Advocating

For Environmental Justice

Environmental Justice Redefined Environmentalism

The environmental justice movement has basically redefined what environmentalism is all about. It basically says that the environment is everything: where we live, work, play, go to school, as well as the physical and natural world. And so we can't separate the physical environment from the cultural environment. We have to talk about making sure that justice is integrated throughout all of the stuff that we do.

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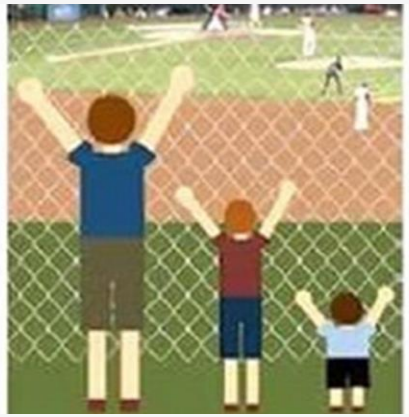
Terminology

Environmental Racism

Any environmental policy, practice, or directive that negatively affects - whether intentionally or not - individuals, groups, or communities based on race or ethnicity

Environmental Equity

No single group or community faces disadvantages in dealing with environmental hazards, disasters or pollution



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Civic activism to protect the right to a clean, healthy and safe environment by highlighting inequities and advocating for policies that level the playing field

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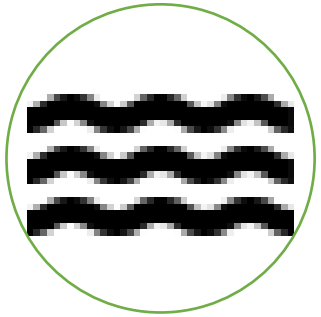
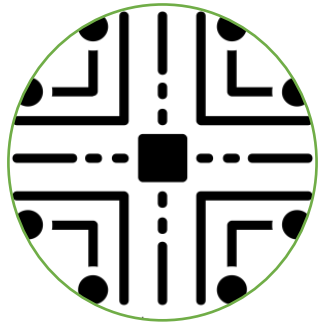
Outdoor Air Quality



Surface And Ground Water Quality

Toxic Substances And Hazardous Wastes

Homes And Communities



Infrastructure And Transportation

Global Environmental Health

Environmental Justice Framework

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Use Established Engagement Platforms

- Grassroots Organizing
- Stakeholder Support For Communities
- Encourage Collaborative Decision-Making Groups

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Public Participation
An Opportunity To Influence

Inform	Consult	Involve	Collaborate	Empower
To obtain public feedback on analysis, alternatives and/or decisions.	To obtain public feedback on analysis, alternatives and/or decisions.	To work directly with the public throughout the process to ensure that public issues and concerns are consistently understood and considered.	To partner with the public in each aspect of the decision including the development of alternatives and the identification of the preferred solution.	To place final decision making in the hands of the public.
Promise To The Public				
We will keep you informed.	We will keep you informed, listen to and acknowledge concerns, and provide feedback on how public input influenced the decision.	We will work with you to ensure that your concerns and issues are directly reflected in the alternatives developed and provide feedback on how public input influenced the decision.	We will work with you to ensure that your concerns and issues are directly reflected in the alternatives developed and provide feedback on how public input influenced the decision.	We will implement what you decide.
Example Tools				
Fact Sheets Web Sites Open Houses	Public Comments Focus Groups Surveys Public Meetings	Workshops Deliberative Polling	Citizen Advisory Committees Consensus-building Participatory Decision Making	Citizens' Juries Ballots Delegated Decisions

Source: International Association for Public Participation (IAP2)

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Transportation Inequities

- Routes
- Stops
- Convenience
- Cost
- Exposures To Environmental Hazards

Other Advocacy Tools

Communicate	With Your Lawmakers In Support Of The Environment
Support	Grassroots Community-Based Environmental Justice Organizations
Encourage	Family And Friends To Support Environmental Organizations And Employer To Implement DEI Initiatives
Be	An Example

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Thank You!

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