

# 2014 Urban Waters Federal Partnership Training Workshop



Strategies for Effectively Engaging Underserved  
Communities

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# Making a Visible Difference in Communities

## Overview

- Video – Omega Wilson, President, West End Revitalization Association
- Environmental Justice Interagency Working Group (EJ IWG)
- Environmental Justice Small Grants
- Collaborative Problem Solving Cooperative Agreements
- Brownfields
- ReGenesis Inc.



# Environmental Justice Interagency Workinggroup

- Created in 1994 under EO 12898
- U.S. EPA Administrator serves as the Chairperson and convener of the IWG
- 17 Federal Agencies and White House Offices
- 2014 Collaborative Activities
  - Region 2 IWG – Initial Meeting October 2014
  - Region 4 IWG – North Birmingham, AL and Turkey Creek/North Gulfport, MS
  - Region 6 IWG – Technical Assistance to Communities through the Gulf Coast Community Collaborative
  - September 2014 Public Meeting for Tribes and Indigenous Communities in Bismarck, North Dakota



# Environmental Justice Small Grants

## EJ Small Grant Program

Since its inception in 1994, the Environmental Justice Small Grants Program has awarded more than \$25 million in funding to over 1500 community-based organizations, and local and tribal organizations working with communities facing environmental justice issues.



# Environmental Justice Small Grants

Environmental Health Watch

Cleveland, OH



# Environmental Justice Small Grants

JASTECH Development  
Services, Inc.

Philadelphia, PA



# EJ Collaborative Problem Solving Cooperative Agreements

- Provides funding for projects that address local environmental and public health issues within an affected community
- Designed to help communities understand and address exposure to multiple environmental harms and risks.
- Recipients use the EPA's Environmental Justice Collaborative Problem Solving Model to address issues in a collaborative manner with various stakeholders such as communities, industry, academic institutions and others.



# EJ Collaborative Problem Solving Cooperative Agreements

Montachusett Opportunity  
Council

Fitchburg, MA



# EJ Collaborative Problem Solving Cooperative Agreements

Tolani Lake Enterprise  
Navajo Nation  
Northeast, AZ



# EPA Brownfields Program

- EPA's Brownfields Program empower states, communities, and other stakeholders to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields
- Revitalizing brownfields sites creates benefits throughout the community
- Brownfields Grants and Funding
  - Area-Wide Planning Pilot Program
  - Assessment Grants
  - Revolving Loan Fund Grants
  - Cleanup Grants
  - Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training Grants
  - Multipurpose Pilot Grants
  - Training, Research, and Technical Assistance Grants
  - Targeted Brownfields Assessments



# Making a Visible Difference in Communities.... ReGenesis Inc.



# Environmental Justice in Action Blog



- **[Environmental Justice in Action](#)** is a resource for educating and communicating about actions and ideas that advance the mission of environmental justice. To date the EJ in Action Blog has had over 125,000 views.

