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Program Summary

The Washington Alley Project builds upon the history of Washington, DC's alleys. It proposes strategies for re-appropriating the underutilized alley network, targeting sites with untapped potential for densification.

Join this session and experience how EL Studio patented low-resolution virtual reality tools that have enabled us to engage the community and local government.

You'll see how this technology allowed stakeholders to visualize, in three dimensions, new uses and ways of occupying this uniquely DC resource.

Learning Objectives

- A. Explore the historical development of the Washington alley network, and consider how it may relate back to your own communities that may have similar, underutilized urban networks.
- B. Learn how to locate a spatial opportunity, and develop your own research project through investigation, outreach, and proposals.
- C. Learn to identify design techniques and methods for soliciting feedback, engagement, and support from local communities and municipalities.
- D. Discover how to highlight potential sites for urban revitalization using techniques such as mapping and analysis.

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Municipal Codes & Regulations:

Zoning Code: DC Office of Planning: Height Master Plan for the District of Columbia <https://planning.dc.gov/>
 DC Municipal Regulations (building code): <http://www.dcregs.dc.gov/>

DC Maps:

Tax maps: DC Real Property Tax Database, <https://otr.cfo.dc.gov/page/real-property-tax-database-search>
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Querrien, Anne, '*The Metropolis and Capital*,' Zone 1/2, MIT Press, 1986.

Graphics:

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Jacobus, Frank. *Archi-Graphic: An Infographic Look at Architecture*. Lawrence King Publishing Ltd, 2015.
De Monchaux, Nicholas. *Local Code: 3,659 Proposals about data, design & the Nature of Cities*. Princeton Architectural Press. New York, 2016.

Online Resources:

Statistical Information:

Census Data: US Census Bureau, <https://www.census.gov/>
www.opendata.dc.gov

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