

Barriers to Multiethnic Reconciliation

Acts 10:23b-43

Ephesians 2:13-14 (ESV)

13 But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

14 For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility

2 Corinthians 5:18-19 (NIV)

18 All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: 19 that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation.

The truth is that there is no black race—and there is no white race. So the idea of “racial reconciliation” is a false idea. It’s a lie. It implies that there is more than one race. This is absolutely false. God created only one race—the human race.

- *One Blood: Parting Words to the Church on Race and Love* by John M Perkins

Acts 10

Acts 11

Peter's journey

Acts 9

Acts - A story of reconciliation

Caesarea

Joppa

Lydda (Lod)

Jerusalem

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Dead Sea

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Barriers to multiethnic reconciliation:

1. Personal & Systemic Racism



Genesis 12:2-3 (ESV)

2 And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. 3 I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

Jubilee 22:16

Separate thyself from the nations,
And eat not with them:

And do not according to their works,
And become not their associate;

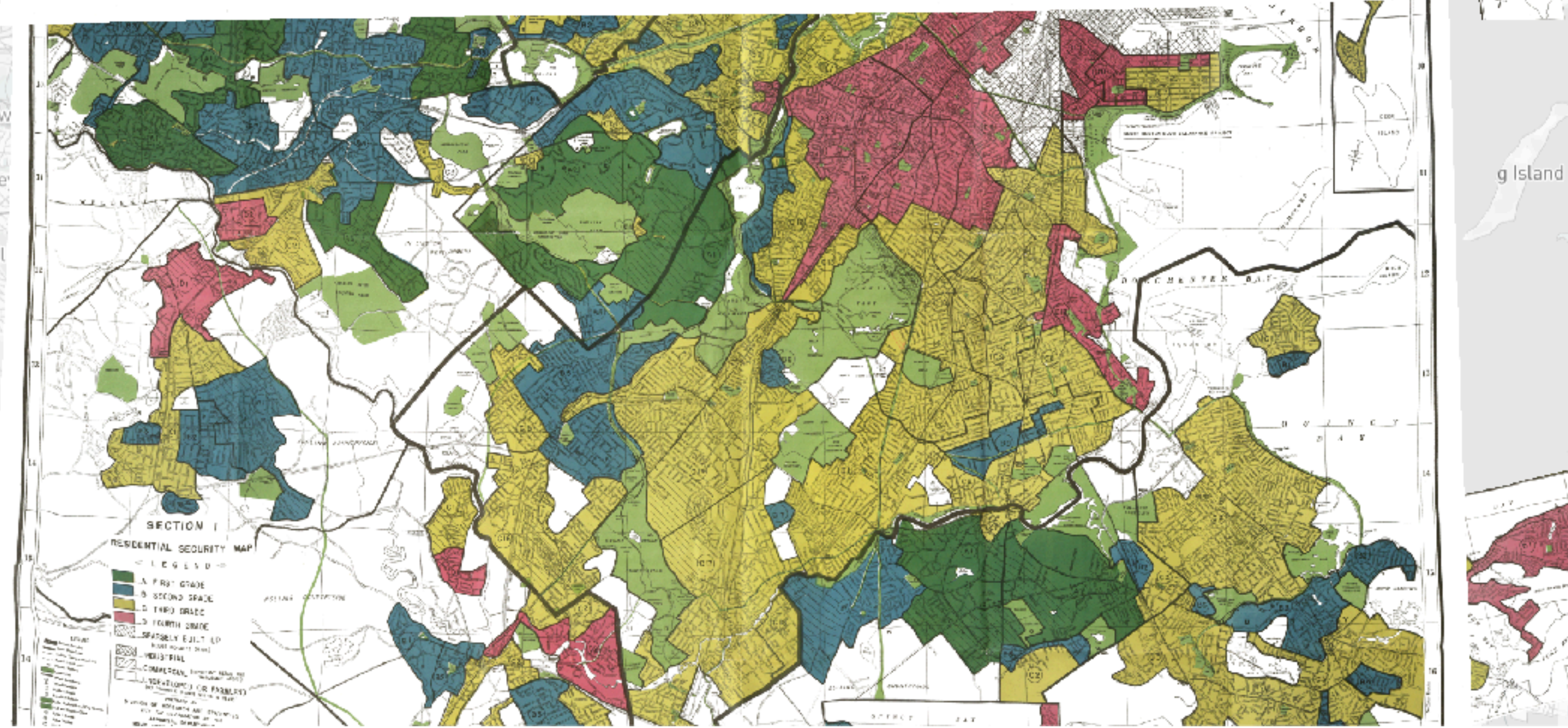
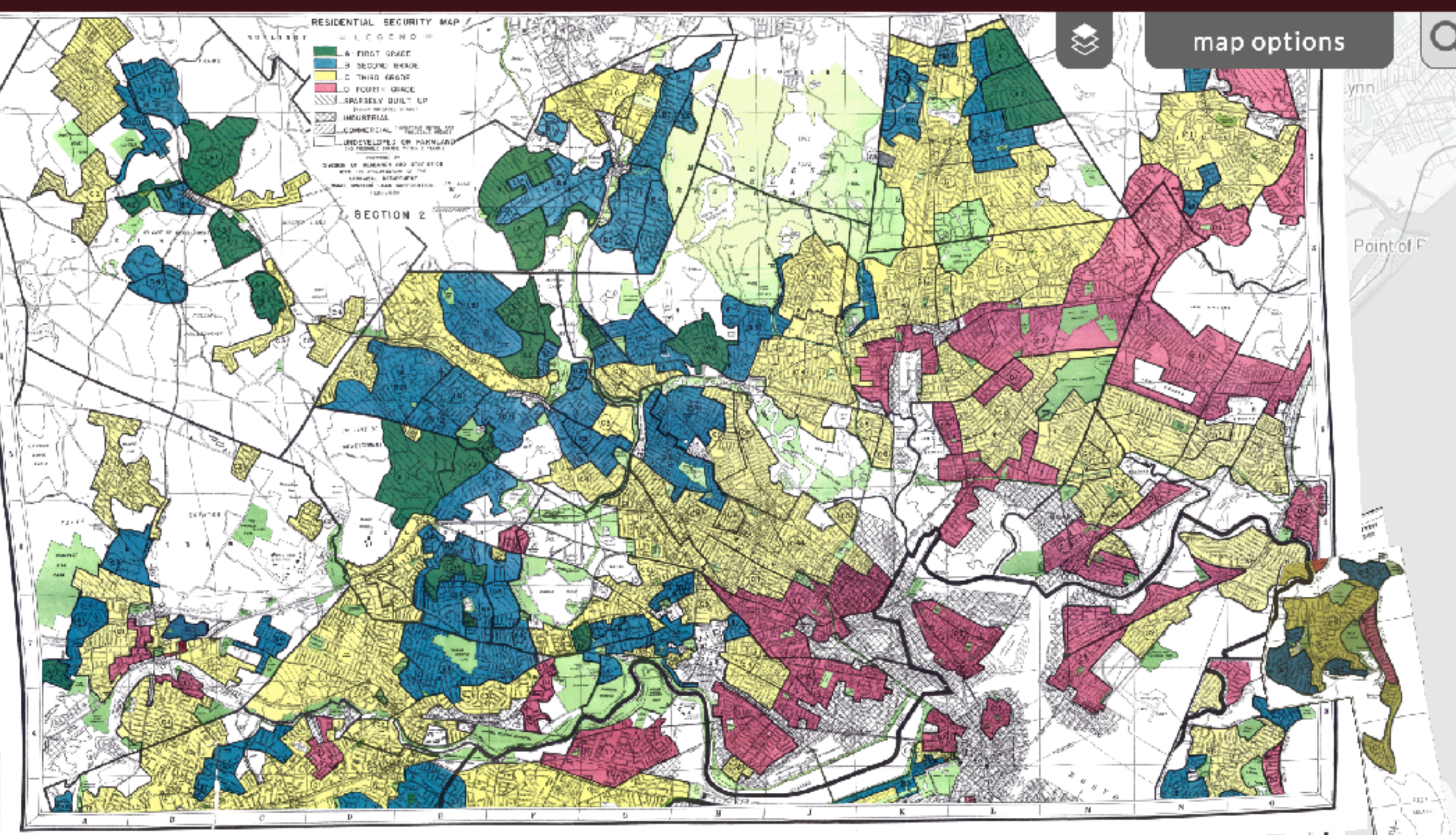
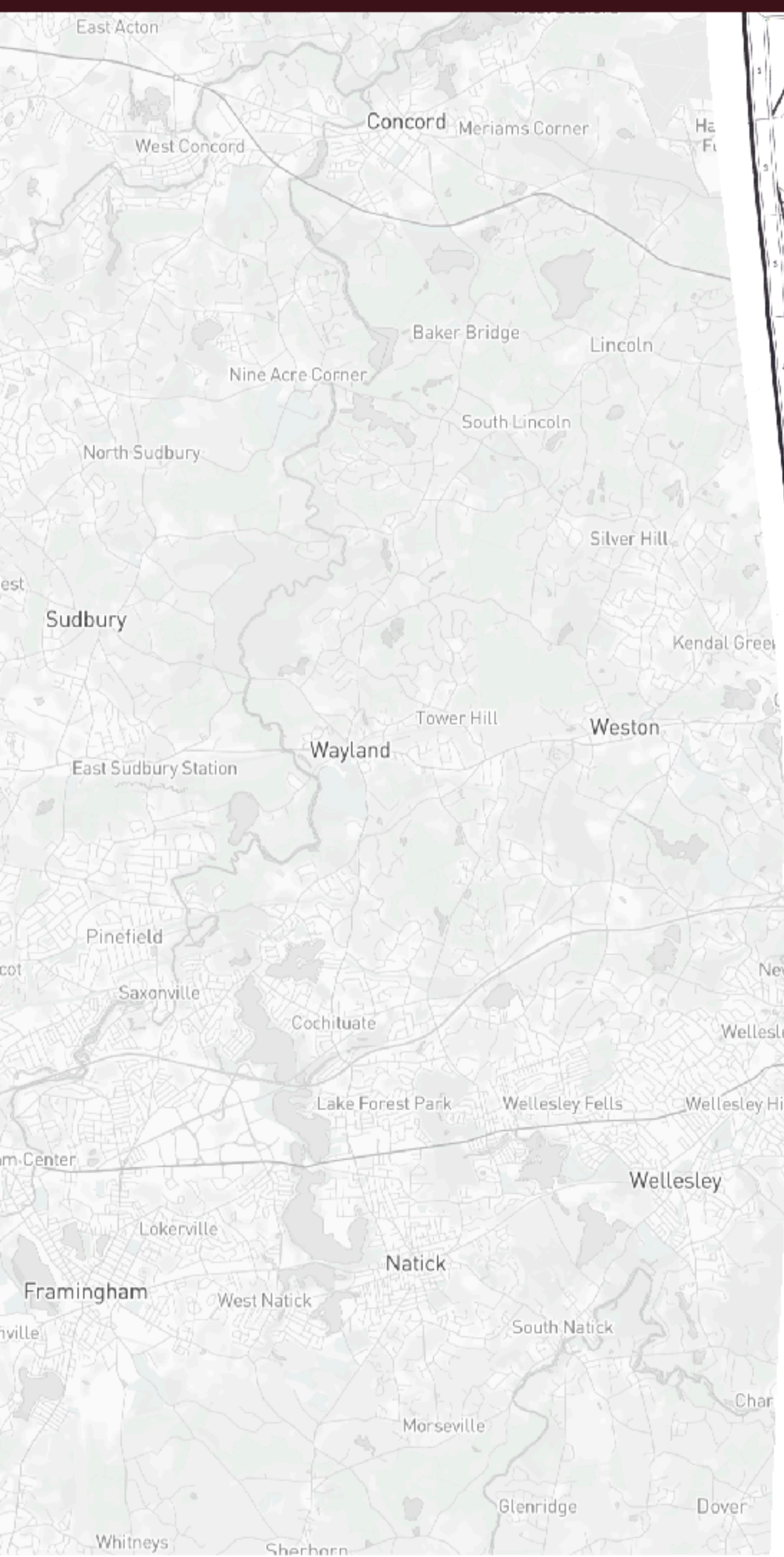
For their works are unclean,
And all their ways are a Pollution and an
abomination and uncleanness.

