

Executive Summary

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1. Introduction

The Annual Action Plan is required by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for local jurisdictions that receive Community Planning and Development (CPD) funds under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), the Home Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), and the Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS Program. This Annual Action Plan addresses the City of Tuscaloosa's (the City) planned use of federal financial assistance to implement specific activities and achieve anticipated outcomes for the period of **September 1, 2026** through **August 31, 2027**.

The City of Tuscaloosa is a direct recipient of CDBG and HOME. In addition, the City has been a long-time subrecipient of ESG program administered by the State of Alabama's Department of Community and Economic Affairs (ADECA). City of Tuscaloosa's Office of Community and Neighborhood Services (CNS) is responsible for the local administration of these CPD programs as well as the development and implementation of the Annual Action Plan.

The City will receive **\$ 930,381.00** in 2026 CDBG funds and **\$ 473,759.13** in 2026 HOME funds. In addition, the City has received **\$768,896.32** in 2024 and 2025 HOME program income and recaptured funds bringing the total 2026 HOME allocation to **\$1,242,655.45**. The City also anticipates that, during the 2026 program year, **\$125,000.00** in program income will be generated from CDBG funded programs and that **\$75,000.00** in program income will be generated from HOME funded programs.

This Program Year 2026 (PY 2026) Annual Action Plan, ***Threaded Together***, is the Second - Year Action Plan of the City of Tuscaloosa's 2025-2029 Five Year Consolidated Plan, Tapestry: Weaving Stronger Communities and Neighborhoods.

In this plan, the City of Tuscaloosa will:

- Describe its annual action plan development process
- Identify key goals, priority needs, and objectives
- Detail its citizen participation plan process and results
- Outline its planned activities and outcomes

This "Annual Action Plan" should not be considered a complete listing of all housing and non-housing community development needs in the City. Rather, it includes only those activities

eligible for funding under the CDBG and HOME Programs and other housing assistance programs. Activities and actions that do not violate any applicable Federal anti-discrimination laws, including Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. The City of Tuscaloosa agrees that its compliance in all respects with all applicable Federal anti-discrimination laws is material to the U.S. Government's payment decisions for purposes of section 3729(b)(4) of title 31, United States Code. The City of Tuscaloosa will not operate any programs that violate any applicable Federal anti-discrimination laws, including Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964

2. Summarize the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan

As an Entitlement City and Participating Jurisdiction for the CDBG and the HOME Programs, the City of Tuscaloosa has developed this PY 2026 Annual Action Plan to improve the quality of life within Tuscaloosa communities and neighborhoods. The City aligns its planning, development, and implementation with the three (3) objectives established by the Department of Housing and Urban Development to include the following:

- **Provide decent housing**
- **Provide a suitable living environment**
- **Expand economic opportunities**

The PY 2026 Annual Action Plan, Threaded Together, will serve to provide a stakeholder-involved guide to the Tuscaloosa community that offers strategies, priorities, and goals in carrying out CDBG, HOME, and other relevant grant programs. Through the input from citizens, community stakeholders, elected officials, and staff, the City has identified the following goals, priorities/objectives, and anticipated outcomes:

Goals

These five (5) goals represent the desired future purposes that the City of Tuscaloosa envisions, plans, and commits to achieve. These are the targets towards which the City's CPD efforts and resources are directed.

1. Quality Affordable Housing Units
2. Neighborhood Revitalization and Livability
3. Poverty Reduction and Self-Sufficiency
4. Public Services for Low to Moderate Income Individuals
5. Economic Development/Workforce Development

Priorities/Objectives

These five (5) priority needs/ objectives represent the specific, actionable, and measurable steps the City will undertake to achieve the identified goals listed above.

1. Increase and/or maintain affordable housing units
2. Increase the community's ability to access and/or maintain affordable housing
3. Promote the development and stabilization of communities by addressing the needs of individuals and families to include youth, seniors, and other vulnerable populations
4. Promote public infrastructure and facility investments that promote access for underserved populations
5. Promote access to employment training and educational opportunities

PY 2026 Anticipated Outcomes

The Anticipated Outcomes below illustrate how the City's PY 2026 CPD funded and implemented activities will support the PY 2026 Goals and Priority Needs/ Objectives. Additionally, the measurement unit for each outcome is provided. These are the minimum thresholds for success for the PY 2026 Action Plan portfolio.

