

# Analysis of the Distribution of Litter In SE Foster-Powell

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GEOG 592

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## Purpose/Reasons/Madness



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# Project Goals

- Identify and record location/type/brand of litter in defined study area.
- Identify patterns of litter which might suggest causes for litter distribution.
- Determine which brand of fast food accounts for the most litter in the study area.
- Gain a great understanding of ArcGIS®, GIS methods, and spatial statistics.

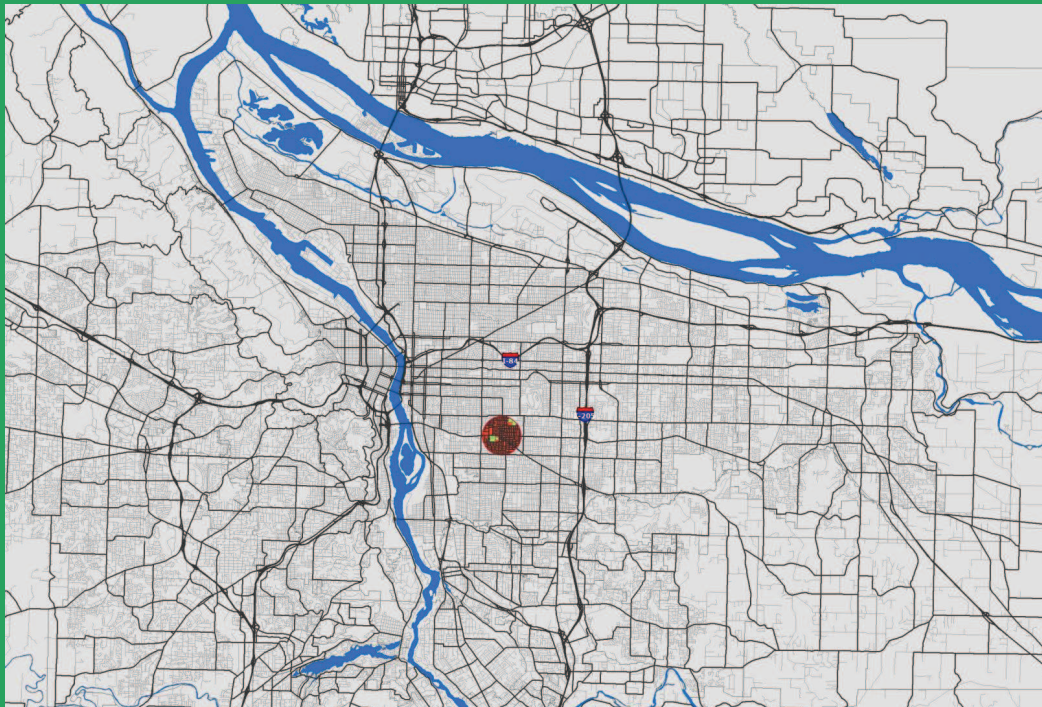
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# Methods

- 1. Identify Study area
- 2. Field data collection
- 3. Geocoding
- 4. Data analysis
- 5. Symbolize, format and prepare outputs
- 6. Review outputs and methods, consider improvements
- 7. Present findings

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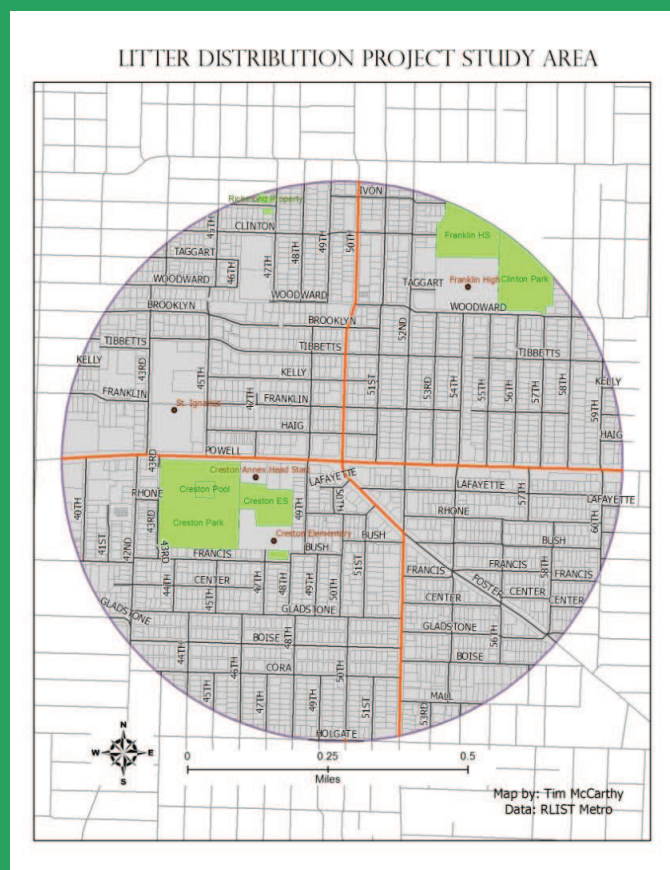
# Study Area



