



Access and Awareness Webinar Series

Federal Agencies Convening for Environmental Justice: Connecting Communities to Green Space, Healthcare and Jobs

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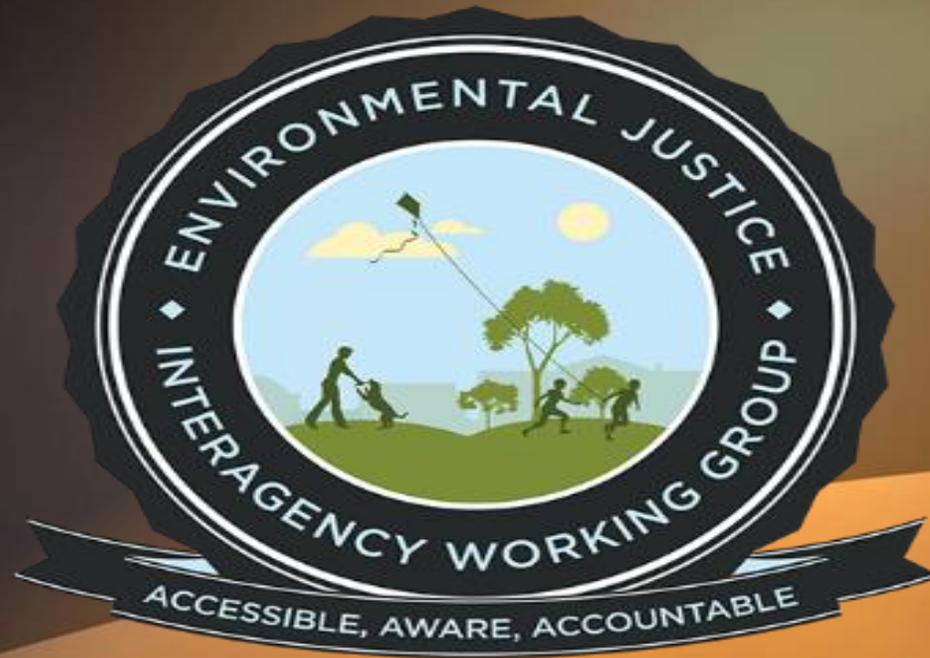
- ❖ Federal family creating change through collaboration
- ❖ Discover what opportunities exist for your community
- ❖ Monthly Event

Federal Interagency Working Group on Environmental Justice is:

Accessible

Aware

Accountable



The Federal Interagency Working Group for Environmental Justice

Background: EJ IWG Structure and Mission

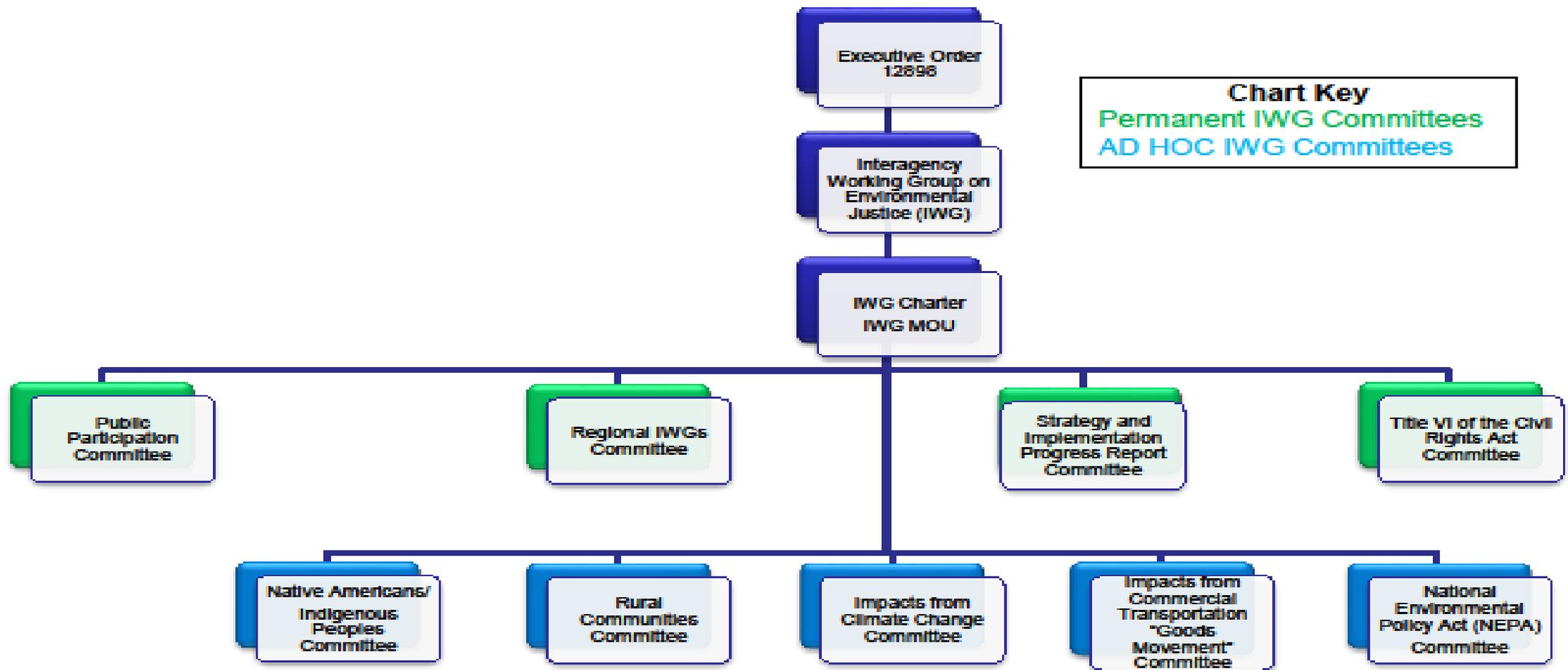


- ❖ Established in 1994 by E.O. 12898, Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations
- ❖ Serves as federal clearing house for information, guidance, action and targeted collaboration to promote environmental justice
- ❖ U.S. EPA Administrator serves as the Chairperson and convener of the EJ IWG

EJ IWG Federal Agency Members

- ❖ Environmental Protection Agency (Chair)
- ❖ Agriculture
- ❖ Commerce
- ❖ Defense
- ❖ Education
- ❖ Energy
- ❖ Health and Human Services
- ❖ Homeland Security
- ❖ Housing and Urban Development
- ❖ Interior
- ❖ Justice
- ❖ Labor
- ❖ Transportation
- ❖ Veteran's Affairs
- ❖ General Service Administration
- ❖ Small Business Administration
- ❖ White House Council on Environmental Quality