1. Homeowner Housing Added
 - a. **5** Household Housing Units
2. Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated
 - a. **28** Household Housing Units
3. Public service Activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit
 - a. **218** Persons Assisted
4. Homelessness Prevention
 - a. **90** Persons Assisted
5. Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit
 - a. **31** Persons Assisted

PY 2026 Proposed Activities and Funding

Proposed Housing Programs and Projects to be undertaken under the Program Year 2026 Action Plan

CDBG Program Housing Activities:

Tuscaloosa Homeless Prevention Project (Legal Services of Alabama)	\$ 25,000.00
Street Outreach (Temporary Emergency Services)	\$ 45,000.00
Comprehensive Housing Counseling (COT-Community & Neighborhood Services)	\$ 44,557.00
Critical Home Repair (Habitat for Humanity- Tuscaloosa)	\$ 100,000.00
Let's Paint Let's Renovate (COT-CNS)	\$ 504,747.80

Home Program Housing Activities:

Construction of Affordable Housing (Habitat for Humanity)	\$ 300,000.00
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Construction of Affordable Housing (Tuscaloosa Housing Authority)	\$ 736,627.71
Project CHDO Set-Aside (Habitat for Humanity)	\$ 71,063.87
CHDO Operating Expenses (Habitat for Humanity)	\$ 23,687.96
City HOME Program Administration Costs	\$ 47,375.91
HOME Program Income for Administration	\$ 63,900.00

Proposed Non-Housing Programs and Projects to be undertaken under the Program Year 2026
Action Plan (all will be CDBG funded)

Big Brothers Big Sisters	\$ 25,000.00
CDBG Program Administration and Comprehensive Planning	\$ 186,076.20

3. Evaluation of past performance

In the implementation of its CPD programs, the City of Tuscaloosa takes various initiatives to ensure success in meeting Consolidated Plan objectives and addressing community need. The City involves the public in its programs by conducting extensive public involvement and complying with citizen participation requirements. Additionally, the City coordinates with various non-profit agencies and other local organizations in the implementation of its programs to ensure funding has the greatest impact in addressing the needs of the community.

Throughout the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan, the City was able to meet the national objective of providing decent affordable housing and its priority accessibility. During this time-period, the City has assisted 33 new single-family homeownership units, assisted 37 households with downpayment assistance, preserved 72 affordable homeownership units through rehabilitation, and provided tenant-based rental assistance to 39 households. In addition, the City has provided public services to include senior and youth services, transportation services, food assistance, crime awareness, legal services, employment training, and housing counseling benefitting 25,779 people. Public Improvements, to include neighborhood facilities, park and recreational facilities, water/sewer improvements, street improvements, sidewalks, health facilities, abused and neglected children facilities, fire station/equipment, senior centers, and other public improvement centers were provided benefitting 81,200 people. Throughout the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan, Tuscaloosa disbursed roughly over \$9.7 million dollars in CDBG, CDBG CV, HOME, and LEAD on activities meeting its strategic plan objectives of providing decent housing, providing a suitable living environment, and creating economic opportunity.

The City of Tuscaloosa has been pleased with the success of its programs but often faced the challenge of not being able to fully fund all of its priorities due to limited funding. As a result, Tuscaloosa funded high priority projects to the greatest extent possible.

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

The City of Tuscaloosa adhered to its Citizen Participation Plan (CPP), revised in October 2024, during the planning and development of the 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan. The CPP ensures residents, agencies, and organizations can participate in planning, implementing, and assessing the CDBG and HOME programs. The following is a summary of the Citizen Participation and consultation processes followed in the creation of this document:

Public Hearings

Four public hearings were conducted to gather public comments and recommendation requests on Tuscaloosa housing and non-housing needs and programs. These public hearings were held at the Tuscaloosa City Hall in the Daugherty Conference Room on the following dates and times:

- **May 18, 2026**, 5:00 pm - 1 attendee, 0 comments.
- **May 20, 2026**: 10:00 am - 2 attendees, 0 comments.
- **July 18, 2026**: 5:00 pm – **TENTATIVE**
- **July 20, 2026**: 10:00 am – **TENTATIVE**

Public Comment Periods

The City advertised two citizen comment periods:

- **PY 2026 Action Plan**: March 7 - May 9, 2025
- **Summary Publication & Draft Review**: July 8 -August 7, 2026

Outreach Methods

- **Newspaper Ads**: Public notices of the Public Hearing and comment periods were published in the Tuscaloosa News and Tuscaloosa.com on May 1, 2026 and June 23, 2026. **At this time**, no comments were received via email, phone, or in person at the Office of Community and Neighborhood Services.
- **Internet Outreach**: Public comment and recommendation requests were emailed to City Departments totaling 1,300 city employees and the City Council. No comments or recommendation requests were received.
- **Community Outreach: Community Forum and Panel, Nothing's Off the Table**: A panel style forum with current and former City of Tuscaloosa CPD grantees and local social service providers. This event featured informational tables and public comment recommendation forms were available for attendees. 46 total attendees, 0 recommendation forms collected during or after the event.