Portland, Oregon

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## Field Data Collection



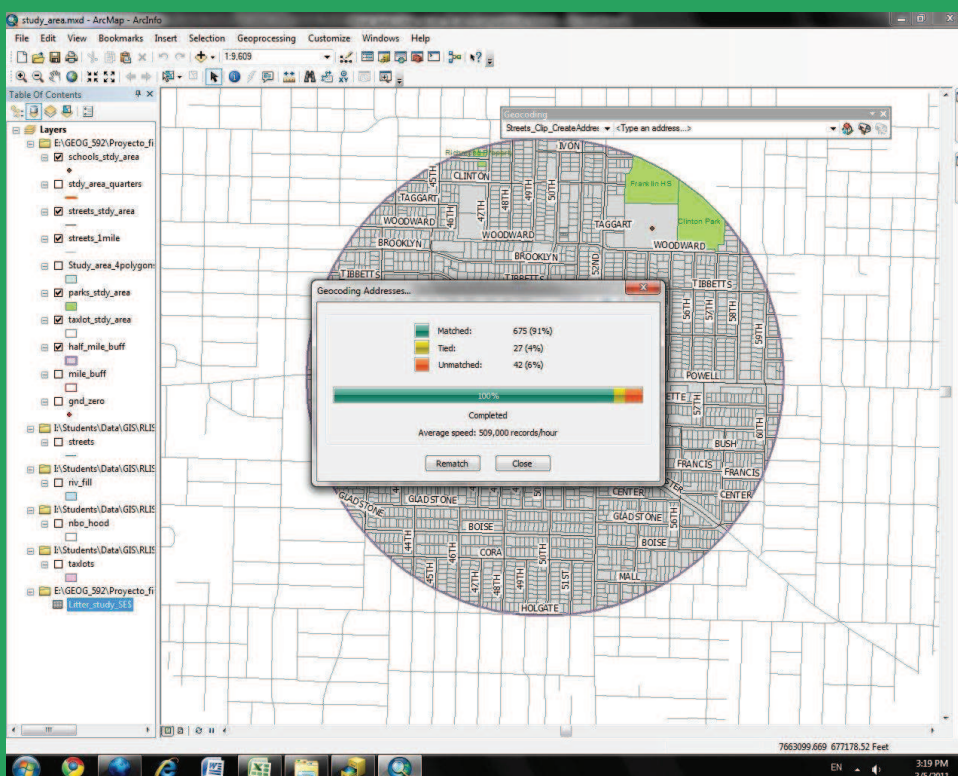
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# Geocoding by Address



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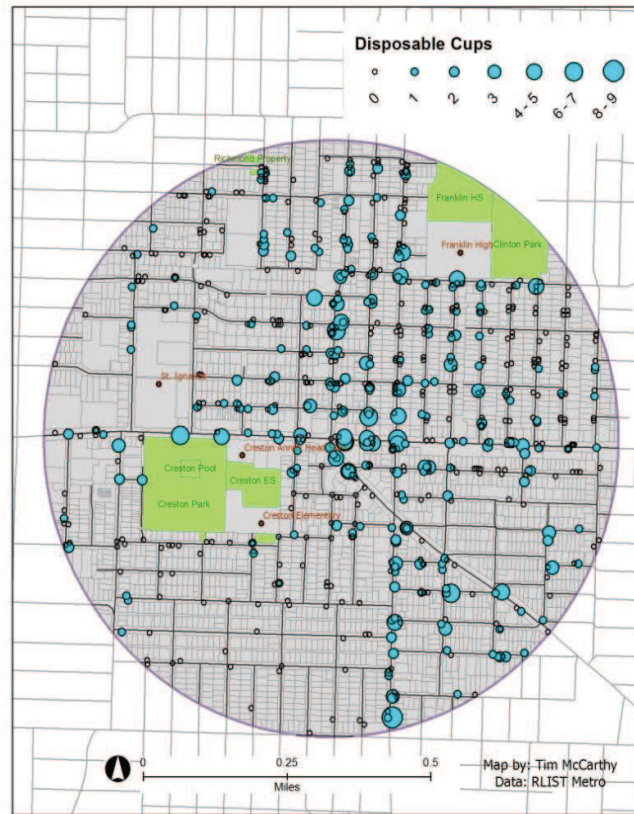
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# PAPER & PLASTIC DISPOSABLE CUPS, STRAWS, AND LIDS



