

Mapping Homelessness in Austin

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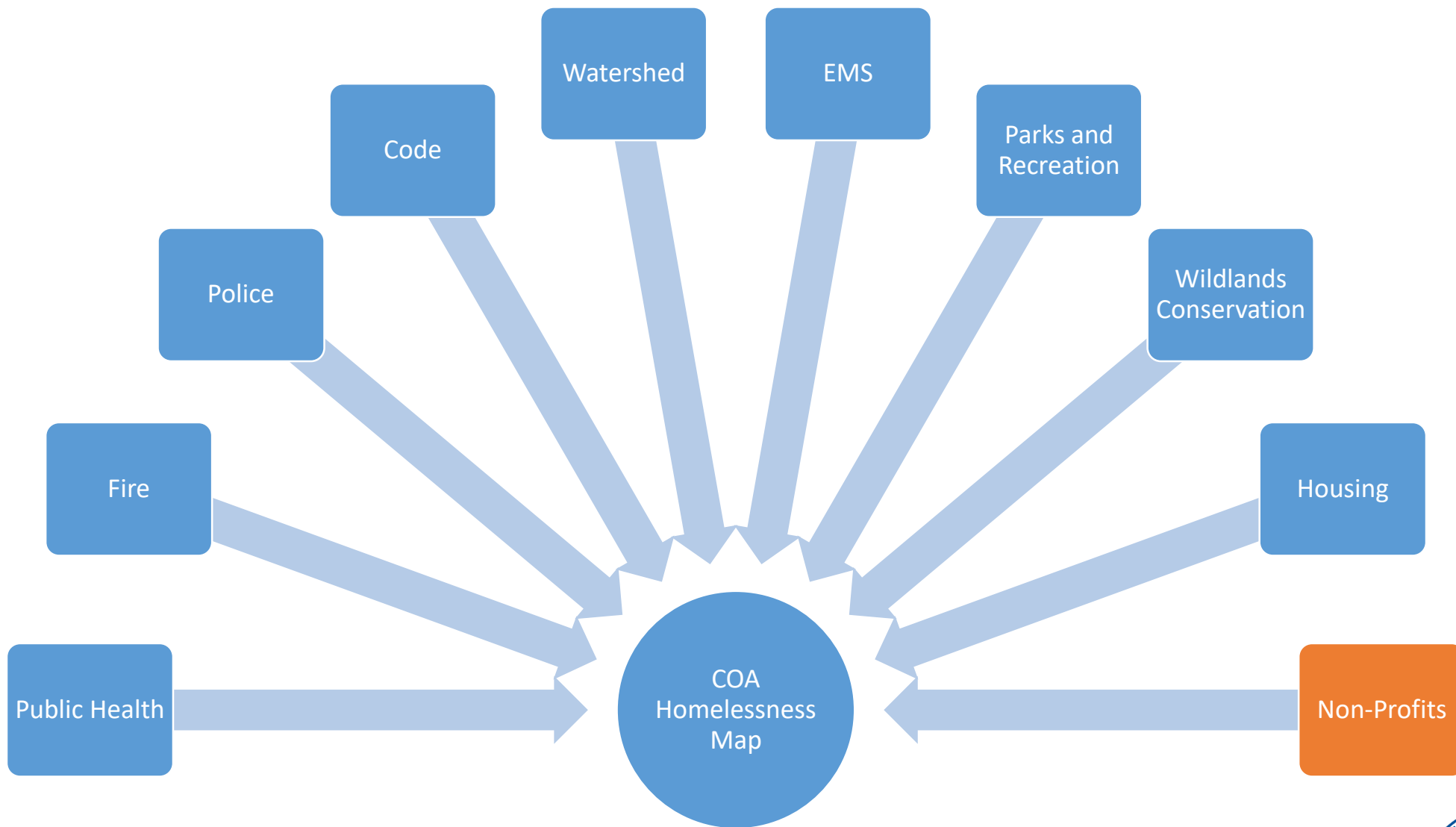
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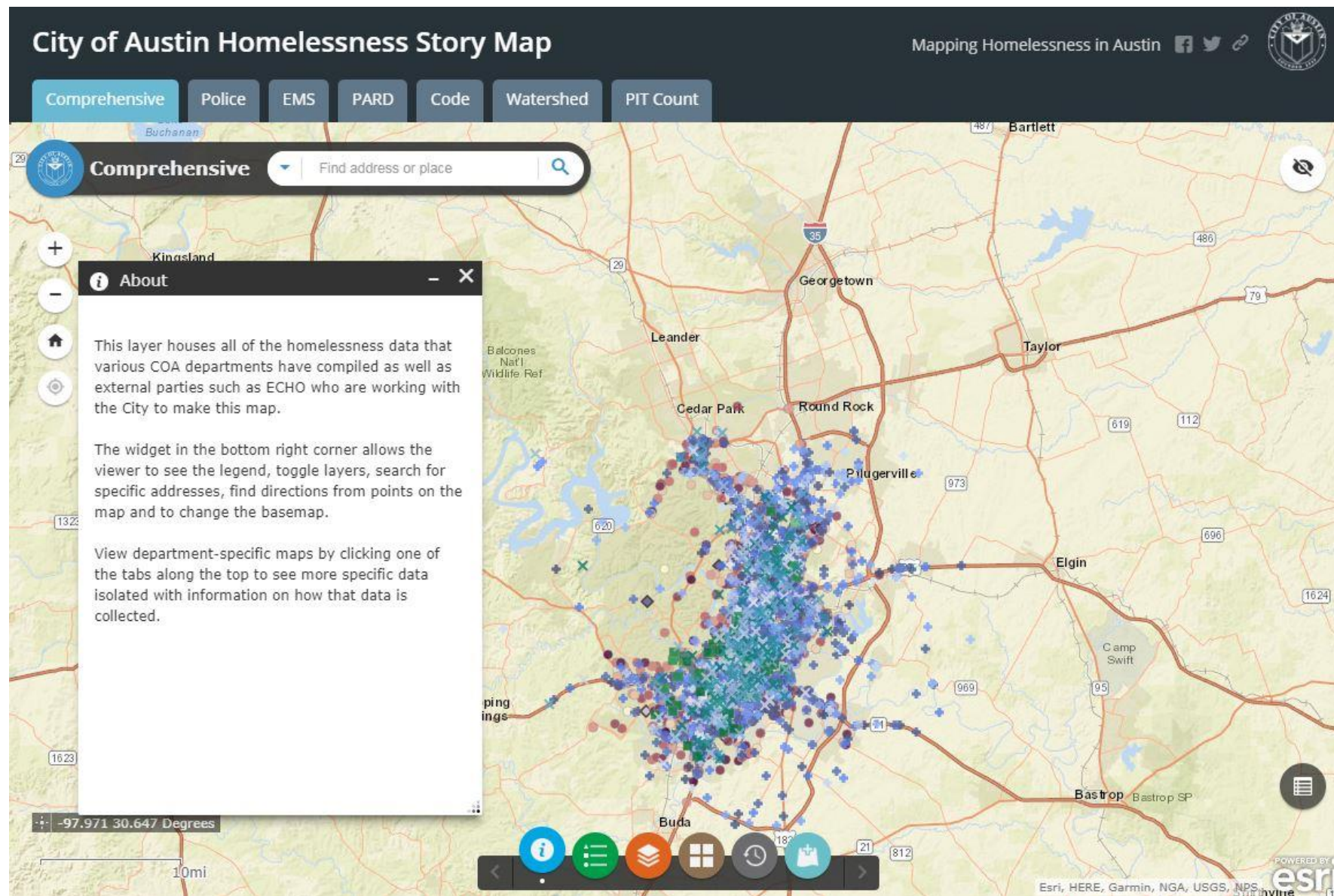


“Maps are neither mirrors of nature nor neutral transmitters of universal truths. They are narratives with a purpose, stories with an agenda. They contain silences as well as articulations, secrets as well as knowledge, lies as well as truth. They are biased, partial, and selective.”

-John Rennie Short, *The World Through Maps*







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Benefits

- Facilitates interdepartmental collaboration
- Reduces duplication of effort
- Dynamic data creates better policy decisions
- Mobile applications for field employees
- Helps to quantify homelessness
- Better serves the needs of those experiencing homelessness



Potential Challenges

- Requires consistent maintenance
- Integration of different data management software
- Varying techniques used to determine homelessness
- Visible only to City of Austin employees



Questions?

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