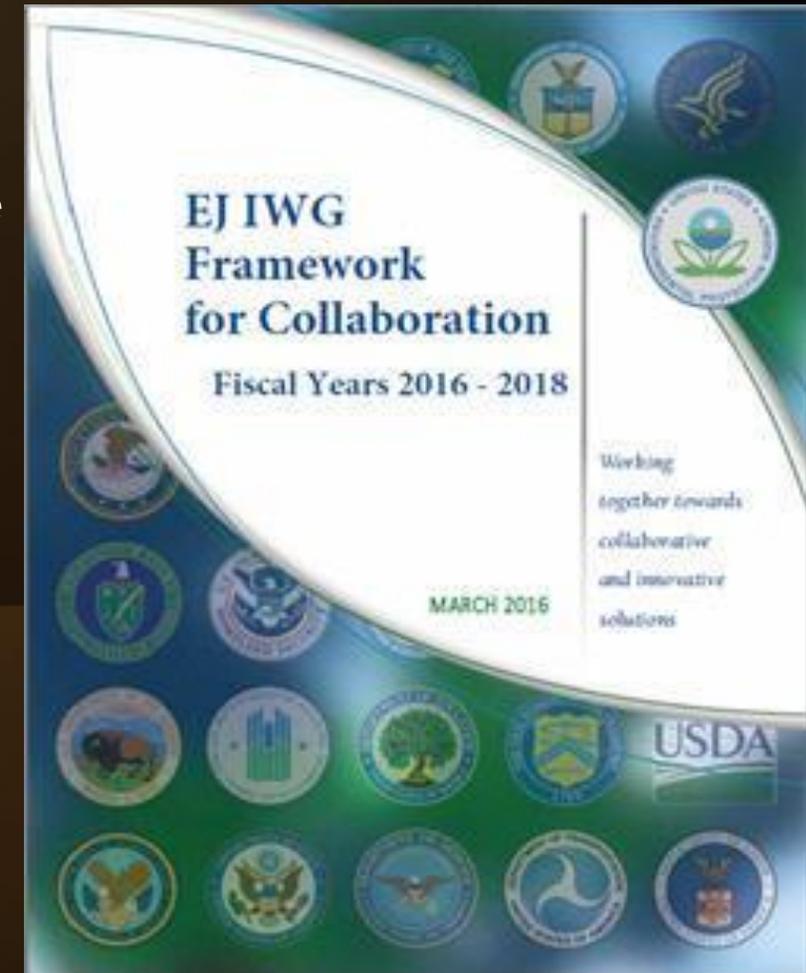
EJ IWG Governance Chart FY 2016 - 2018



Framework for Collaboration FY 2016-2018

The EJ IWG established four strategic goals for fiscal years 2016-2018:

- ❖ Enhance communication and coordination to improve the health, quality-of-life, and economic opportunities in overburdened communities;
- ❖ Enhance multi-agency support of holistic community-based solutions to provide assistance as needed to address environmental justice issues
- ❖ Advance interagency strategies to identify and address environmental justice considerations in agency programs, policies, and activities.
- ❖ Develop partnerships with academic institutions to assist in providing long-term technical assistance to overburdened communities



EJ IWG Highlights 2015-2016

Making Connections with Communities

- ❖ Local solutions addressing environmental justice issues
- ❖ Brownfields to Healthfields

Preparing Today's Youth for Tomorrow's Leaders

- ❖ Educate, Motivate, & Innovate Youth Climate Justice Initiative
- ❖ College/Underserved Community Partnership Program (CUPP)

Collaborating and Building Capacity

- ❖ Report on Promising Practices for EJ Methodologies in NEPA Reviews
- ❖ Regional Interagency Working Groups

Webinar Presenters

Department of the Interior, National Parks Service

- ❖ **Elle O'Casey**

Urban Parks and Community Engagement Coordinator at the National Parks Service Stewardship Institute

- ❖ **David Goldstein**

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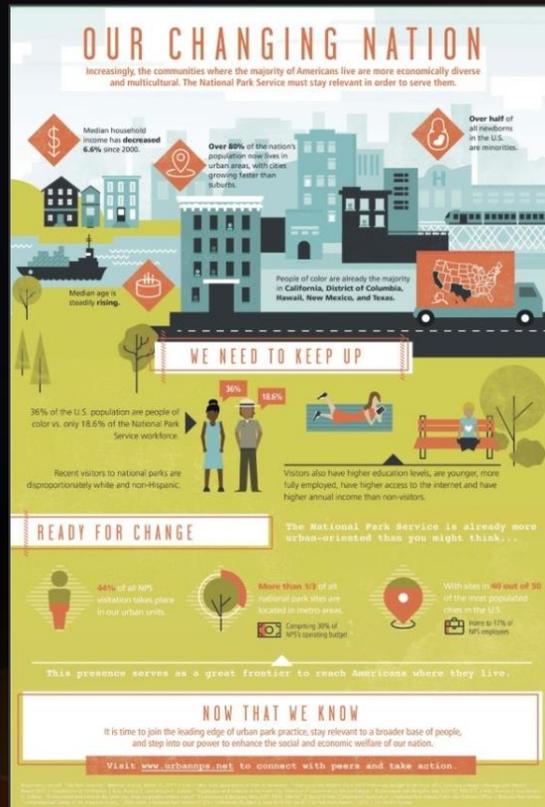
Urban Agenda

