

Russell L. Smith Faculty and Student Research Information

Omaha Neighborhood Scan

Dr. Smith is working with the City of Omaha and neighborhood associations to pilot test and develop a service, Omaha Neighborhood Scan. Master of Science in Urban Studies graduate student **Heather Bloom** is assisting Dr. Smith.

Through Omaha Neighborhood Scan, neighborhood residents use technology to monitor and document local conditions. Using automated forms displayed on Pocket PCs, residents compile information in areas important to neighborhoods and the City of Omaha. Target issues include code violations; housing conditions; infrastructure and environmental conditions; and park maintenance needs.

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To learn more about Omaha Neighborhood Scan, please visit the Web site at <http://neighborhoodscan.unomaha.edu/>