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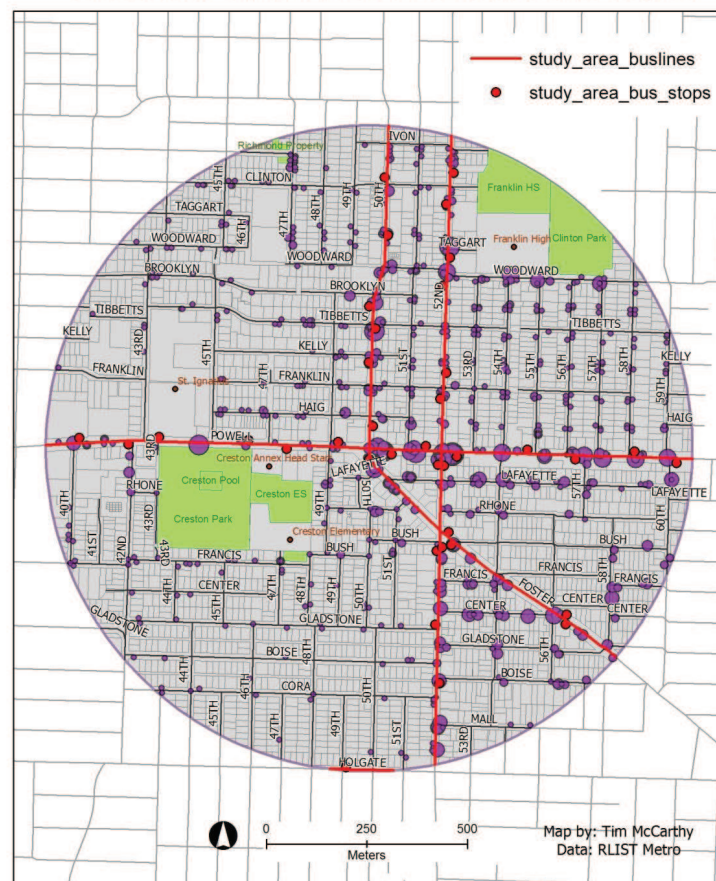
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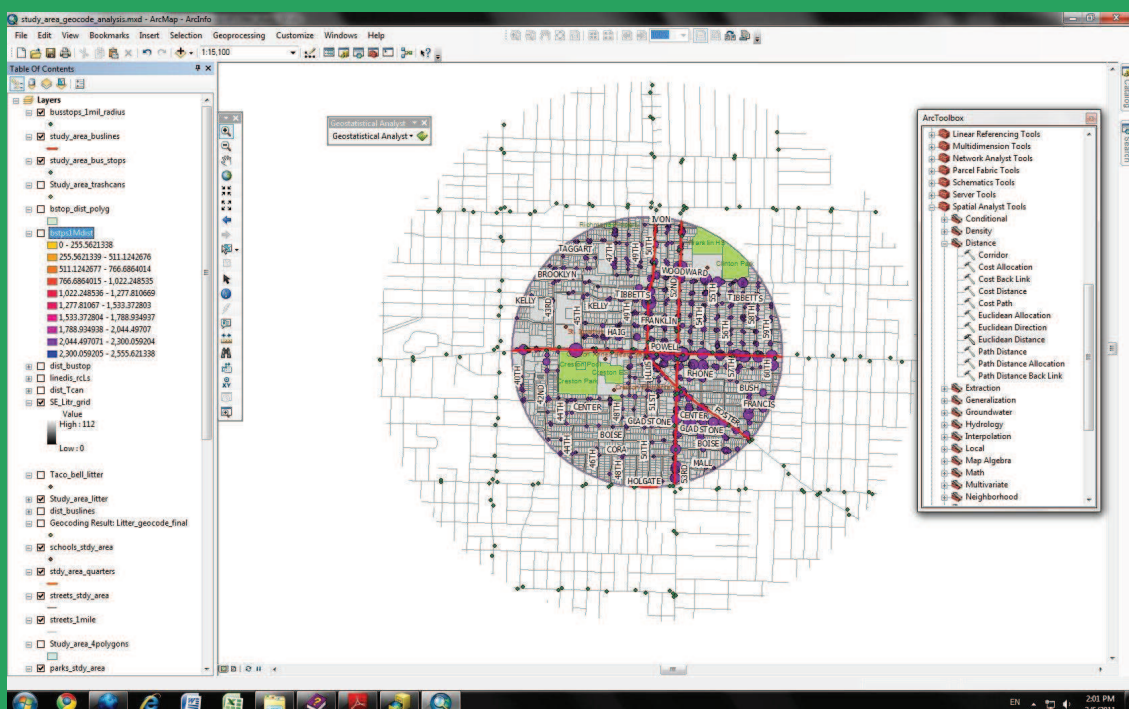