CALL TO ACTION INITIATIVE

Elle O'Casey- Urban Parks and Community
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David Goldstein- Urban Fellow; Detroit,
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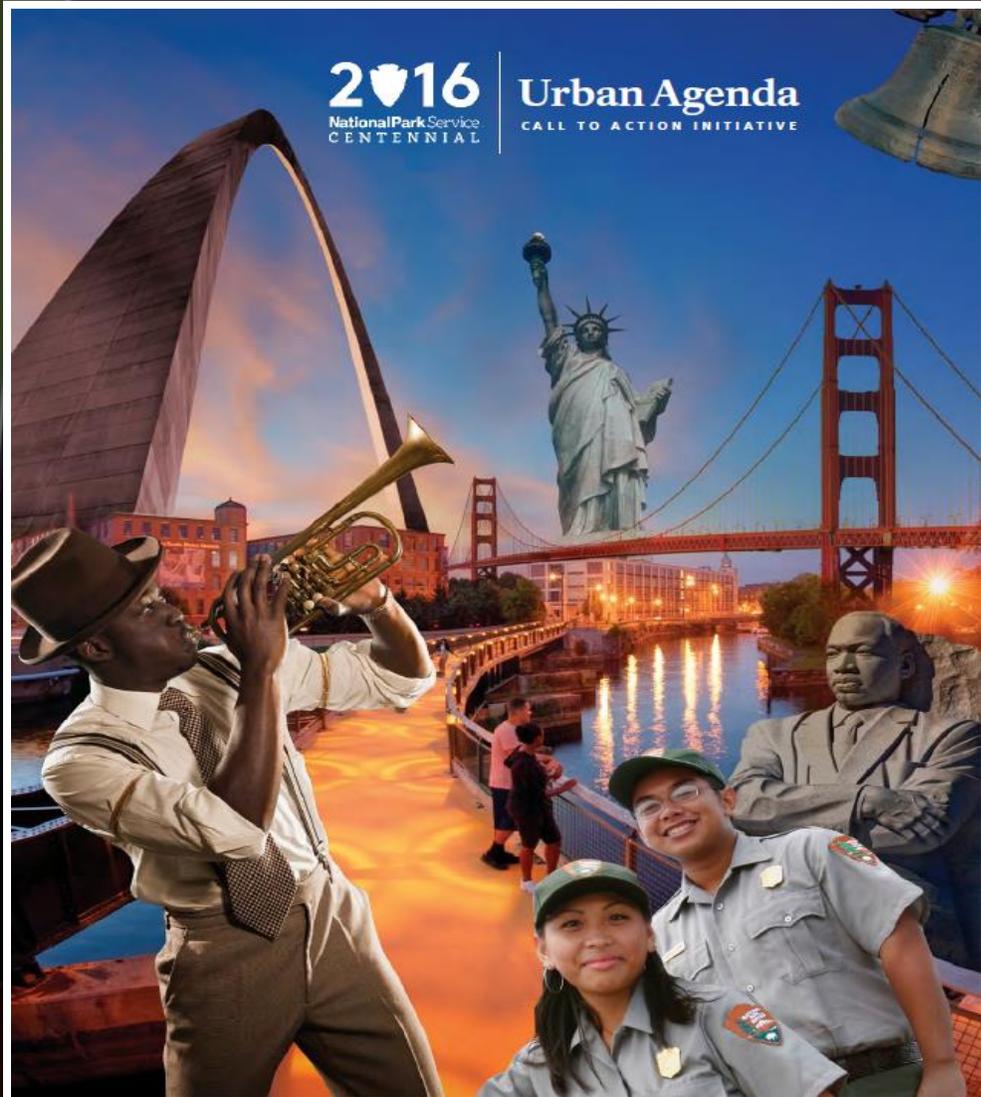
Business Case



