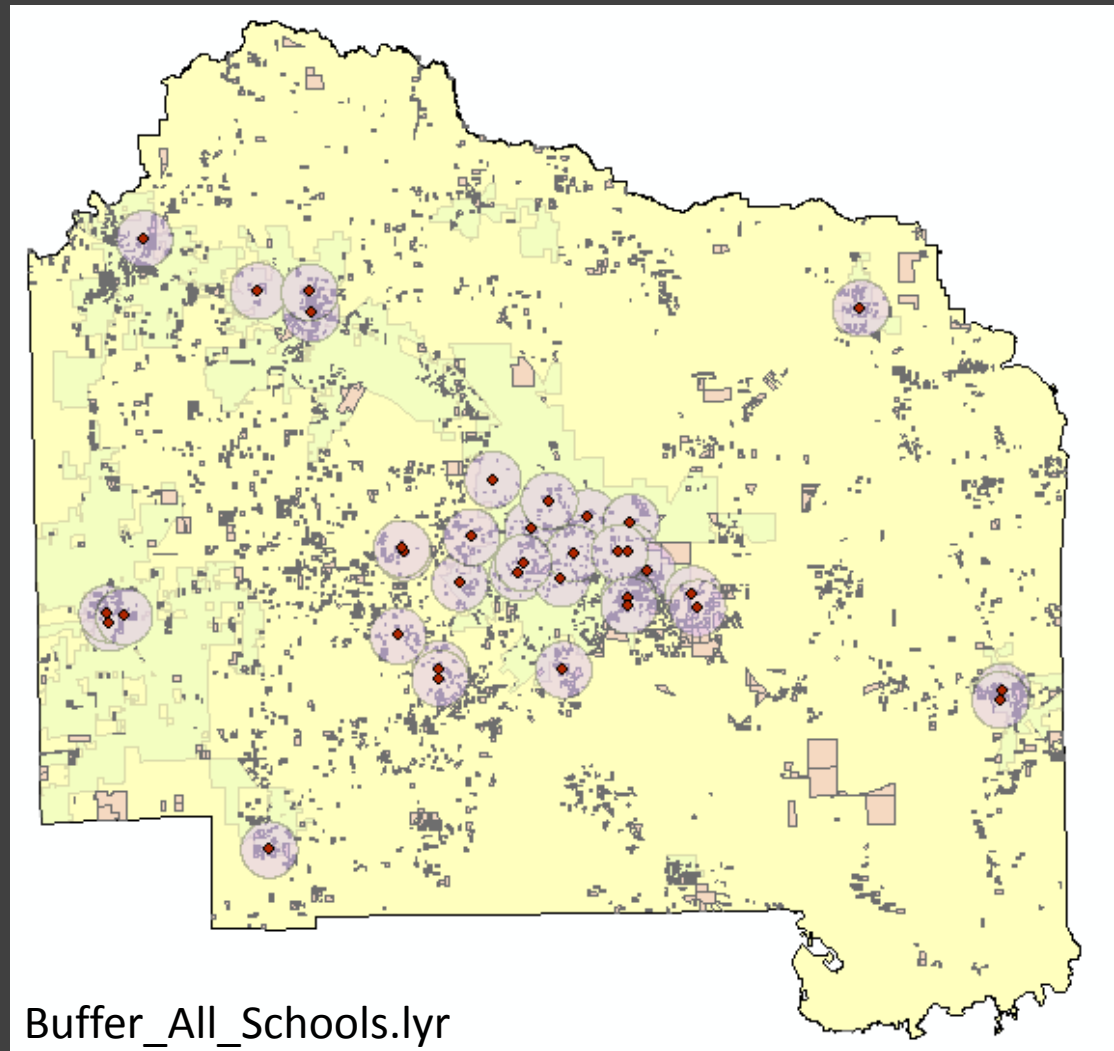**2,945 Parcels Left**

Clip_VacantInsResidParcels_BufferBusStops.lyr

Step 4

• Children – Schools

