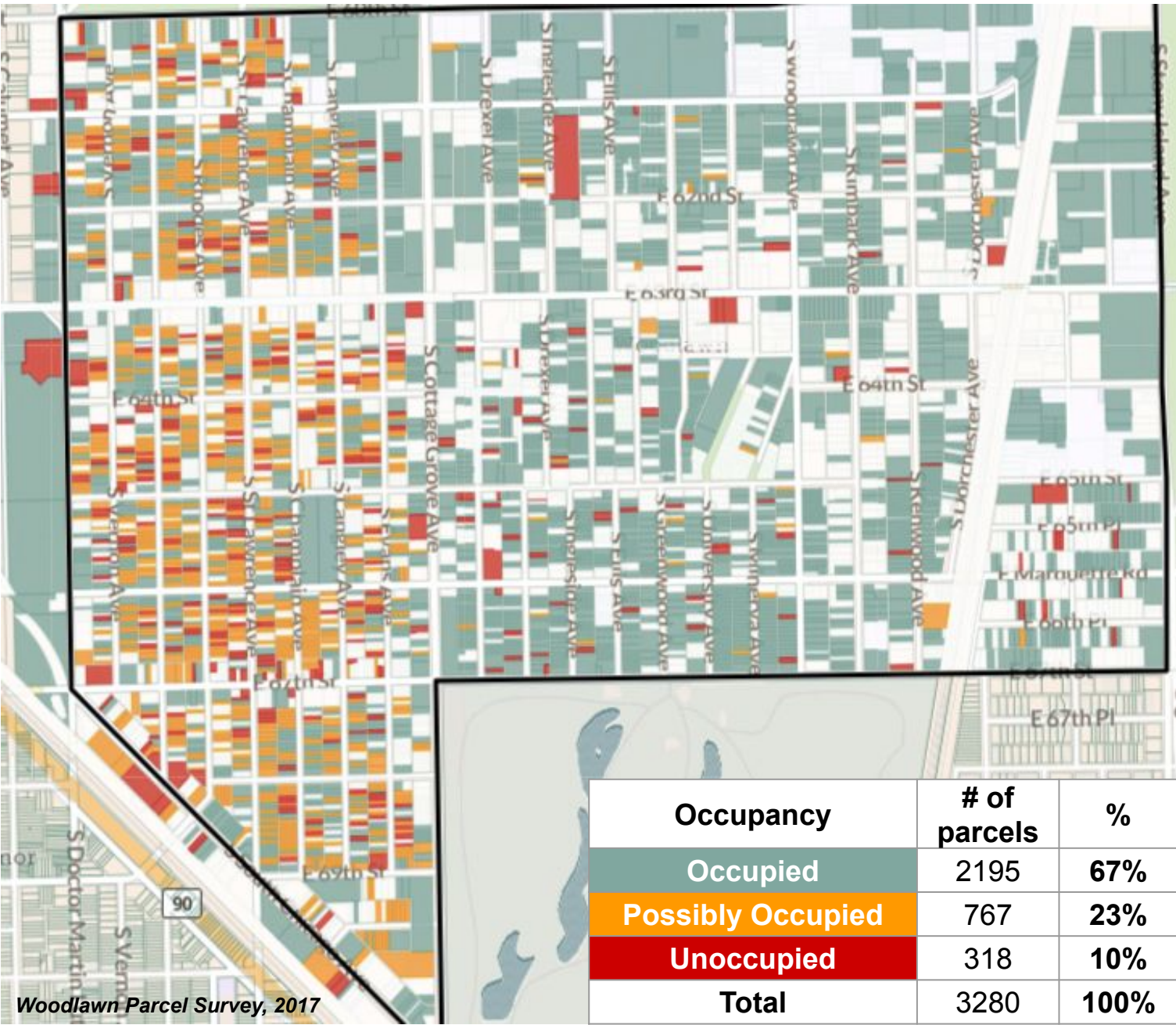


## Question 2: Is the structure occupied?



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If the answer to question one, “Is there a structure on the site?” was “Yes,” WPS surveyors were prompted to answer a series of questions related to the structure’s occupancy, use, and conditions. For parcels with structures, the second question asked surveyors to identify if a structure was occupied, possibly occupied, or unoccupied. Structure occupancy can be difficult to gauge at times so surveyors used the following criteria to answer related questions: Structures were tagged as *Occupied* when they showed signs of activity--commercial, institutional, or industrial buildings open for business, homes with active mailboxes, garbages, and recycling bins.

A property was tagged as *Possibly Occupied* when there were no obvious signs of habitation--belongings on the porch or in the front yard, no visible furniture or decor in the windows, lack of a mailbox or garbage can--even though the property appeared externally maintained. Finally, if a property was boarded up, obviously vacant, lacking a mailbox or garbage cans, or overgrown and unmaintained, it was tagged as *Unoccupied*. The majority of unoccupied structures in Woodlawn are residential buildings and located west of Cottage Grove.