Grey Research Showed:

- ❖ Most people associate the NPS with a handful of big, distant parks in the west that they felt had little relevance to their lives and work.
- ❖ Many people were unaware of the breadth of NPS programs, believing that the National Park Service does little beyond protecting the parks.

NPS Urban Agenda



The 3 Principles

- 1 Be Relevant to All Americans
- 2 Activate "ONE NPS"
- 3 Nurture a Culture of Collaboration

Demonstrate **strategic use of the NPS portfolio** in parks, programs and partnerships - learn and share experiences.



Model Areas:

-  Parks Embedded in Cities
-  Parks Adjacent to Cities
-  No Physical Presence of NPS Unit

Implementing the Urban Agenda



- Model cities and Urban Fellows

- Urban Matters National Network

- Test the principles of the Urban Agenda across the Service

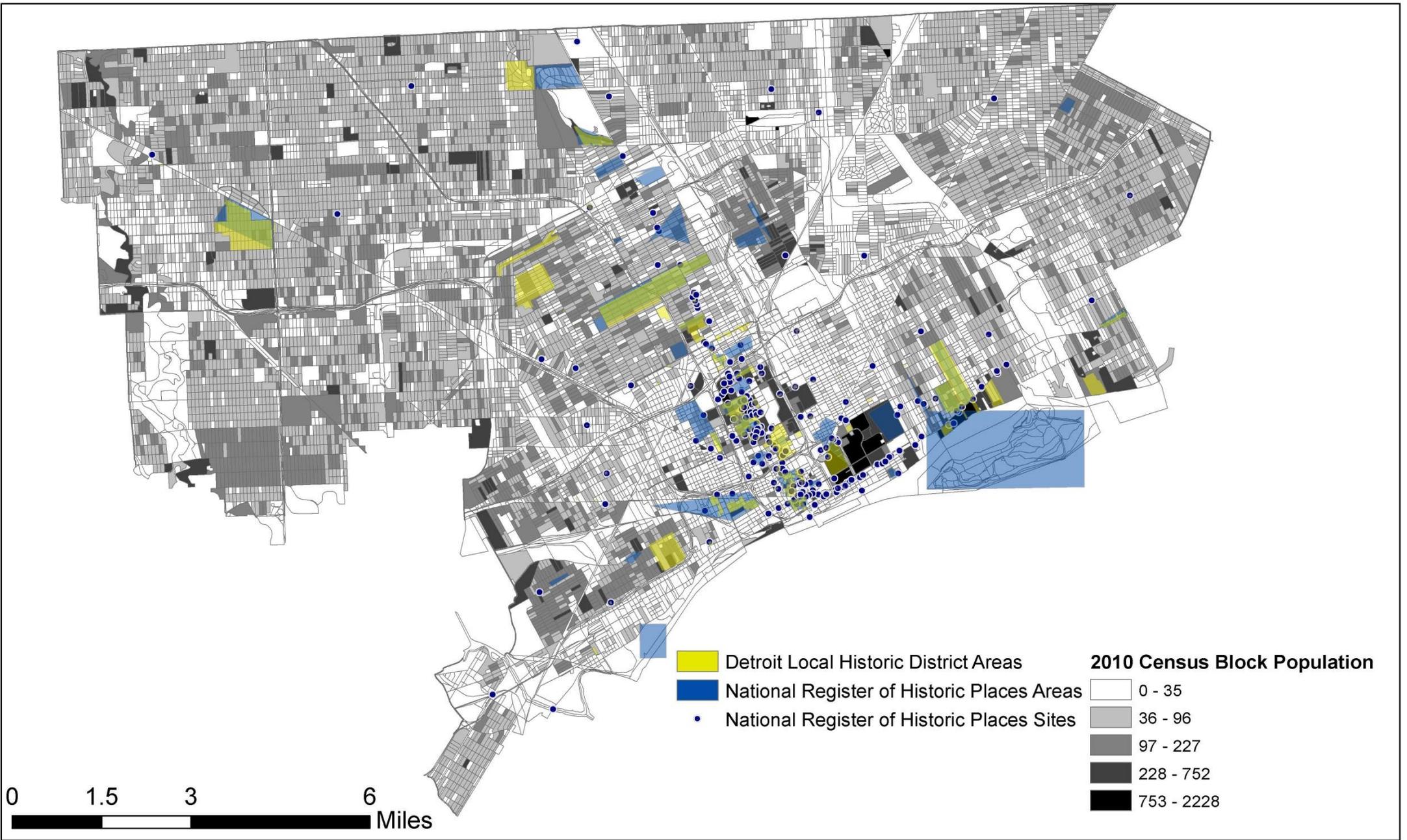
National Park Service Assets-Detroit

- ❖ Cultural Properties: 19 NHL, 218 NHRs, 198 Historical Districts
- ❖ Encumbered Green Space: 18 Land Water Conservation Fund Sites