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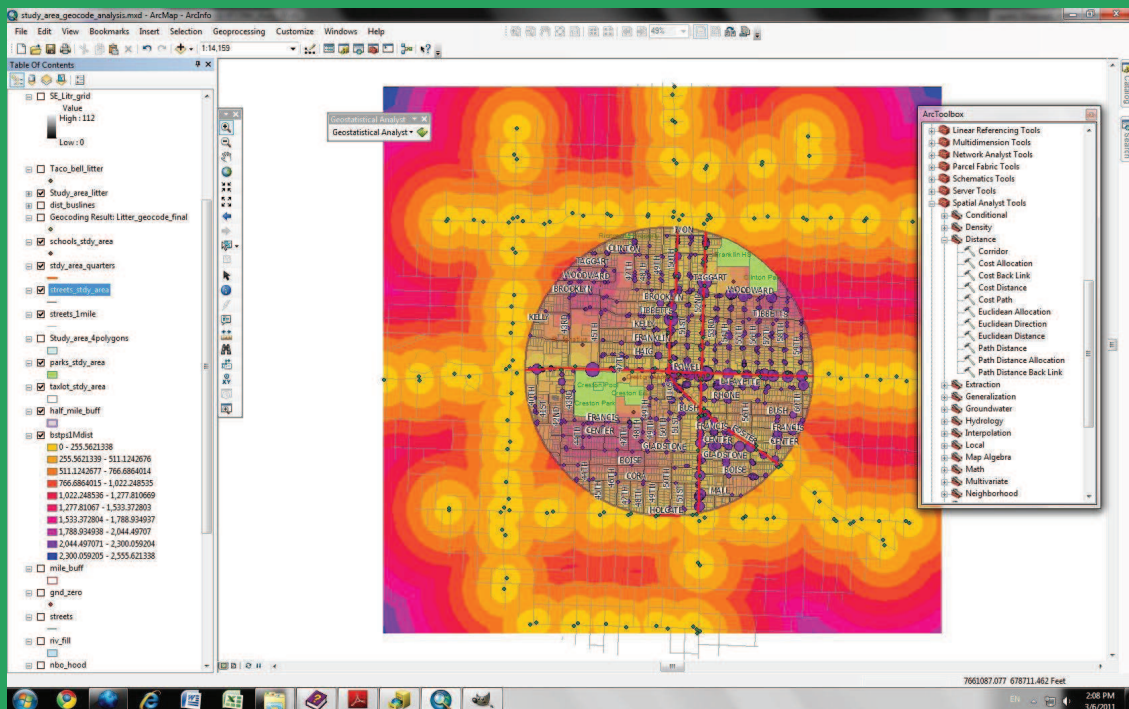
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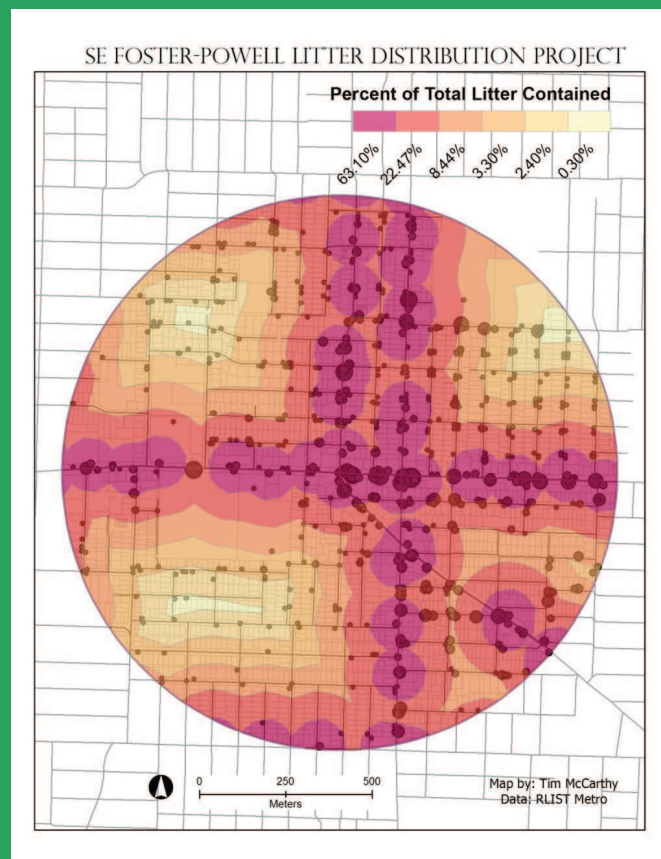
