

Computers and Community Development

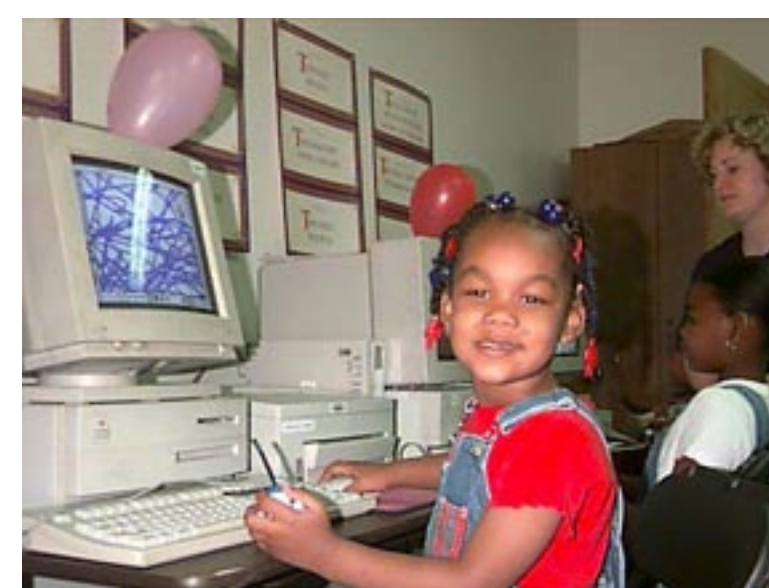
The Internet, with its ability to deliver information easily and inexpensively to a large audience, is proving to be essential to the community development activities. The ESLARP website, started in 1994, is at the core of the ESLARP technology initiative.

Reports, image and map libraries, tutorials, news updates, online discussion groups and classes available at the ESLARP website not only serve the intranet needs of several hundred widely-separated students, staff and faculty, they also maintain an **institutional memory** of this long-running project.

Computer technology supports research and outreach activities

ESLARP uses the Internet to **distribute information** to geographically separated campus units and city residents. Geographic Information Systems (GIS) technology is used to **collect and analyze** information about the city. Advanced research projects are **exploring exciting new ways** to analyze, model, and visualize data about East St. Louis. ESLARP is **helping to bring computing resources** to East St. Louis residents through churches and neighborhood organizations.

Website serves as an indexed and searchable archive of ESLARP projects



Improving community access to computers and internet resources

As part of the Youthlink initiative ESLARP is **installing recycled computers** in East St. Louis for community organizations and churches. Retired computer equipment is repaired and installed in East St. Louis to provide computing and internet access opportunities to city residents. ESLARP also provides **technical support and training workshops** to ensure that the vast information resources available on the Internet are accessible to ESLARP's community partners and computing opportunities are available for children.