- The results from the citizen participation efforts directly influenced the priorities, goals, and strategies presented in this Five- Year Consolidated Plan and concurrent Action Plan.

Key Consultations

The City also consulted 25 service organizations and agencies for critical guidance and insight on the past, present, and future needs and challenges facing their respective client communities. These consultations were made via email and/or phone call.

5. Summary of public comments

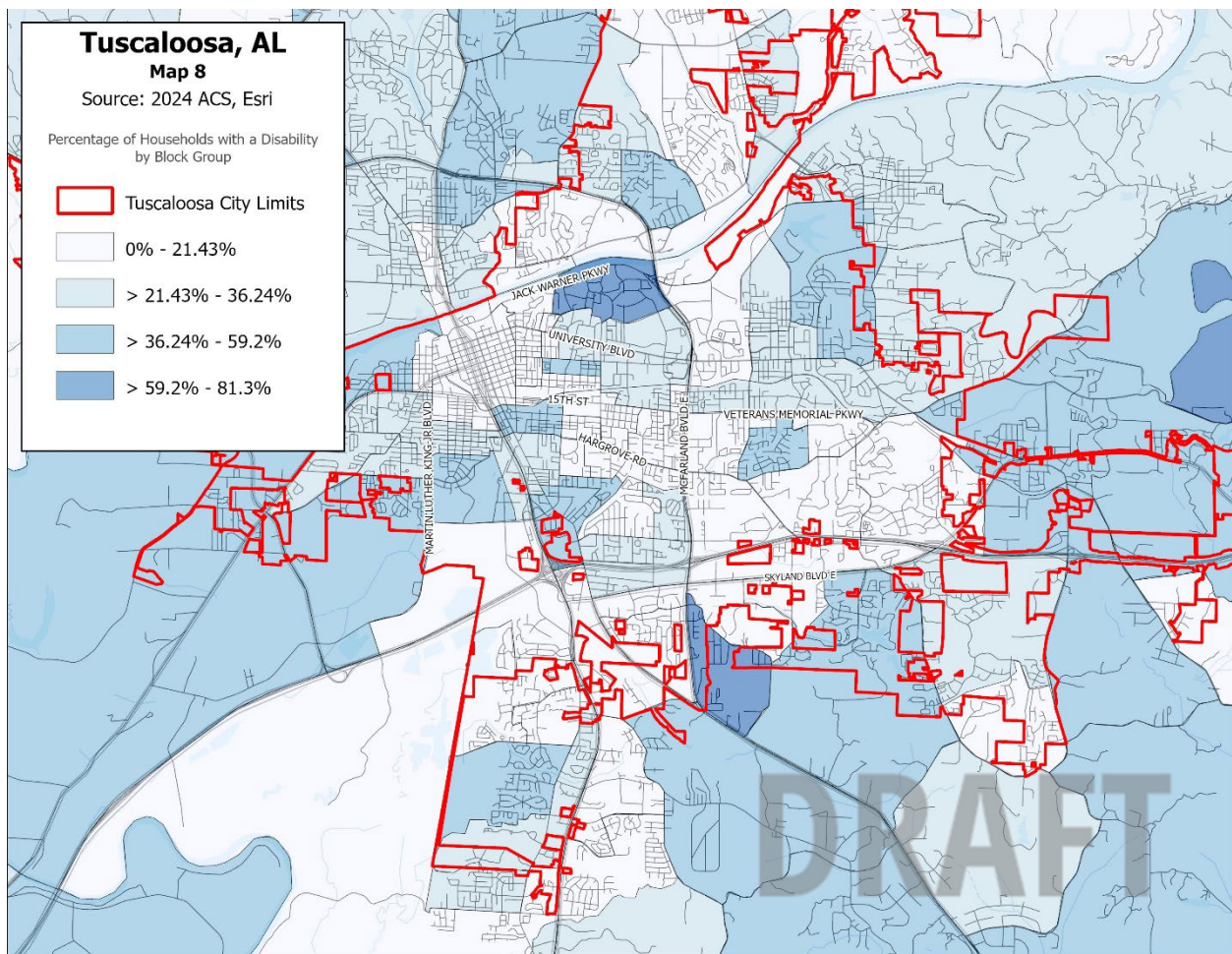
There were no public comments submitted before and during the development of the PY 2026 Annual Action Plan.

