

AI-Driven Analysis of Trolley Service Gaps in Miami

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Background & Motivation

Miami's urban vibrancy relies on accessible public spaces and landmarks.

Inadequate trolley coverage may limit residents' and tourists' access.

Service gaps at key landmarks impact urban equity and livability.

This project identifies coverage gaps and prioritizes underserved neighborhoods for service improvements.



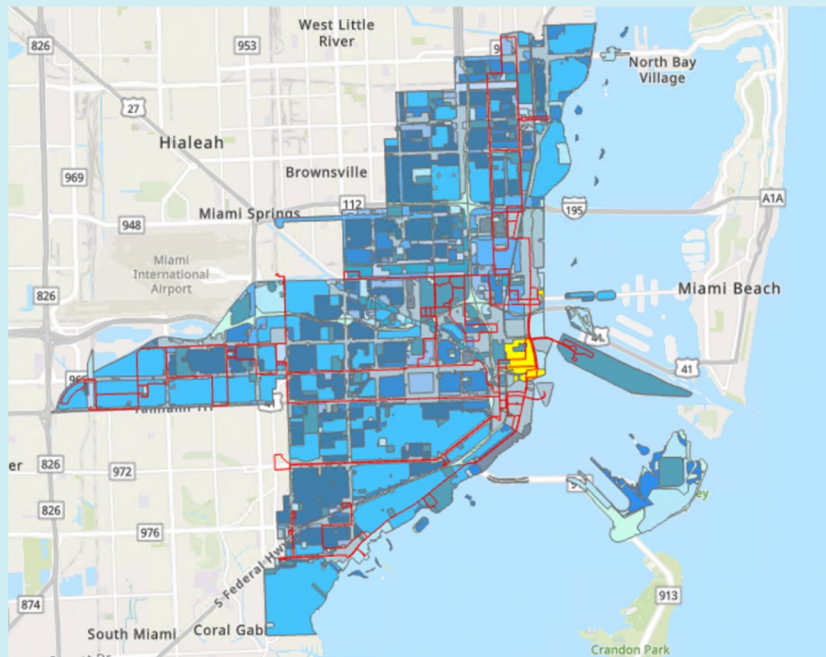
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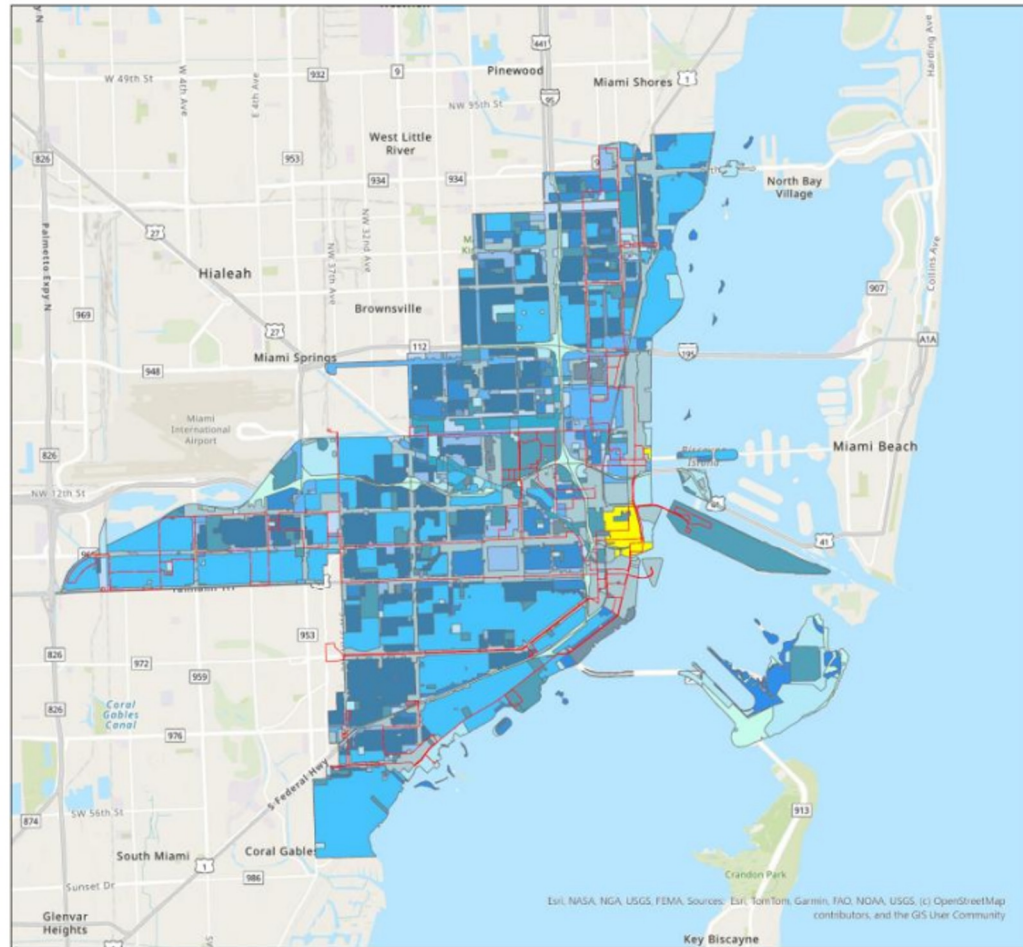
Miami Trolley Routes (GeoJSON)