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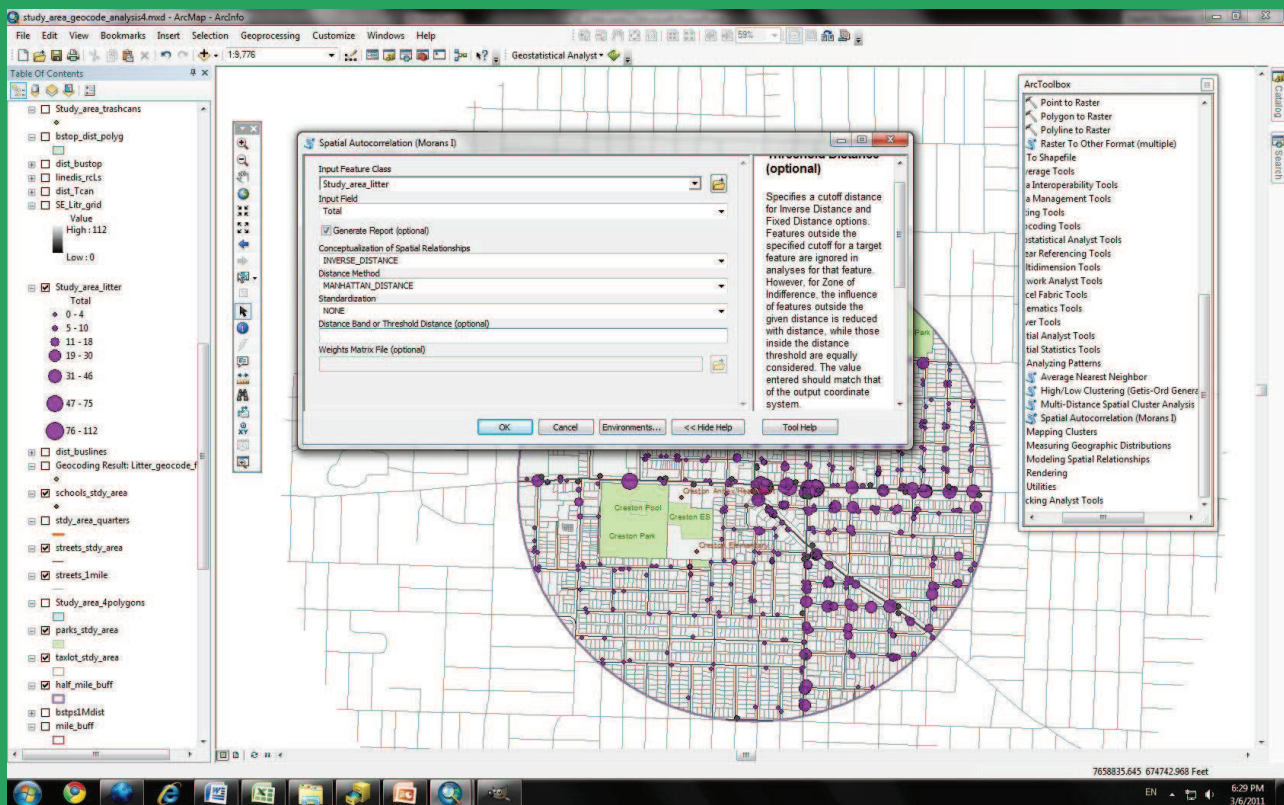
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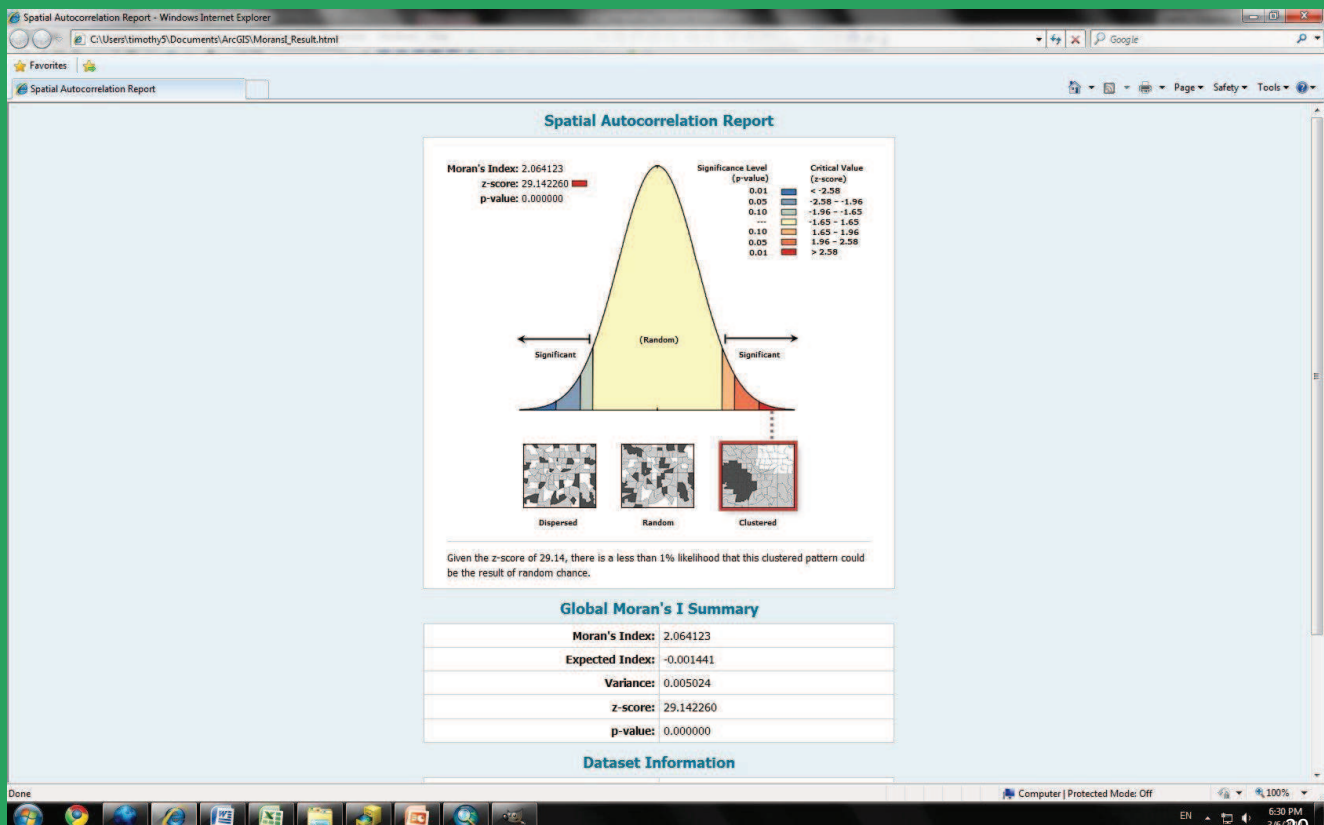