Merge: Elementary, Middle and High Schools

All_Schools.lyr

1 Mile buffer around All_Schools.lyr

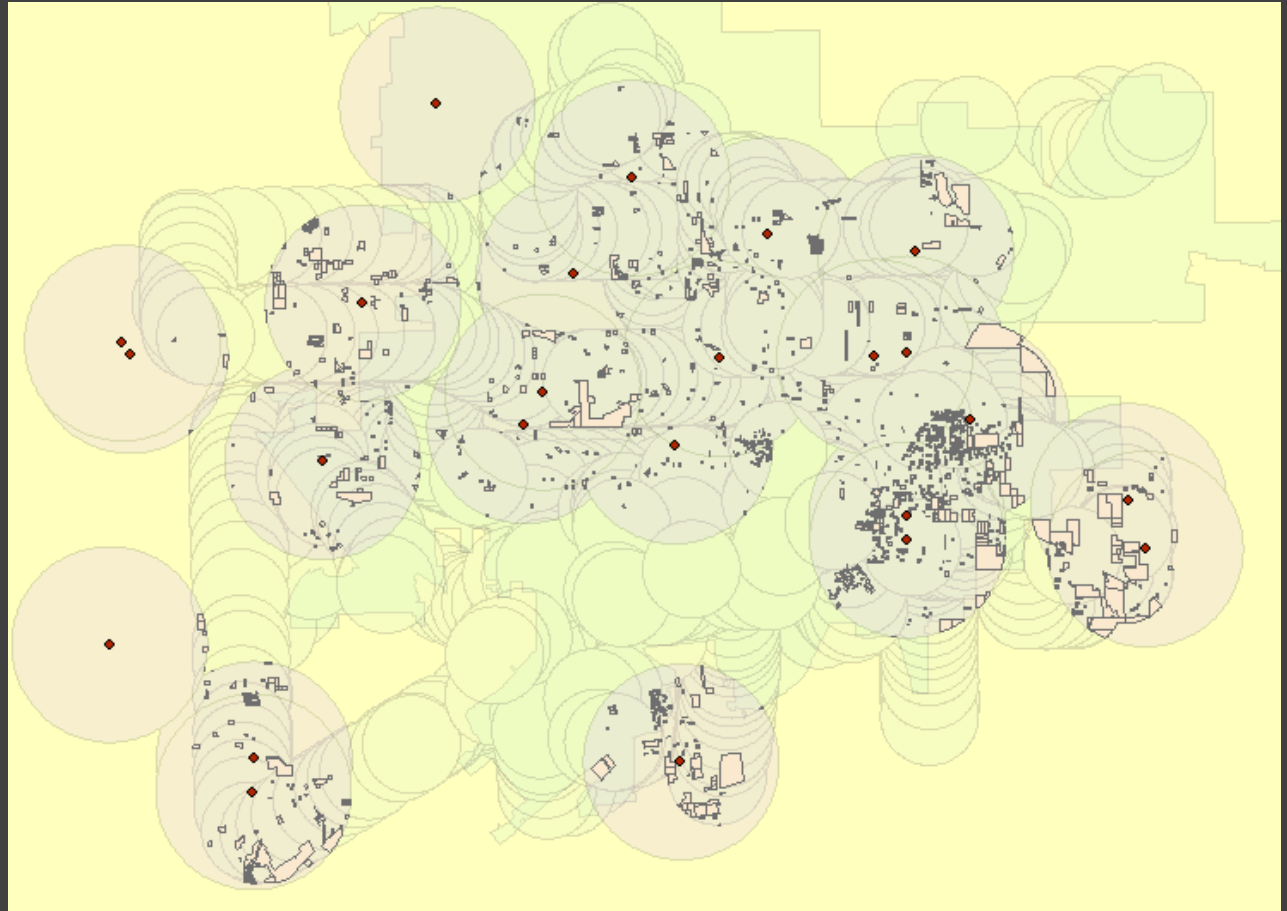Buffer_All_Schools.lyr

