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My responsibilities as an Intern for the Palmetto Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) include transferring audio tapes to digital audio files, address matching, and Park Inventories. I also assisted in any other tasks when necessary, like surveys or other day to day operations. As the Intern for the CRA I learned to importance of community relations in understanding the needs and wants of the citizens of the City of Palmetto.

My first responsibility is transferring audio tapes to digital audio files. I used Windows Movie Maker to record the sounds being played through the computers sound input port, and then editing the files to make a single tape or multiple tapes one file organized by date (mm/dd/yyyy). This is important to ensure the ease of review and record keeping of all the Minutes for the CRA Board to ensure that the community can access these files with ease at any given time.

My second responsibility as an Intern was to standardize addresses that were received from the Palmetto Police Department representing various types of Crimes. The purpose for standardizing the addresses is to make the addresses readable by GIS Programs. This allows the city to make the addresses universal for multiple purposes. Using this data we can then accurately calculate general hot spot areas of crime, as well as crime specific hot spots. This helps the Palmetto Police Department in assigning units throughout the City of Palmetto, while increasing the amount of effective community policing and making the city safer for everyone.

My third responsibility is working in Geographic information System (GIS). I used a Garmin GPS unit (eTrex Vista H) to take inventories of the parks within the CRA. This was done to have a record of all the assets within each park and their location down to about a three meter radius or better. I start with the GPS unit and I will walk an entire park recording the coordinates of each item with the GPS unit. Then I can export those coordinates into an Excel table. Editing and exporting the data make it readable across multiple GIS platforms such as ArcMap or Google Earth. This allows for City employees to have an accurate and up to date inventory for their parks when it comes time to updating or overhauling a park. It also allows the city to make maps of parks for citizens who want information about a park and all its amenities, vegetation, and or utilities.

During my employment as an intern for the Palmetto CRA I have had many opportunities to learn skills viable to success in the world of business, technology and government. I have learned the skills necessary to understand and use GIS to create an Inventory of the parks in the CRA District, and placing them on maps that can be read through many mapping programs; This also allows the creation of maps that can be viewed and understand by anyone. I have also learned the importance of having multiple sets of data in order to ensure accuracy and reliability in your work. Everything that I have experienced will help me better understand the day to day operations of government which will help both myself and the City of Palmetto.

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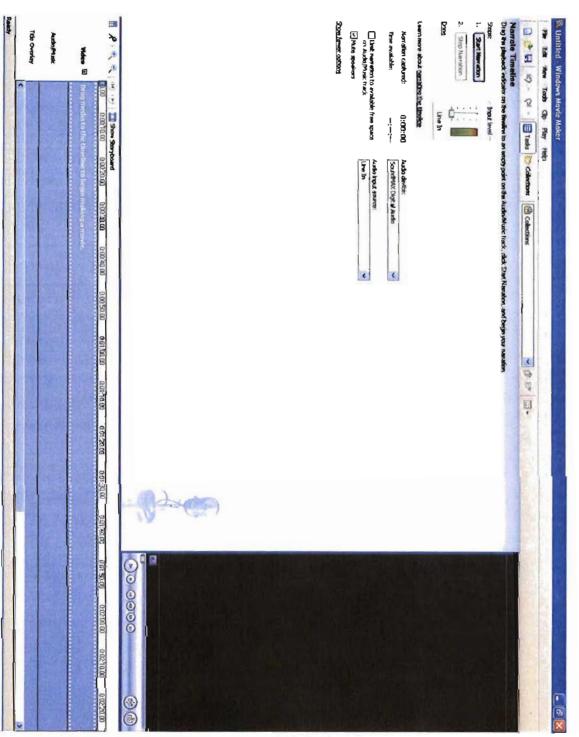


