

**“The Lynchburg Neighborhood Database Initiative (LNDI): A Pilot Study”
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The BNIA is an almost 20-year old alliance managed out of the University of Baltimore that collects, organizes- and makes publically available- neighborhood-level data helpful in determining the well-being of communities within Baltimore. The BNIA has identified eight “Vital Signs,” or categories of or neighborhood well-being, and for each Vital Sign, a multitude of indicators, or variables that allow for exploration of that vital sign. Desired data can then be pulled for cross-sectional, time-series, and panel analysis. Beyond making raw data available to the public, the BNIA offers advisory services, teaches individuals how to use the database, and writes a yearly Vital Signs report for the community. The purpose of this Summer Research Program project is to pilot the development of a similar database for Lynchburg, Virginia.