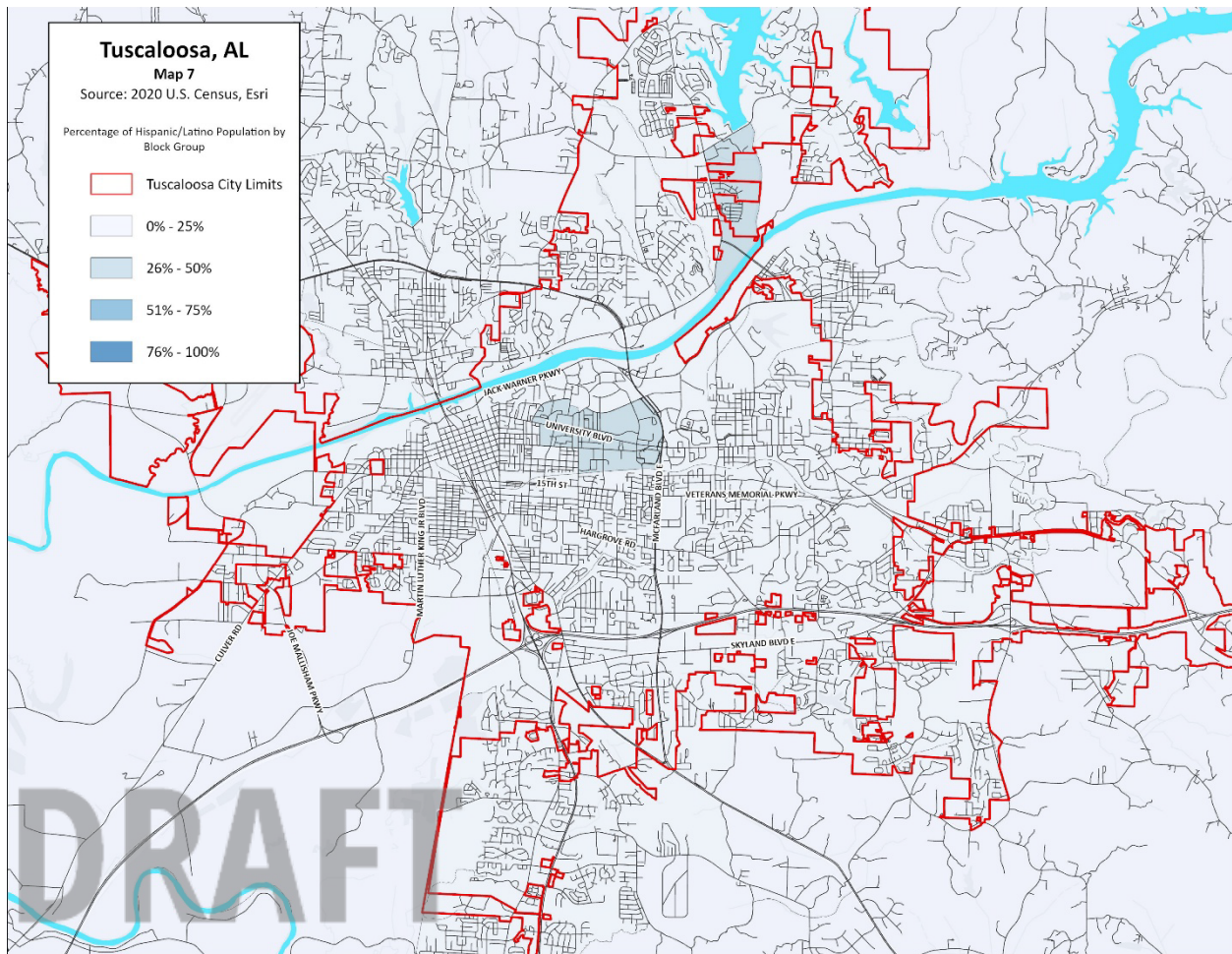
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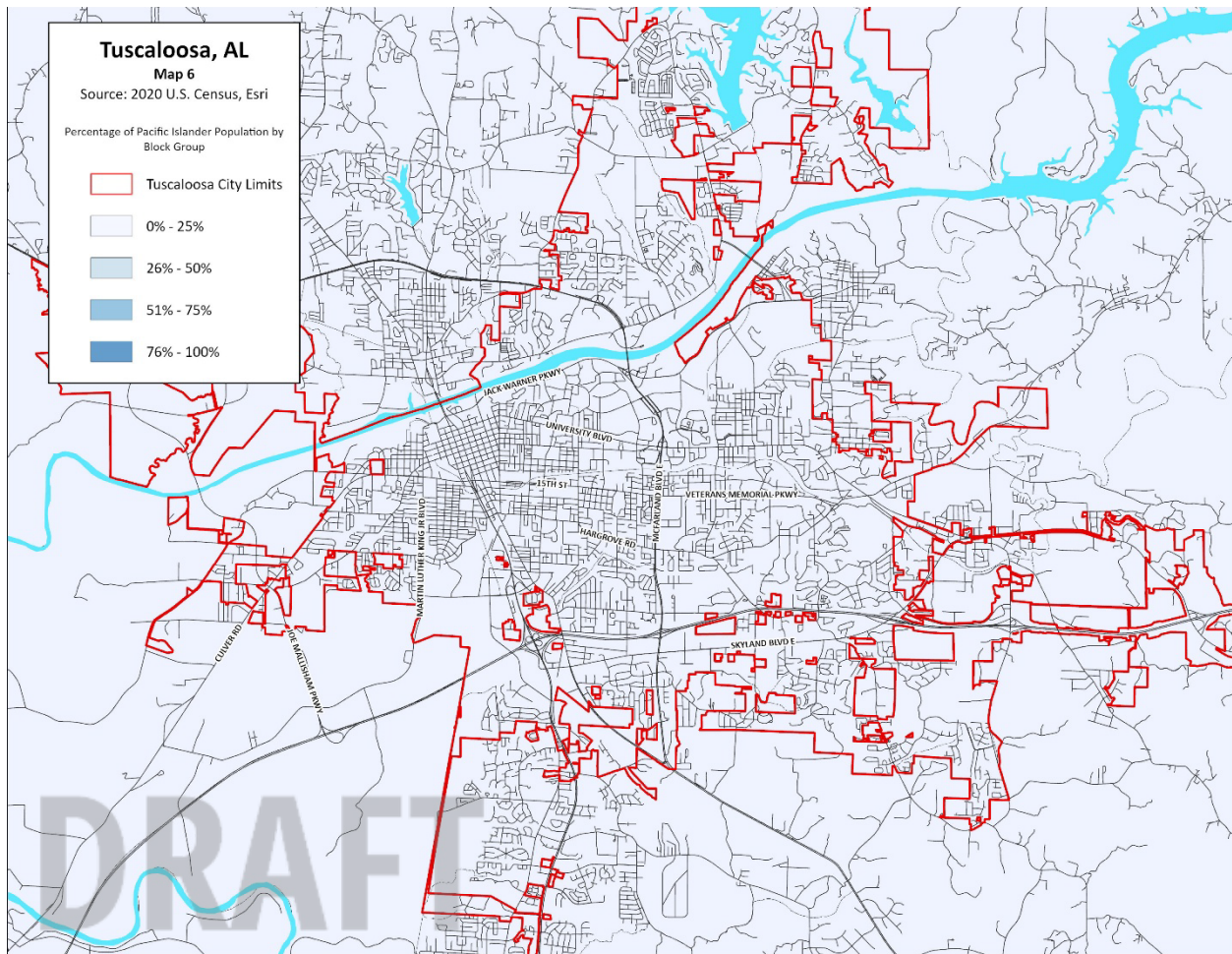
The City of Tuscaloosa received **zero (0)** comments, recommendations, or views during the development of the PY 2026 Annual Action Plan.

