



Buffalo, NY

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Blocks of older, smaller, mixed-age buildings play a critical role in fostering robust local economies, inclusive neighborhoods, and sustainable cities. The Preservation Green Lab report, *Older, Smaller, Better*, leveraged the ideas of **Jane Jacobs** to show why preservation and building reuse matter for successful communities. The *Atlas of ReUrbanism* expands this research to 50 U.S. cities, demonstrating that **Character Counts**.

In **Buffalo**, compared to areas with large, new structures, character-rich **blocks of older, smaller, mixed-age buildings** contain...



72% greater population density



Nearly 70% more women and minority-owned businesses



Higher proportions of foreign-born residents

The building blocks for an inclusive, diverse, economically vibrant city, Buffalo's older, smaller buildings are irreplaceable assets. For more information about Buffalo's high-character areas, **please see reverse**.

■ **The Atlas of ReUrbanism** | *A Tool for Discovery*

Developed by the **Preservation Green Lab**, the Atlas of ReUrbanism is part of the National Trust for Historic Preservation's **ReUrbanism** initiative. Explore the buildings and blocks of Buffalo and other American cities further by visiting:

www.atlasofreurbanism.com

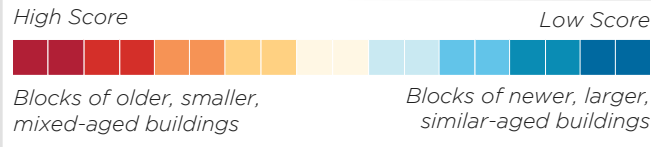
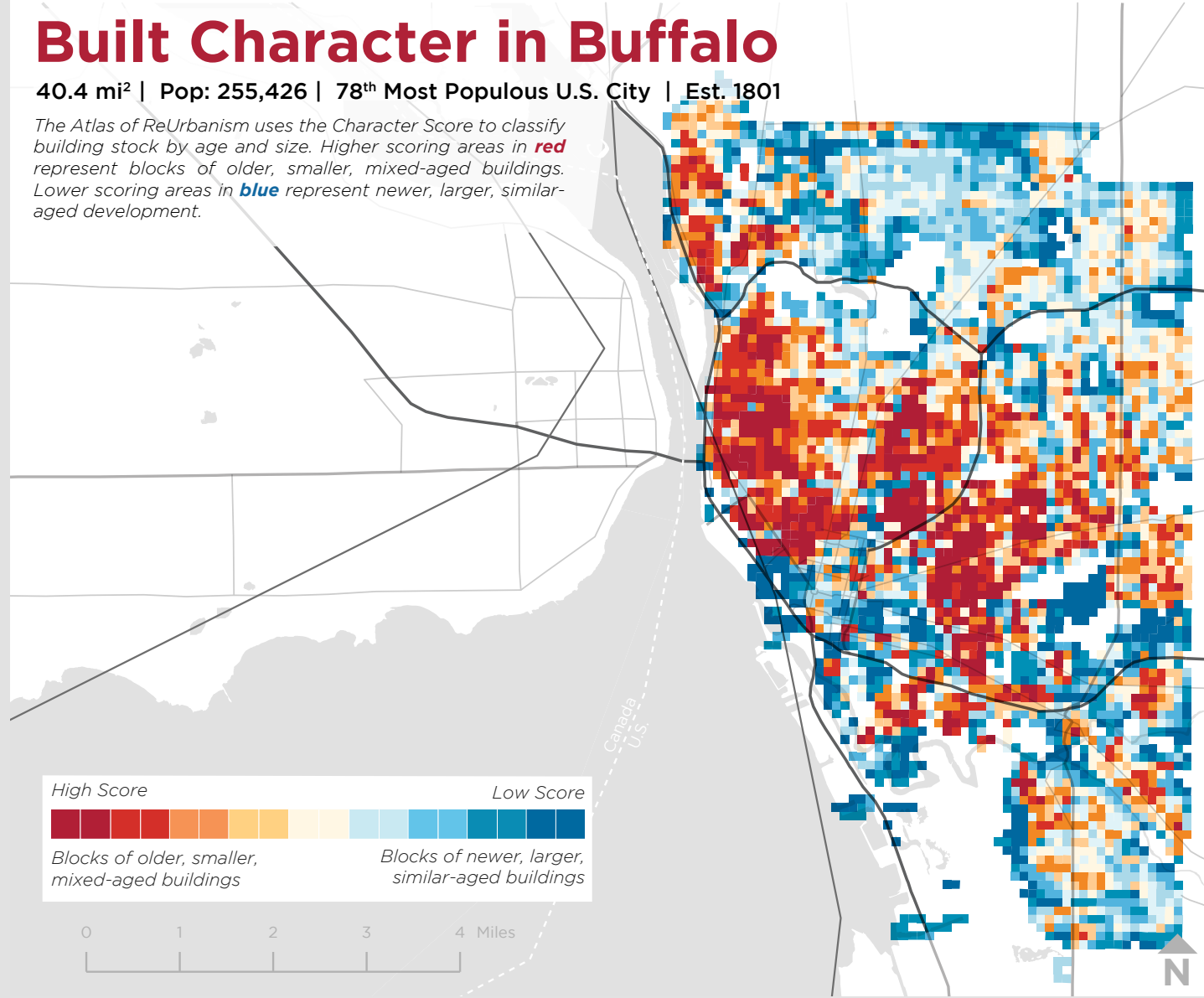


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Built Character in Buffalo

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The Atlas of ReUrbanism uses the Character Score to classify building stock by age and size. Higher scoring areas in **red** represent blocks of older, smaller, mixed-aged buildings. Lower scoring areas in **blue** represent newer, larger, similar-aged development.



High v. Low Character Score

Use the table below to compare high- and low-character score areas in terms of their density and diversity, inclusiveness, and economic vitality.

High Character Score Areas (Red square) | Low Character Score Areas (Blue square)



Density & Diversity

	High Character Score Areas	Low Character Score Areas
Avg. Population/Grid Square [†]	80.5	46.8
Median Age (Years) [†]	35.5	37.6
Avg. Between Age 18-34 [†]	26.1%	25.9%
Avg. Foreign Born ^{††}	8.7%	6.6%
Avg. New to County ^{††}	2.6%	3.0%
Avg. People of Color [†]	58.9%	48.0%
Avg. Housing Units/Grid Square [†]	42.6	23.2
Avg. Vacant Homes [†]	19.5%	12.1%
Avg. Owned Homes [†]	40.8%	49.4%



Inclusiveness

	High Character Score Areas	Low Character Score Areas
Total Women and Minority-Owned Businesses ^{†††}	482	286
Avg. Affordable Rental Housing Units [†]	95.2%	94.6%



Economic Vitality

	High Character Score Areas	Low Character Score Areas
Total Jobs in Small Businesses ^{††††}	8,509	8,059
Total Jobs in New Businesses ^{††††}	1,328	1,288
Total Jobs in Creative Industries ^{††††}	5,419	9,937

[†]Data from the 2010 Census
^{††}Data from the 2010-2014 5-Year Estimates of the American Community Survey
^{†††}Data from Dun & Bradstreet, 2016.
^{††††}Data from LEHD LODES, 2014

Building and Preservation Facts

Parcels/Buildings	Buffalo	50-City Average
Total	93,398	204,038
Per Square Mile	2,313	1,436
Median Year Built	1920	1952
On Nat'l Register of Historic Places	4.9%	6.8%
Locally Designated	5.0%	4.3%
Historic Tax Credit Projects	45	27.5

Year Built By Period, Buffalo | 50-City Average