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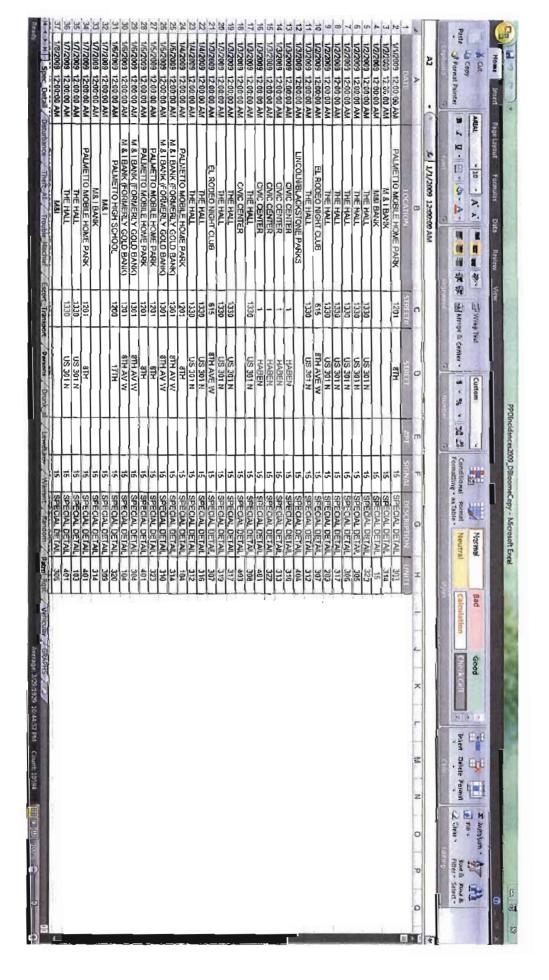
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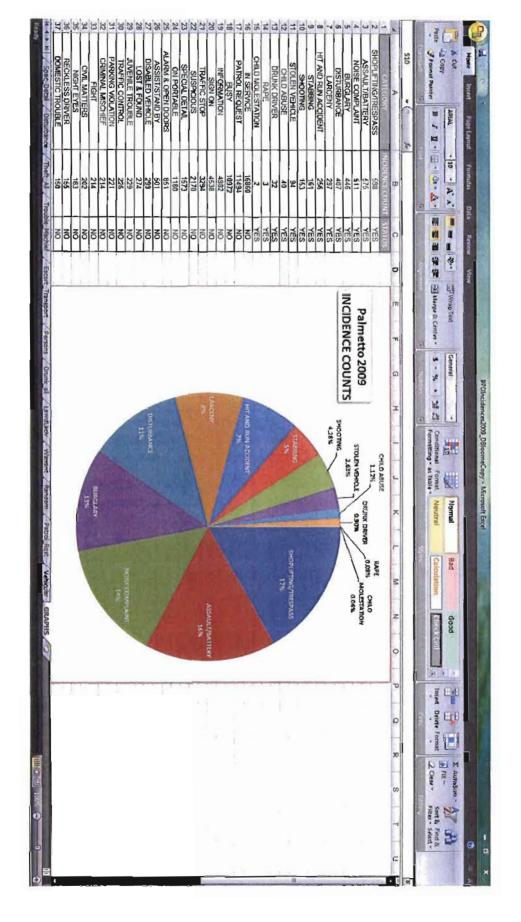


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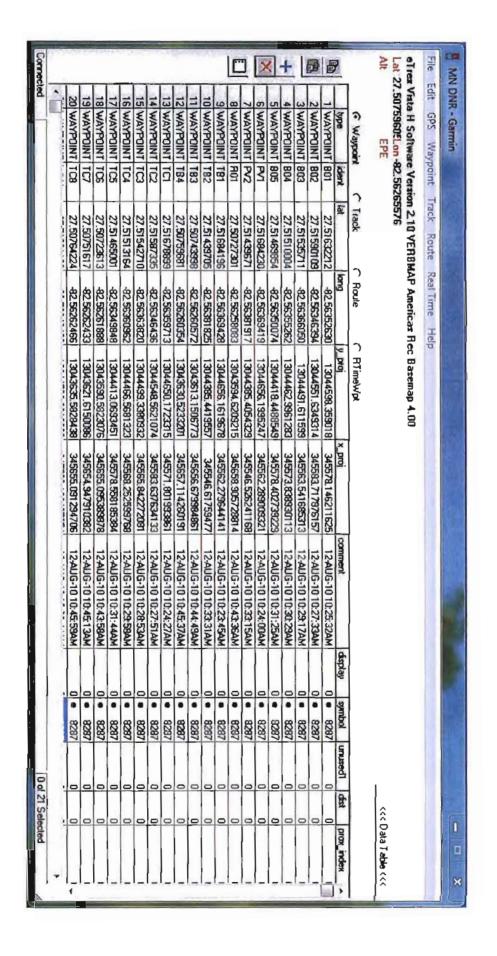
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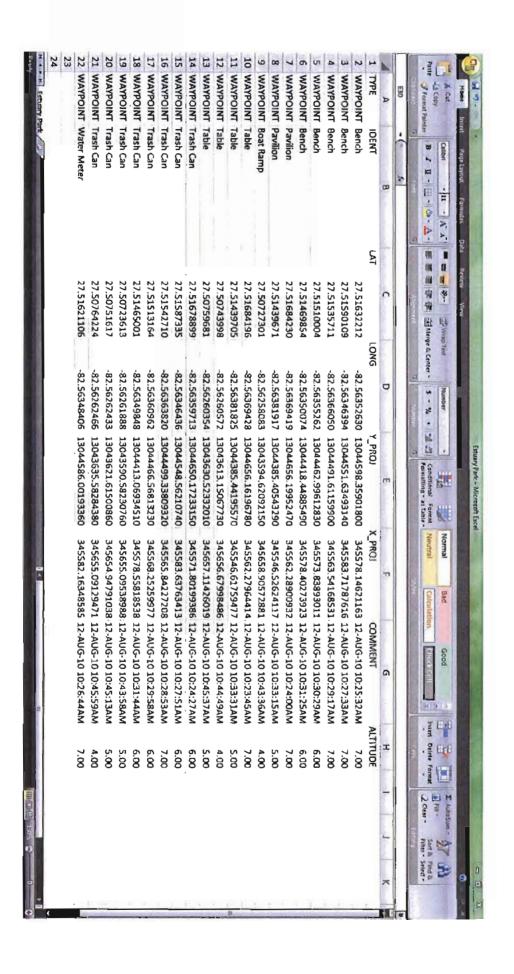
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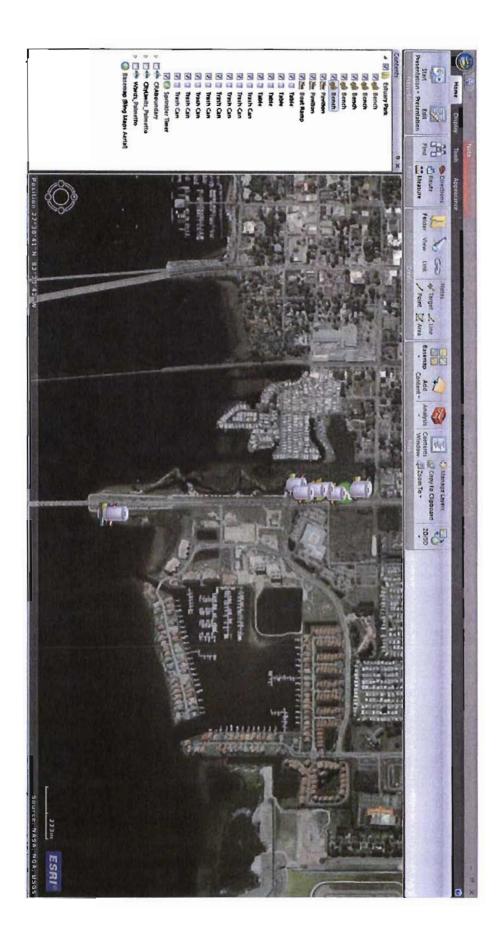


