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At the March CDBG Committee meeting, Alder Bruer asked staff to provide the Committee with information related to the City's *Neighborhood Indicators Project*.

The Neighborhood Indicators Project is a demonstration of key characteristics and various indicators that relate to the quality of life in Madison at the neighborhood level. The goal of the Neighborhood Indicators Project is to:

- Give us a better understanding of our neighborhoods;
- Help us tailor solutions to a neighborhood's particular needs or characteristics;
- Over time, help us see emerging trends; and
- Give us early warning signs of stress so that problems can be addressed quickly, effectively and less expensively.

I spoke with Jule Stroick, City Planning, who stated they are in process of updating the website to add 2011 data. Currently the website contains 2008, 2009 and 2010 data. The site is <http://madison.apl.wisc.edu>. They also have training of City Boards/Committees on use of the site on their agenda for later in the year.

Attached is summary information related to the indicators project along with a list of the indicators that are available. Information can be compared in a variety of ways including by year, by neighborhood or to the City as a whole.

Please let us know if you could wait for training on the site until later in the year as part of Planning's 2012 work plan or if you would like an earlier presentation. We will work with Planning staff to arrange whatever would be useful.