Landmarks (GeoJSON + CSV)

Neighborhood Boundaries
(GeoJSON)

Miami-Dade Census Tract
Population (Shapefile)

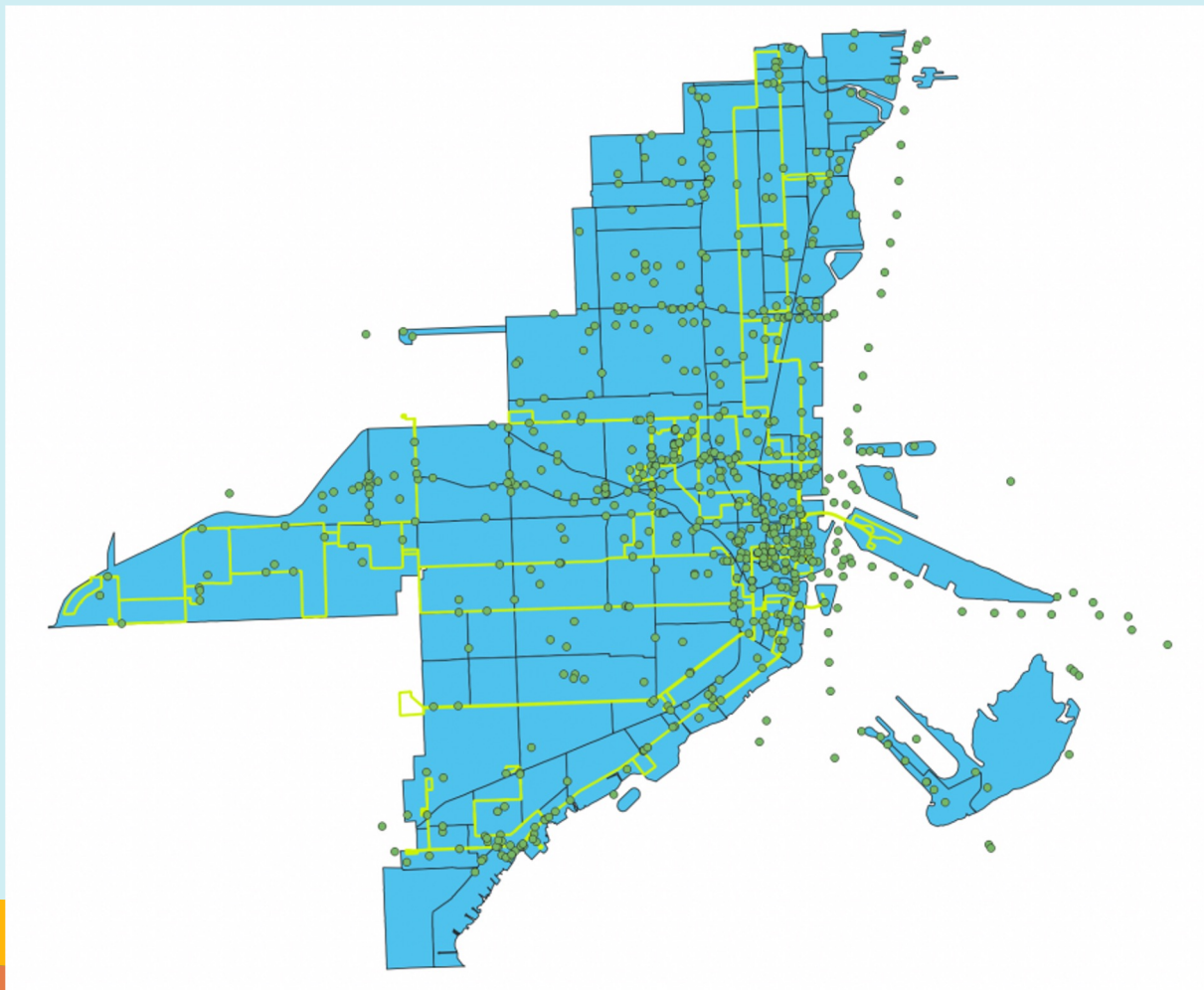




Legend

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| Land_Use | Low Denstiy |
| FLUDESC | Restricted Commercial |
| Central Business District | Major Inst, Public Facilities, Transp And |
| Conservation | Medium Density Multifamily Residential |
| Duplex - Residential | Medium Density Restricted Commercial |
| General Commercial | Public Parks and Recreation |
| High Density Multifamily Residential | Restricted Commercial |
| Industrial | Single Family - Residential |
| Light Industrial | <all other values> |