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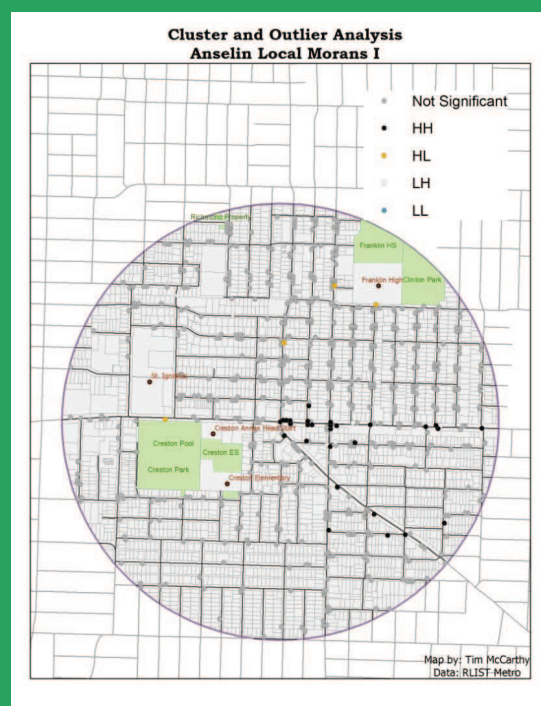