Step 5

- Clip

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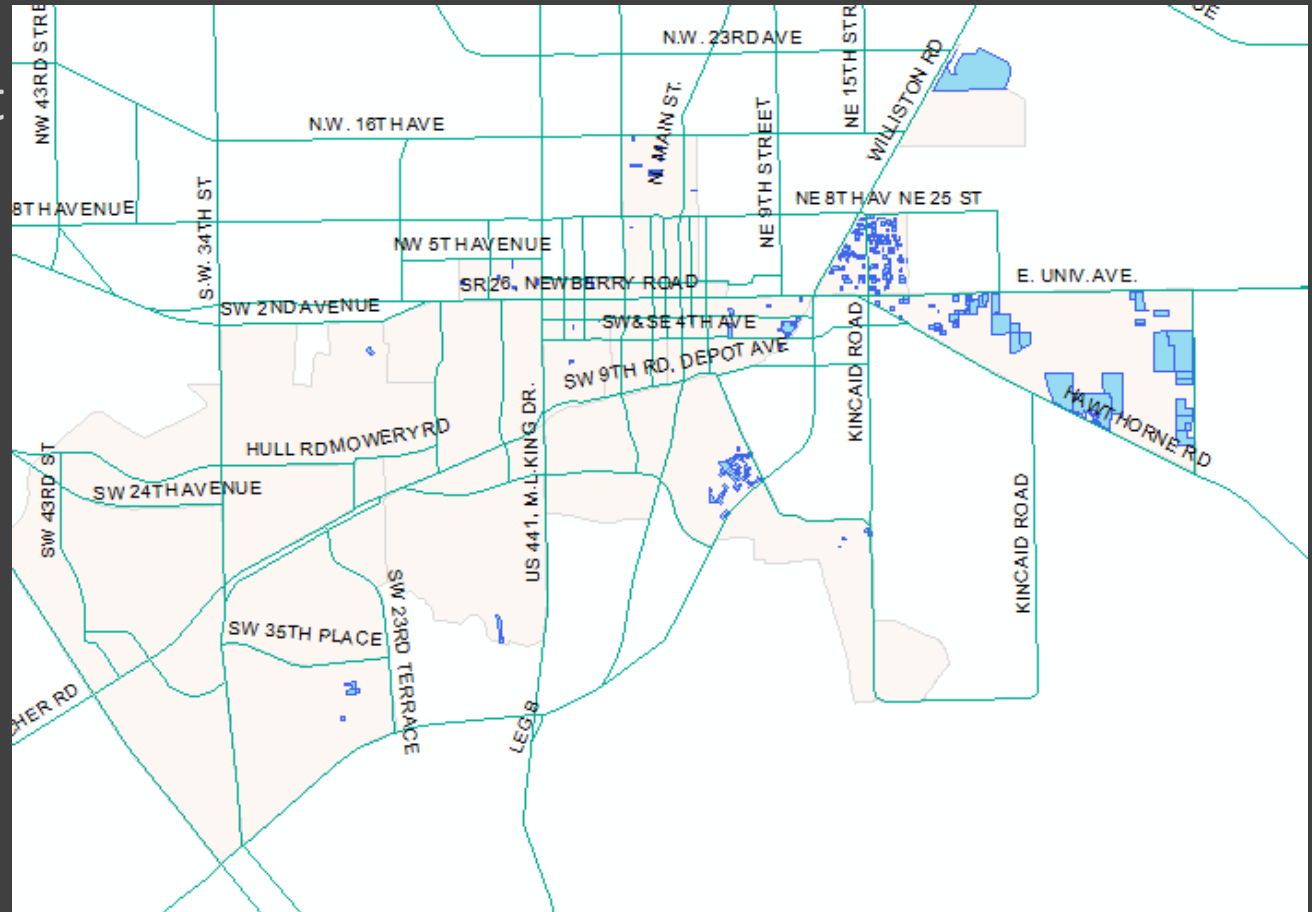Clip Feature:
Buffer_All_Schools.lyr

