





Environmental Justice Efforts & Opportunities

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Increasing Awareness

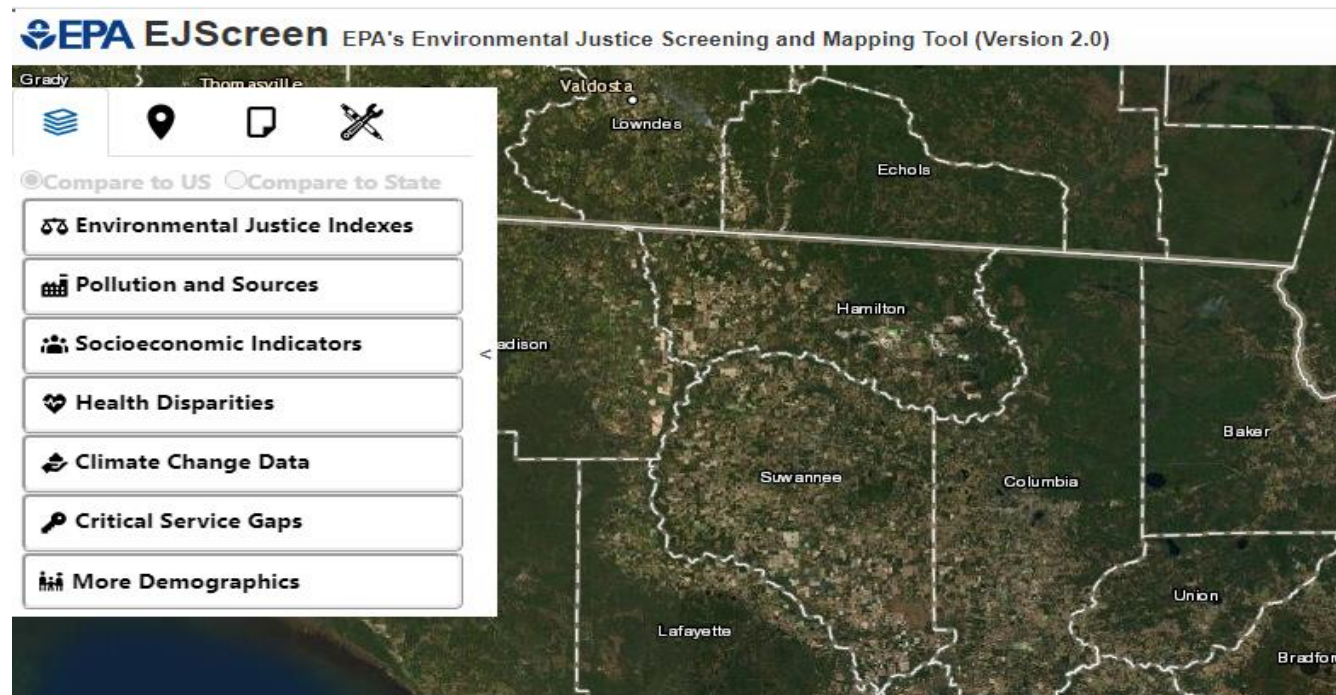


Developing webpage for internal awareness and external information. Draft submitted to comms for review and then to be shared with Districts, Division and Stakeholders. Content includes definition, Values, Assessment and Analysis Tools, Resources, partners and Current Initiatives and successes.



Environmental Justice Tools – Environmental Justice Screen

EJ screen is currently used to evaluate to what extent a community is of particular environmental concern. Provided by EPA, it is the most common tool used nationally and the first we turn to for EJ inquiries.





EJ Tools – Florida Brownfields Redevelopment Atlas



With the goal of better understanding the impacts of federal funding on communities through brownfields redevelopment, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection utilized U.S. EPA CERCLA 128(a) grant funds to initiate a collaboration with the [Center for Brownfields Research and Redevelopment](#) at the University of South Florida. This ongoing partnership, beginning in 2018, resulted in the development of an online geospatial tool that can be used to evaluate social and economic impacts throughout the state. The online tool is available to the public and is now known as the [Florida Brownfields Redevelopment Atlas](#).



Environmental Justice Tools – Climate and Economic Justice Tool

Created by the White House's Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ), it uses census tract data on a number of environmental indices and health burdens. Census tracts are identified as disadvantaged when they meet the threshold for socioeconomic indicators along with one or more thresholds for environmental or climate indicators. While race is not a specific index used, many of the indices track with race and this may be most defensible for use in grant funding.





RCRA Integrated Targeting Assistant (RITA)

Newly released, is a national inspection targeting platform for the RCRA hazardous waste program. It is designed to assist in effectively identifying and prioritizing hazardous waste handlers for inspection. Currently under review to determine if this is right for Florida use.



Meaningful Engagement

Guidance in development to ensure constituents with Limited English Proficiency (LEP) have full access for meaningful engagement in permitting process and other agency actions, as well as be in full compliance with federal and state Human Rights (Title IV) requirements.





LPRCN



Options regarding resources, process and oversight and training are being drafted to provide leadership with final approval of the details of the LEP Program. Implementation will be overseen by a designated Language Program Champion (LPRCN).



GAP Analysis

A **GAP analysis** is being performed comparing FDEP Environmental Justice to other agencies and states. This is addressing civil rights training, infrastructure, resources and processes.





Justice 40

Justice 40 is a whole-of-government effort to ensure that Federal agencies work with states and local communities to deliver at least 40 percent of the overall benefits from Federal investments in climate and clean energy to disadvantaged communities. The State of Florida is committed to meeting the goals of the Justice40 initiatives and developing tracking systems to include its success.



Brownfields EJ40/67

Brownfields EJ40/67 - Both the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) would like to identify communities with brownfields-related environmental justice challenges in Florida and build capacity in these communities for applying for state and federal resources to pursue brownfields redevelopment. The purpose of this project is to develop a suite of methods to identify these communities within each FDEP District and to identify formal or informal community-based organizations that might wish to receive technical support for brownfields redevelopment.



College/Underserved Community Partnership Program (CUPP)

The College/ Underserved Community Partnership Program (CUPP) is a creative approach to partnering and delivering technical assistance to underserved communities. The program enlists colleges and universities to assist these communities through student internships, practicums and capstone projects. Communities receive vital assistance and services on a voluntary basis and at no cost. Students gain practical experience in developing solutions to enhance the quality of life for communities. They generally receive academic credit for their efforts. We expect to use CUPP resources in Brownfields EJ40/67.





Environmental Justice Calls for Participation

- Environmental Council of the States EJ Task Force
- National Environmental Justice Community Engagement Calls
- State-Tribal-Local Govt-EPA Points of Contact Workgroup
- All States EPA EJ call
- EPA Region 4 EJ calls
- Florida Brownfields Association Environmental Justice Committee Team Meeting





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