| Low Density Multifamily Residential | Miami_Neighbor |
| Low Density Restricted Commercial | |

Esri, NASA, NGA, USGS, FEMA, Sources: Esri, TomTom, Garmin, FAO, NOAA, USGS, (c) OpenStreetMap contributors, and the GS User Community





Overall Workflow



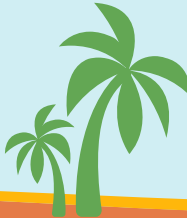
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**Service Gap Clustering
(DBSCAN)**

**Neighborhood-Based
Reporting**

**Population-weighted
Prioritization**

**Coverage Prediction
via Random Forest**



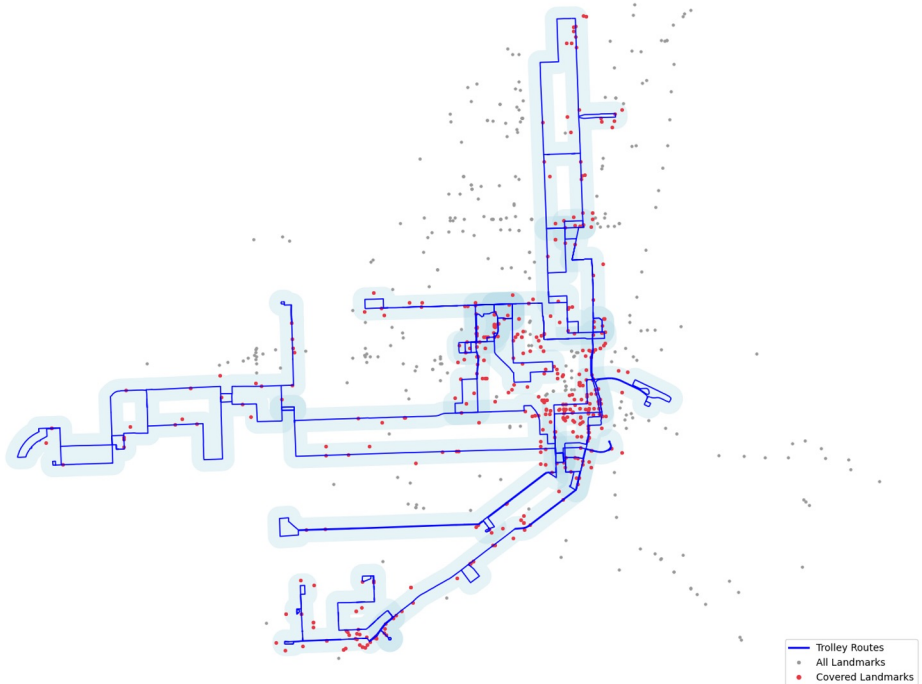
Accessibility Coverage Analysis

300m buffer created around trolley routes.

Landmarks classified as Covered or Uncovered.

Focus on critical landmarks: Parks, Tourist Attractions.