- ❖ Encumbered Playgrounds: 10 Urban Playground Rehab. Sites
- ❖ Historic Tax Credits: \$320M in Federal Tax Credits, Downtown Skyline
- ❖ River Trails Conservation Assistance: \$2.5M in assistance over 30 yrs to Detroit Riverfront, Rouge River/Park, Fort Rouge, Belle Isle, etc. 6.
- ❖ Oversight on Federal Transportation Projects for Compliance for Cultural and Natural Resource Impact
- ❖ Other Mandates: Military Surplus Properties (Ft. Wayne), Certified Local Governance grants (SHPO), Underground Railroad-Network to Freedom etc...



- Underground Railroad Sites
- Detroit Recreation Centers
- Detroit Parks and Landmarks
- Detroit Local Historic District Areas
- National Register of Historic Places Sites
- National Register of Historic Places Areas

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Thank You

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Environmental Justice at HHS

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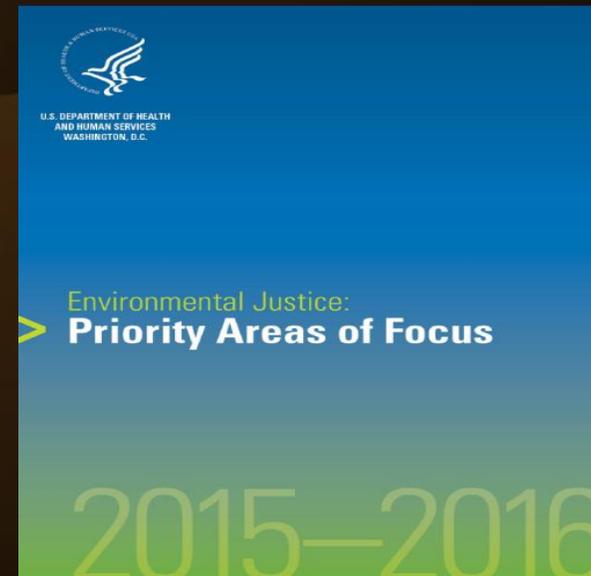
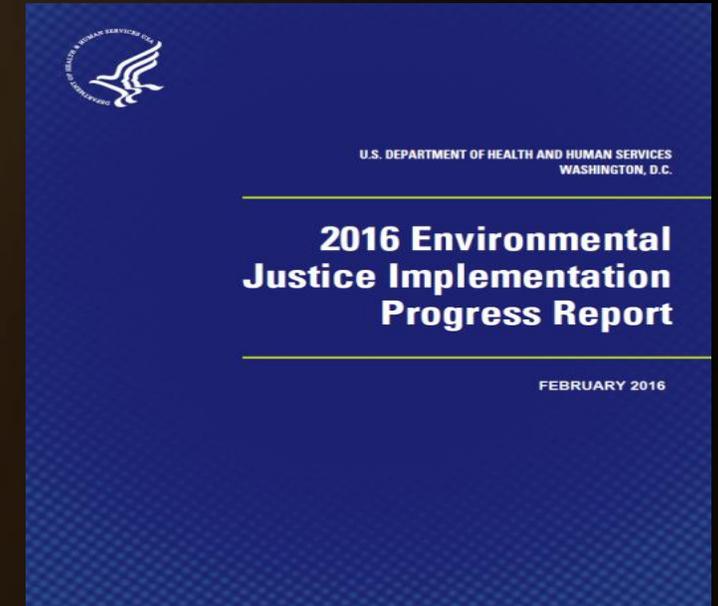
Environmental Justice at HHS