Acts 10:28 (ESV)

28 And he said to them, “You yourselves know how unlawful it is for a Jew to associate with or to visit anyone of another nation, but God has shown me that I should not call any person common or unclean.

Racism is the diminishment of worth in men and women in and through bias, systems, and power structures that disadvantage them in tangible ways based on skin color.”

- *The Myth of Equality* by Ken Wytsma



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5. Clarifying Remarks

Houses used primarily for rooming house purposes. Mass. Ave. and Wecester Square are the best of the section with some kitchenette suites bringing \$100 for entire house. A few scattered singles have been converted to apartments. Area becomes less desirable north of Dover St. with Orientals concentrated in this spot. Portion west of Tremont is quite desirable - exception being Springfield St. which is solid negro. Between Columbus Ave. and the railroad north of Rutland are houses sellinh \$1,500-2,500 housing all negro.

2. Inhabitants

e. Infiltration of foreign

c. Foreign-born families 50%%; **Syrian**predominating

d. Negro **yes**%; 5%predominating

f. Relief families **heavy**

a. Occupation **labor - relief**

b. Estimated Annual Family Income \$500-\$2,000

1. Area Characteristics



The practice of redlining was not outlawed until the Fair Housing Act was passed in 1968. By that time the damage had been done; redlining created disparate wealth and economic opportunities. Between 1983 and 2013, homeownership rates among whites were roughly 25 percent higher than among nonwhites. Meanwhile, the median wealth of white families grew from \$46,160 in 1963 to \$134,230 in 2013, while African American wealth grew from \$2,390 to \$11,030, and Hispanic wealth grew to \$13,730. In 1983, whites held eight times more wealth than African Americans, and in 2013 they enjoyed twelve times more wealth. - *The Myth of Equality* by Ken Wyttsma

Book Discussion:

- *The Myth of Equality*
- *Wednesday, Sep 23rd, 7pm*
- *Meeting ID: 821 4275 8229*
- *Passcode: reconcile*
- *Please join us!*



Barriers to multiethnic reconciliation:

1. Personal & Systemic Racism
2. Group Pressure & Personal Vulnerability



Acts 11:1-4 (ESV)

1 Now the apostles and the brothers who were throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God. 2 So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcision party criticized him, saying, 3 “You went to uncircumcised men and ate with them.” 4 But Peter began and explained it to them in order:

Acts 11:18 (ESV)

18 When they heard these things they fell silent. And they glorified God, saying, “Then to the Gentiles also God has granted repentance that leads to life.”

Galatians 2:11-14 (ESV) 11 But when Cephas (Peter) came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he stood condemned. 12 For before certain men came from James, he was eating with the Gentiles; but when they came he drew back and separated himself, fearing the circumcision party. 13 And the rest of the Jews acted hypocritically along with him, so that even Barnabas was led astray by their hypocrisy. 14 But when I saw that their conduct was not in step with the truth of the gospel, I said to Cephas before them all, “If you, though a Jew, live like a Gentile and not like a Jew, how can you force the Gentiles to live like Jews?”

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Come back next week for *Bridges to Multiethnic Reconciliation*