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Step 6

- Socioeconomic
- Household Income by Block Group

Find Block Groups where median income is $0-$22,000

Definition Query: "MEDHINC_CY" <=22000

FPL_Block.lyr

Step 7

- Clip

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ops_Parcels.lyr
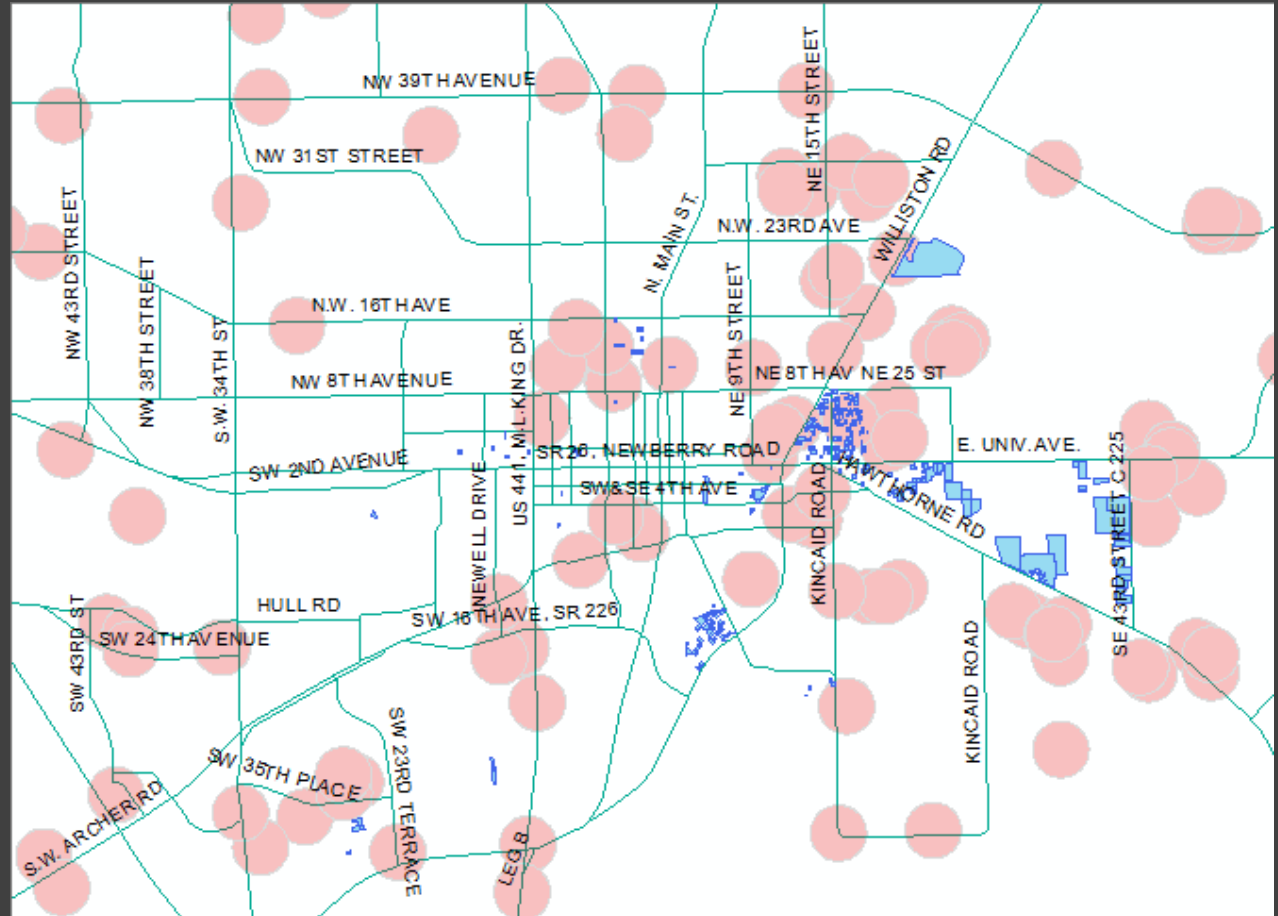
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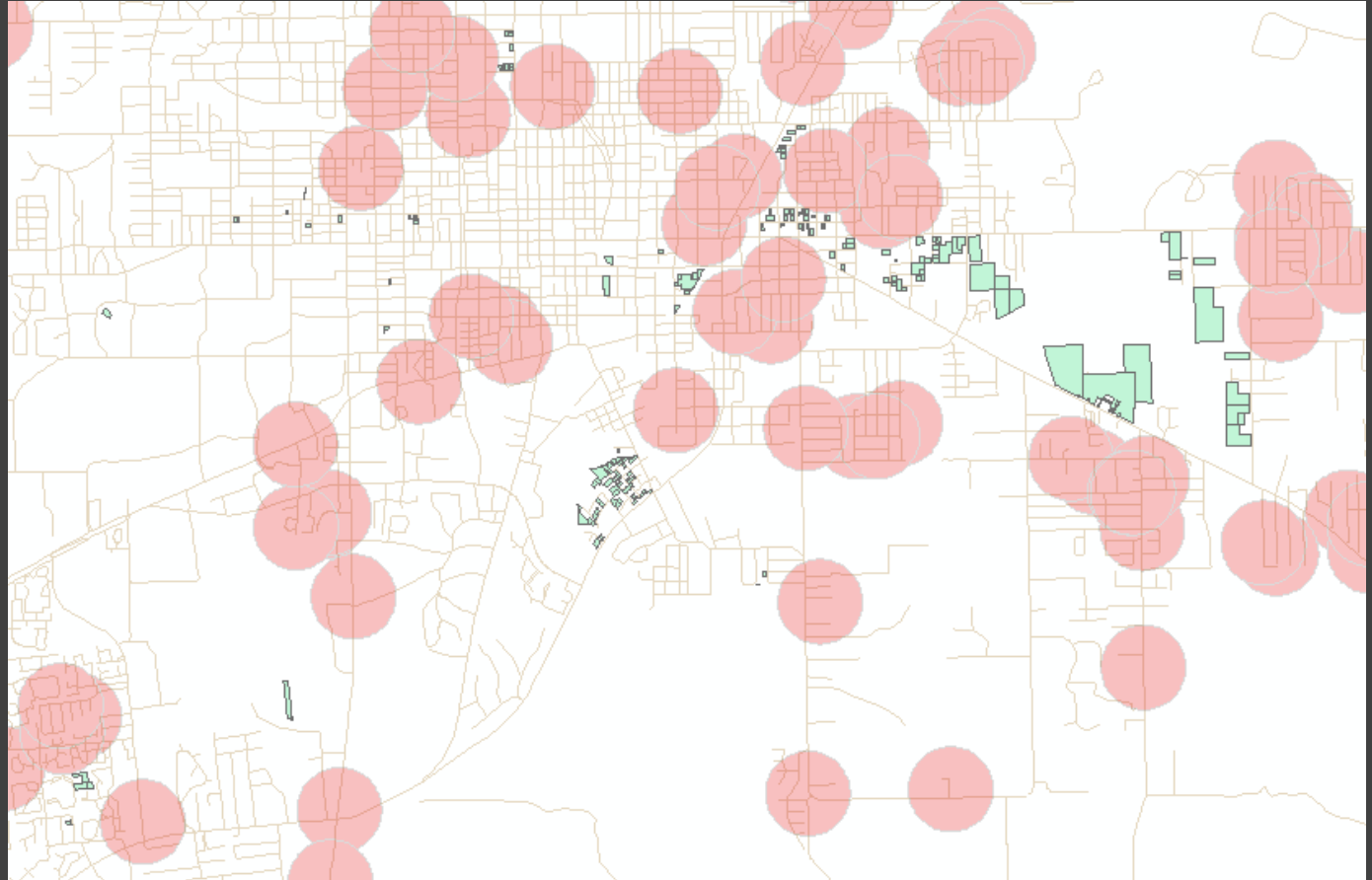
Step 8