Landmarks Covered by Trolley (300m Buffer)



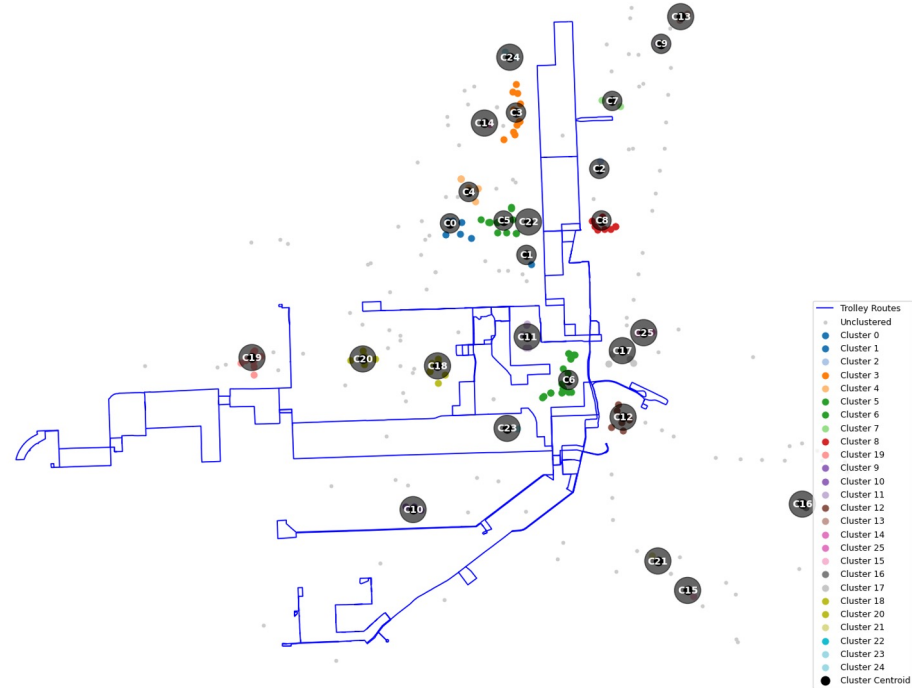
Service Gap Clustering

DBSCAN clustering applied to uncovered landmarks.

Clusters represent potential service gap hotspots.

Centroids suggested as future service hubs.

Clustered Service Gap Areas with Suggested Centroids

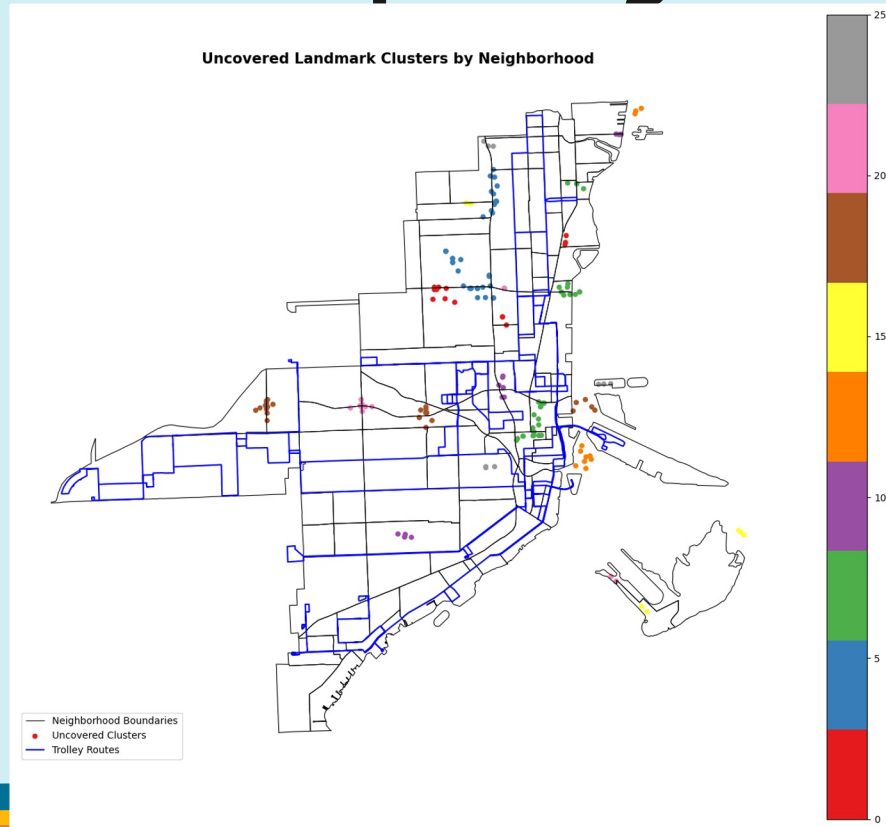


Neighborhood-Based Reporting

Spatial join with Miami neighborhoods.