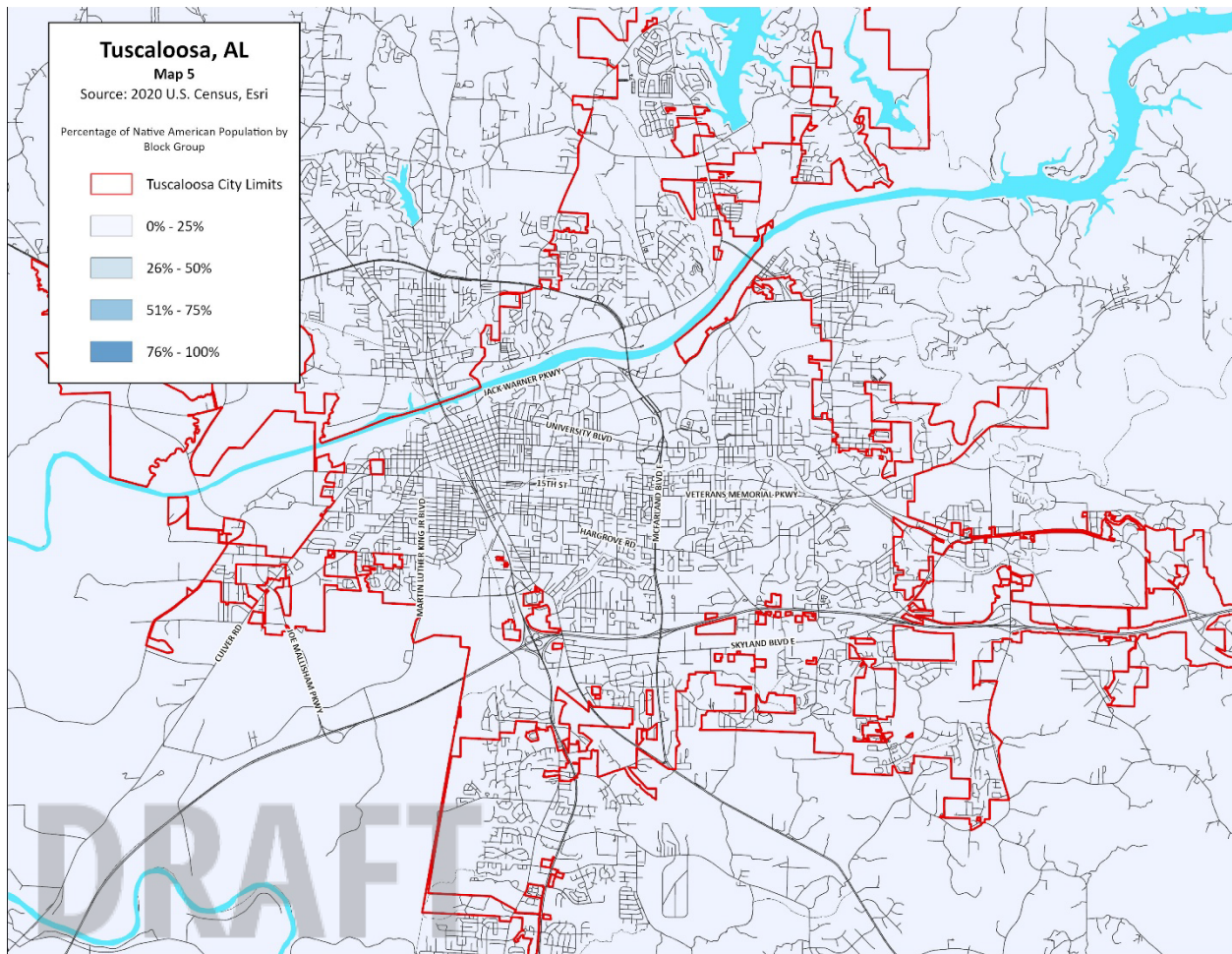
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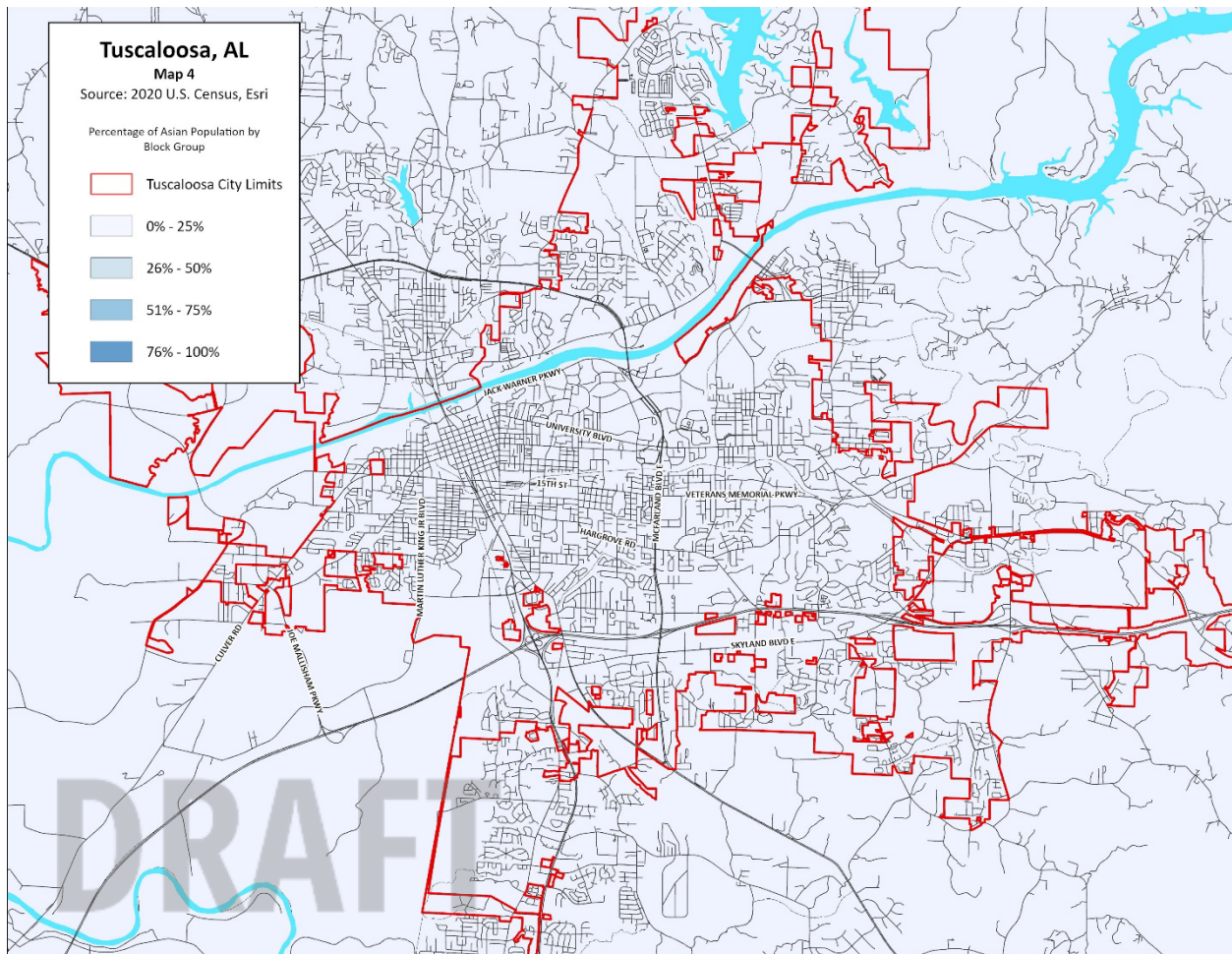
The City of Tuscaloosa PY 2026 Annual Action Plan, ***Threaded Together***, outlines priorities and goals for improving the quality of life of low to moderate-income individuals and communities of the City. It presents a needs assessment and market analysis of housing and related community development issues. It is used as the planning and measurement tool for use of Community Planning and Development funds in providing appropriate services and programming to persons in need. The Citizen Participation process followed in developing this plan is central to the various strategies, recommendations and goals.