- 1000ft buffer of sex offenders

Selection: parcels
that intersect
1000ft buffer

Step 9

• Select areas 1000ft away from sex offenders

Switch
Selection:
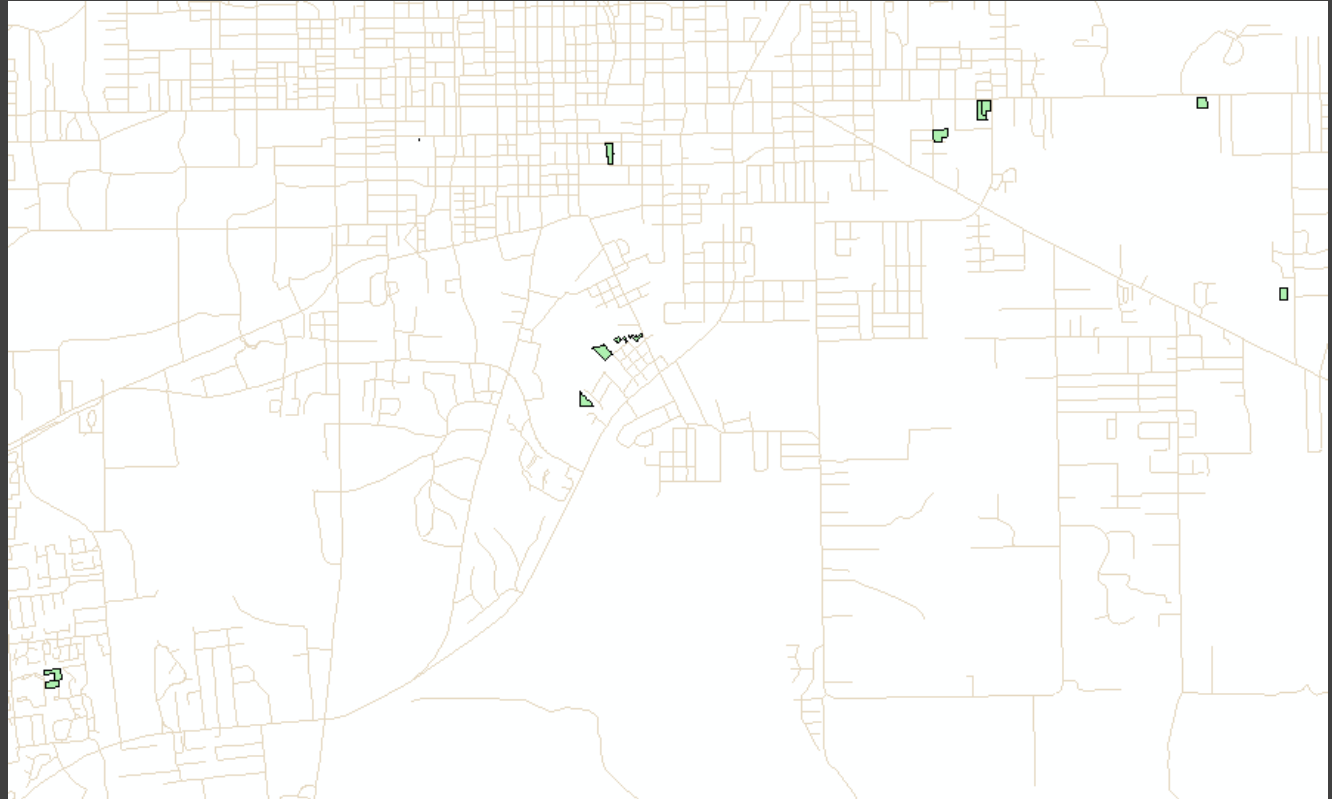Parcels NOT
intersecting
sex
offenders
buffer