Ranking based on the number of uncovered landmarks per neighborhood.

Targeted planning for service extension.



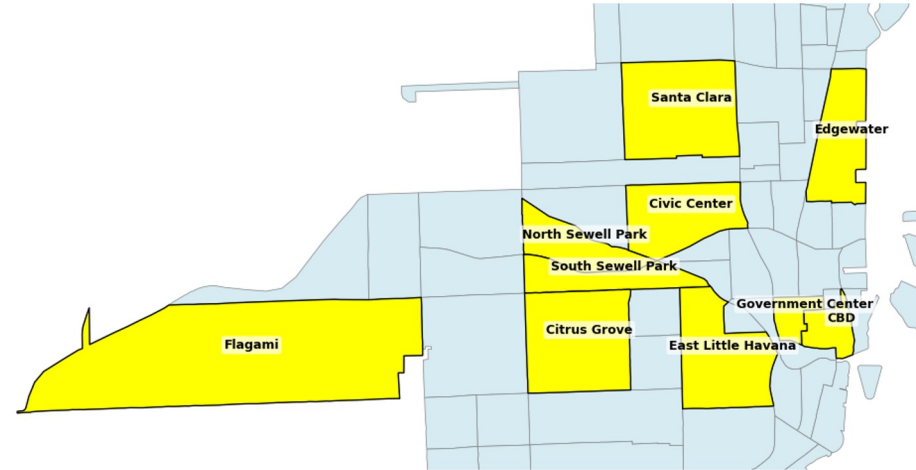
Population-Weighted Prioritization

Integrated uncovered landmarks with neighborhood population.

Developed a weighted score:
 $\text{Priority Score} = (\text{Uncovered Landmarks}) \times (\text{Population})$

Identified neighborhoods with highest service needs.

Zoomed-In View: Top 10 Priority Neighborhoods



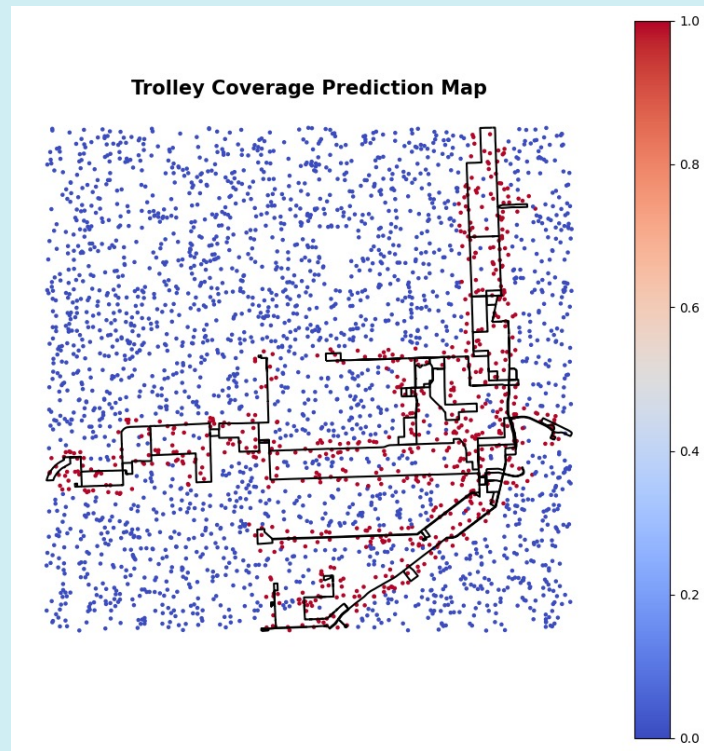
Machine Learning-Based Coverage Prediction

Randomly generated sample points
across Miami

Trained a Random Forest model to
predict whether a location is likely
to be covered by the trolley

Features used: proximity to trolley
routes, landmark density

Helped validate coverage patterns
and extend inference beyond
labeled landmarks



Key Findings

Specific clusters of service gaps identified.

Some neighborhoods consistently lack trolley access.

Population-weighted analysis reveals equity implications.

Data-driven recommendations for trolley service extension planning.

Machine learning-based prediction reinforces service gap insights, suggesting broader applicability of the method



Thank
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