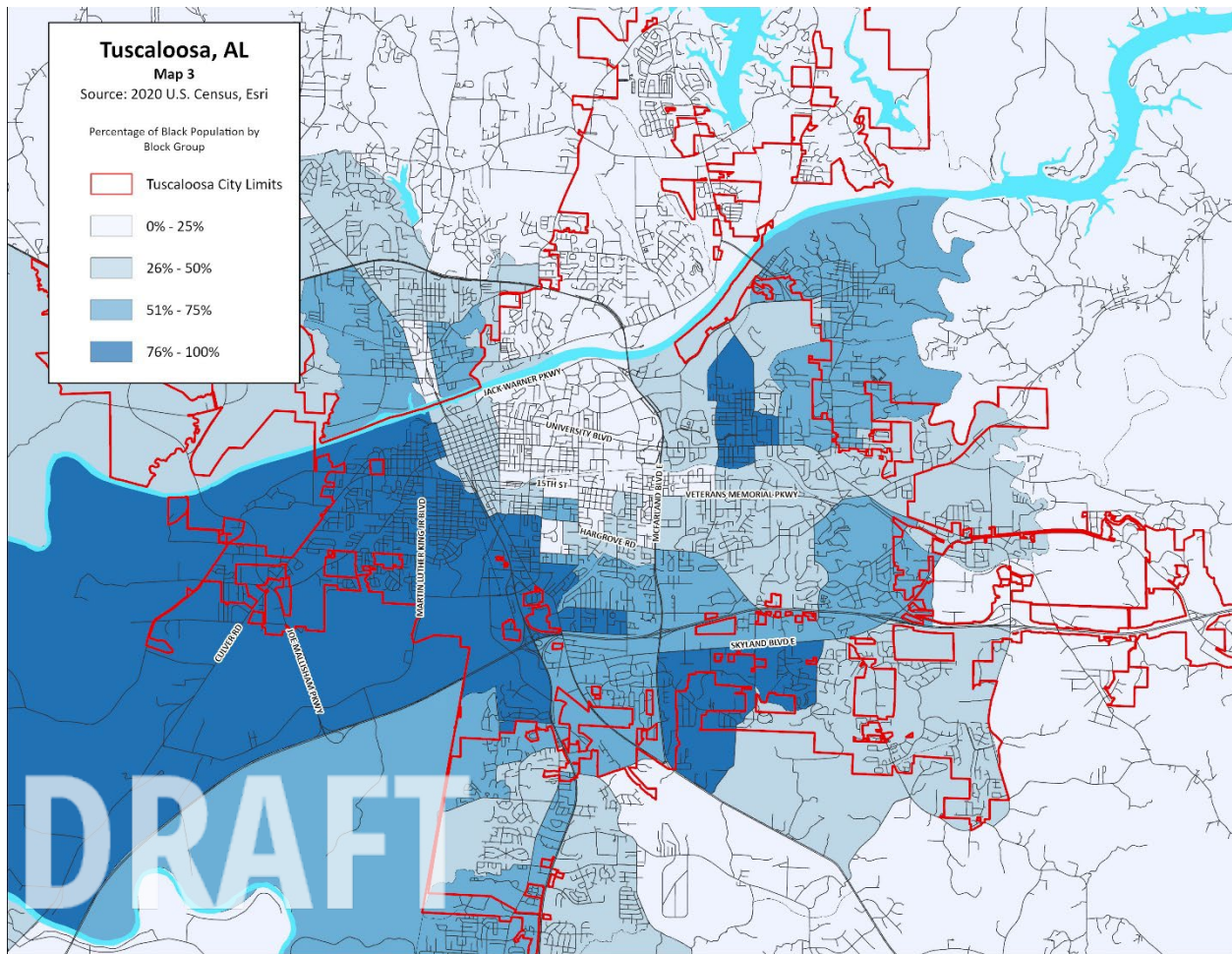


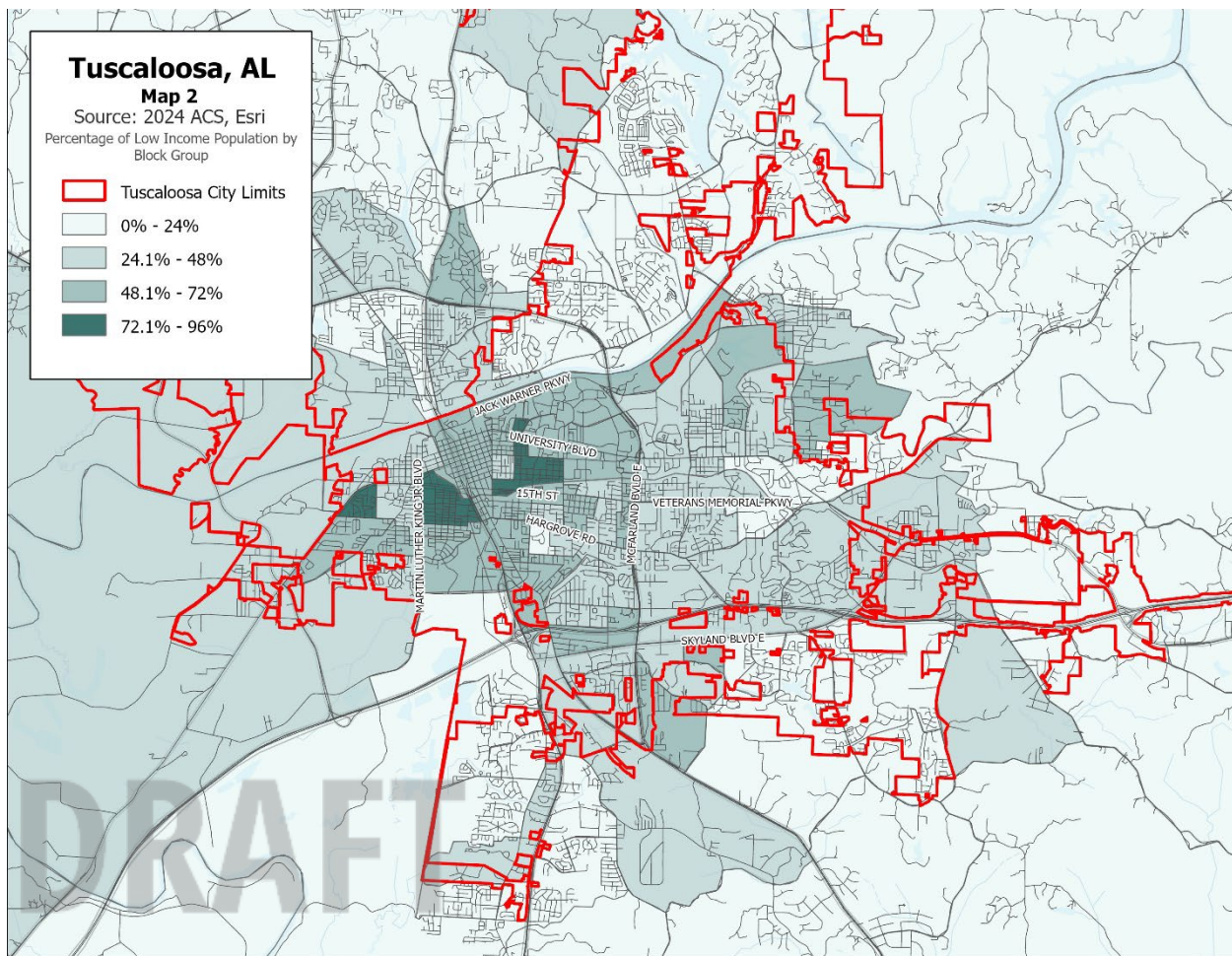












CNS 2026 Action Plan

