

Goal: Environmental Justice

Provide equal protection from environmental and public health hazards for all people regardless of race, income, culture and social class.

Environmental Justice Factors to Consider

Factor 1: If not equitable, not sustainable

Factor 2: Begin with set of principles to guide planning
* specifically- income, race, sex

Factor 3: Uninformed about needs of low-income communities

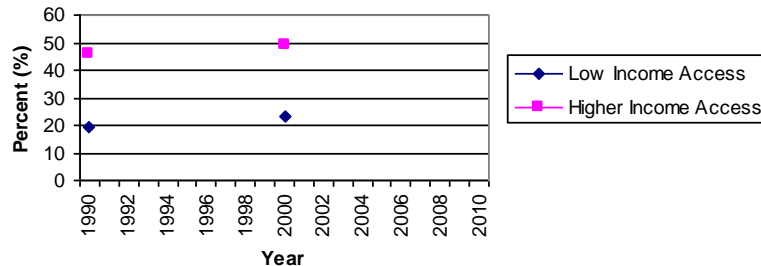
Factor 4: Unequal access to clean water and air

Factor 5: Disproportionate access to health care

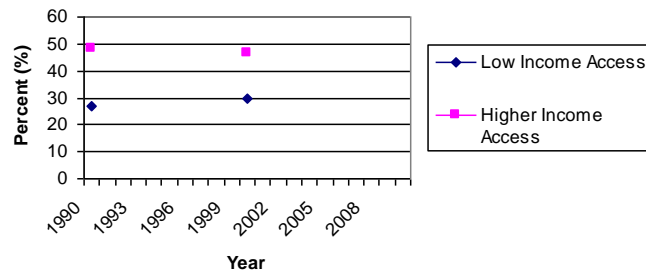
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Indicators

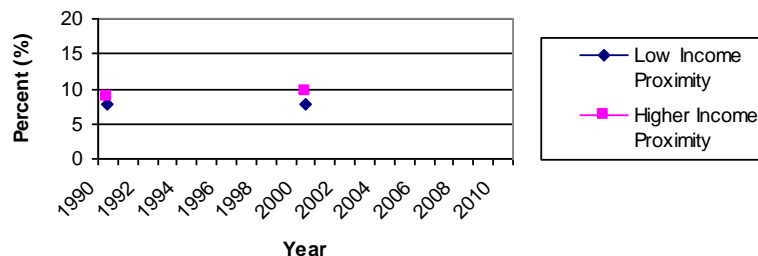
1/4 Mile Residential Access to Parks



1/4 Mile Residential Access to Public Transit



Residents Living Within One Mile of Locations That Release Toxic Substances



Other Proposed Indicators

- People are represented/participating in process/accessing programs
- Access to information
- Number of people represented in programs that County offers for energy efficiency
- Above based on race
- ER visits per capita
- Community engagement inclusive
- How much affordable housing meets green communities criteria
- Overall income of school attendees
- Per capita income and race of renters and owners is under regional poverty levels as defined by MWCOG)
- Effective communication with minority communities
- Number of people in planning jobs and green jobs that are brought in from various economic levels, race, and sex

Story Behind the Trend lines

Factors

- Communication with communities across the board- must be inclusive, respect culture and learning styles
- Community engagement- must be well resourced and staffed
- Distribution of the benefits of environmental quality including clean water and air
- Disproportional impact and location of resources
- Looking deeper at class (not income)- resources and access
- Disproportionate health and environmental exposures

Key Partners with a Role to Play

- State and local government
- Renters
- Businesses
- Faith-based groups
- Property-owners
- Political and Legislative
- Community Groups
- Lenders and Insurers

What Will Work to Make a Measurable Difference

Potential Strategies/Actions (including partners and their roles):

- Environmental justice policy
- Environmental justice commission
- Training of planning staff and community
- Incentives for residents
- GIS mapping
- Health impact assessment
- Governmental reporting