185 Parcels Left

Step 10

- Select parcels between 1-2 acres

Open attribute table -> Organized by acre size -> Physically selected parcels
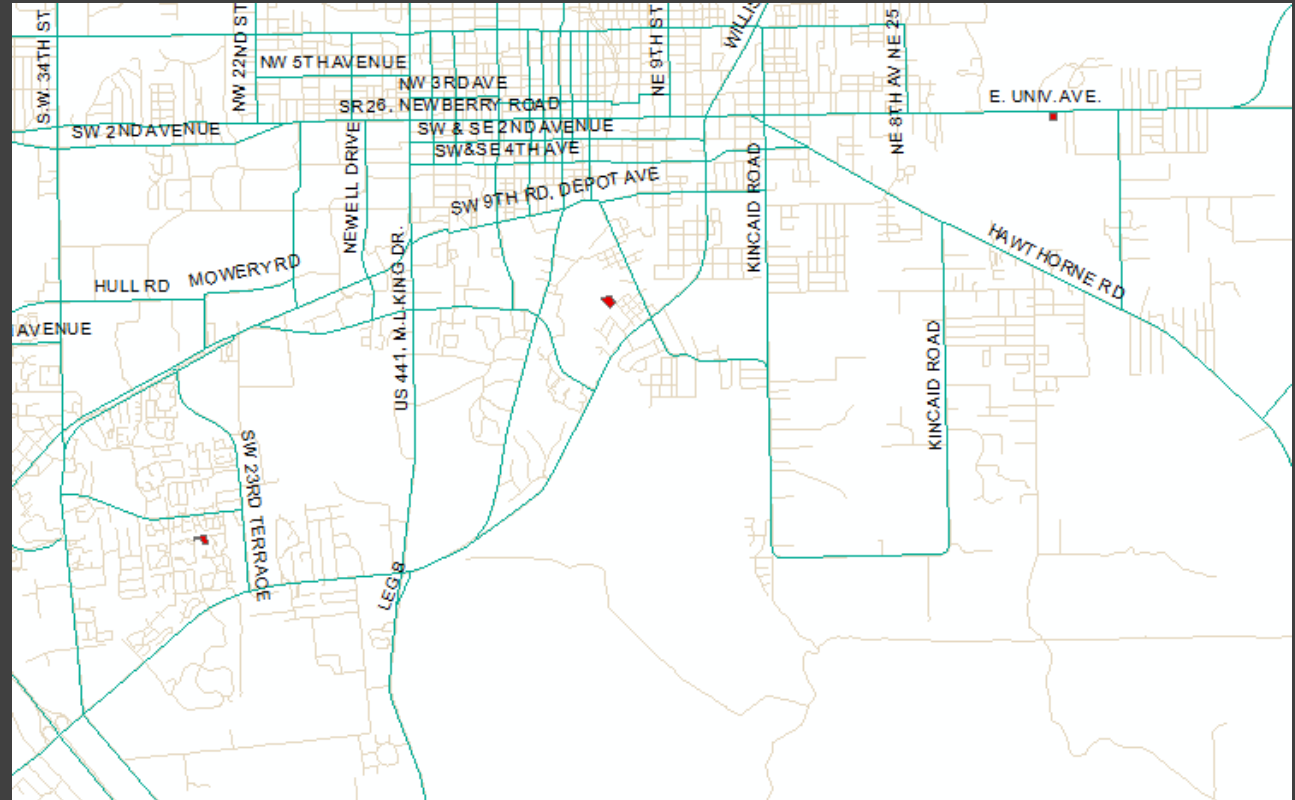
Export data/create layer

12 Parcels Left

Step 11

- Choose 3 parcels

Used measuring tool to choose three parcels at least 2.5 miles away from each other

3 Final Parcels

Parcel 1

- 7126 SW 63rd Terrace, Gainesville, FL. 32608

Parcel 2

- 1304 SE 2nd St. Gainesville, FL. 32601

Parcel 3

- 3643 E University Ave, Gainesville, FL. 32641

East Center

Conclusion

- All centers will be located in impoverished areas.
- All centers will be located within 1 mile of a school and within 1/2 mile of the bus stop network to allow easier access.
- To help protect children, the locations are spaced at least 1000 feet from any sex offenders.
- The centers are at least 2.5 miles from one another so that residents in many locations may benefit.
- The Downtown Center is located next to St. Francis House (around 0.9 miles).
- The community centers will provide essential services for Alachua County's poorest citizens in need.