CS 498: Project 3

Summary
We wish to represent contacts from an email archive as urban landmarks on a map. Each contact will be depicted as a developing urban setting. The level of industrialization of a setting represents the amount of contact with that person. Each setting has a unique location, so contacts do not overlap. The settings will range from a grassy knoll to a metropolis. The urban settings will decay over time if the person is not contacted recently.

The volume of email sent to and from a contact will be used to determine how developed the setting is. The setting will start to show signs of crumbling based on how recently the contact was emailed. If a user does not email a contact over a significant period of time, then the urban landmark will begin to crumble. Only a limited number of contacts will be displayed on the map at a time. The user will choose which relationships to display on the map.

We hope that this visualization will help identify ripe, flourishing, and floundering relationships based on an email archive.