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# Cluster Outlier Analysis

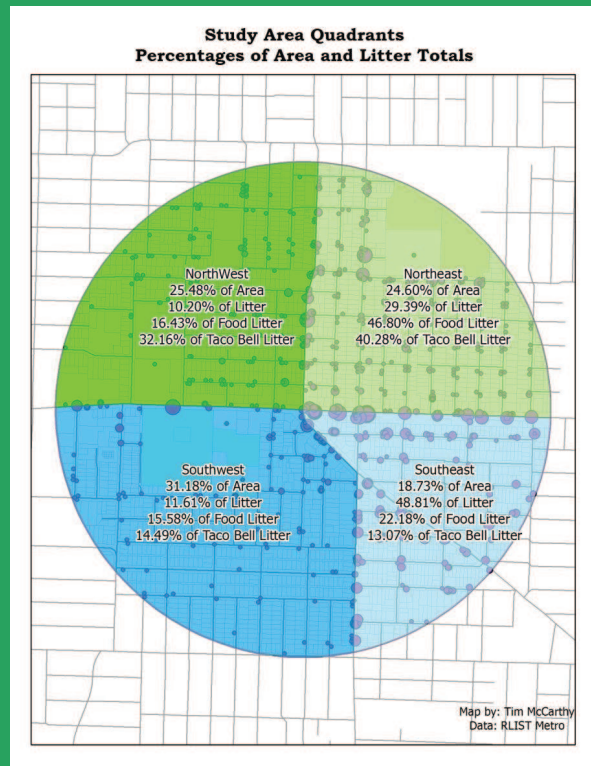


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# Results



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2030 pieces of “other”, or non-food litter  
695 Cups (paper, plastic, lids, straws...soda, water and coffee)  
460 pieces of “SLOW”-non-fast food litter  
282 cans/bottles  
278 pieces of Taco Bell litter  
200 pieces of “FAST”-unidentifiable/unbranded fast food litter.  
127 pieces of Burger King Litter  
48 pieces of MacDonald’s litter  
Every other brand of litter was <15

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# Conclusions

- Litter is highly clustered and spatially autocorrelated.
- Litter amounts decreased substantially with increased distance from bus stops.
- Litter was found in the study area that was from Fast Food Restaurants outside of the study area.
- Certain landscape features and elements act as catchment areas for high concentrations of litter (directly observed during data collection).
- Wind is also a factor in the movement of litter (directly observed during data collection).
- Disposable cups are a significant litter problem.
- Taco Bell contributed the greatest amount of identifiable brand litter in this study.

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# Learnings

- Field Data Collection
- Geocoding
- Spatial patterns of litter
- Time management
- GIS tools, methods, and geo statistics

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## Next Steps

- Franklin High School students are still suspected as being part of the distribution of litter in this study area. This project would like to repeat a litter survey in this study area in late July, when the students have not been in class, and have not has as large an influence on the study area.
- Public trashcans were undercounted in the field data collection, and need to be included in a future version.

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## ¡Muchas Gracias!

I sincerely appreciate the help of the PCC student volunteers and Christina Friedle. Without their help this data would not have been collected, and this project would not have been possible.

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# ¿Hay preguntas?



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