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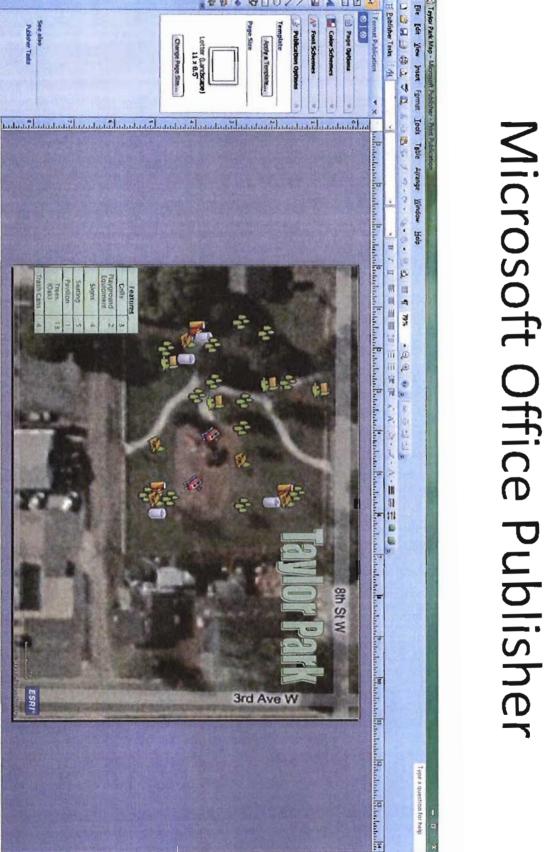


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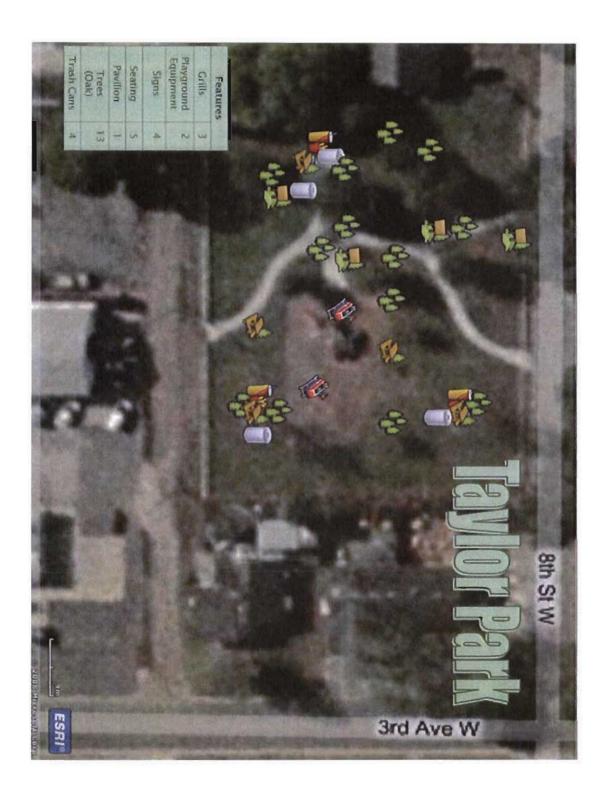


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