2012 HHS Environmental Justice Strategy and Implementation Plan

<http://www.hhs.gov/environmental-justice/index.html>

HHS EJ Implementation Progress Reports



HHS EJ Priority Areas of Focus

HHS EJ Working Group

Chaired by: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health

Representatives from over 20 HHS organizations participate.

Offices of the Regional Health Administrators for Regions 1, 2, 4 & 8 and Office of the Surgeon General



Office of the Assistant Secretary for Financial Resources



Office of Minority Health



Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation



Office of the General Counsel



Office for Civil Rights



Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion



Office of the Assistant Secretary for Administration



Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response



Partnerships and Collaborations

❖ HHS EJ Activities (Examples)

- NIEHS Worker Training Program partners with DOE, DOL, EPA
- 2015 Climate Justice Conference engaged federal staff and community stakeholders

❖ EJ IWG Activities

- Monthly IWG meetings
- Stakeholder meetings
- IWG workgroups

❖ Regional IWG Activities

- Region II
HHS and EPA partnering to respond to local environmental justice issues
- Region IV
North Birmingham, Alabama

Increasing Access to Health Care in North Birmingham

Through Cross-Agency Coordination and Stakeholder Engagement.



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With My Own Eyes



Increase Access to Health Care Services



The Northern Birmingham Community Coalition. Back row (left to right): Ronald Mitchell, Dennis Mallory, Chester Wallace, Thurman Thomas, Rev. E.O. Jackson, Jones Monday, Robert Hill. Front row (left to right): Jimmy Smith, John Toyer, Joyce Ray, Alberta Weeden, Sandra Brown, Loraine Barker, Vivian Starks.

Visions:

- ❖ Community facility
- ❖ Mobile Clinic
- ❖ Health & Wellness Education

Goal shared by:

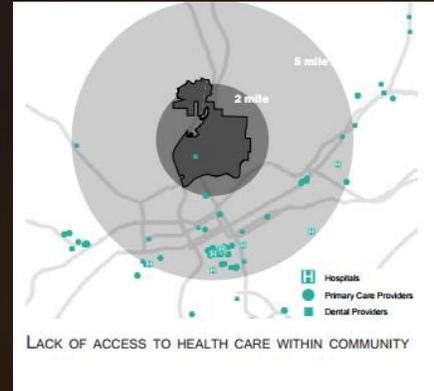
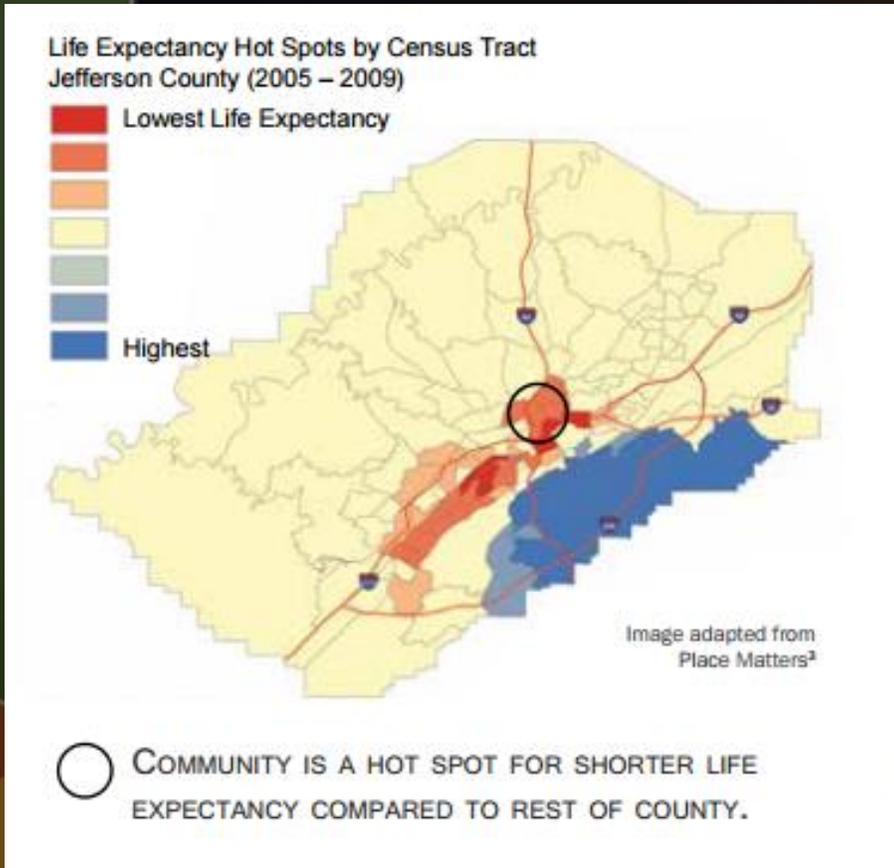
- ❖ North Birmingham Community Coalition
- ❖ City of Birmingham
- ❖ Interagency Working Group



Closed health facilities in Northern Birmingham include Physicians Medical Center Carraway (top) and the Northern Health Clinic (bottom).

Health and Health Care Access

Health Outcomes



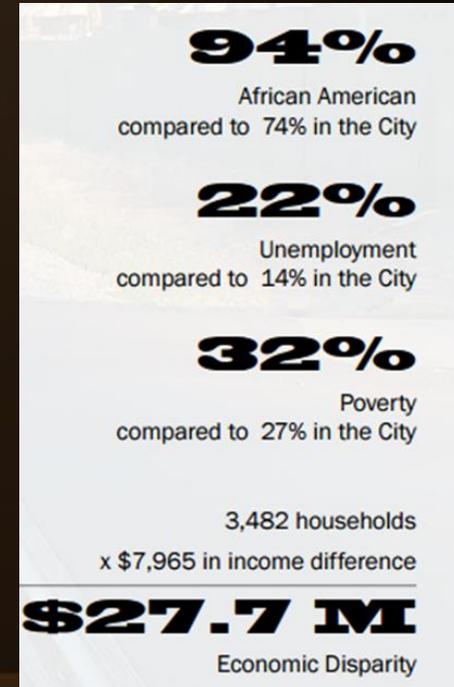
Clinical Care

Jefferson County Ranks
2nd out of 67 Counties.



Physical Environment

Jefferson County Ranks
28th out of 67 Counties



Socio-Economic Environment

Jefferson County Ranks
21st out of 67 Counties

Health Behavior

Jefferson County Ranks
3rd out of 67 Counties

Health and Wellness Workgroup

- ❖ North Birmingham Community Coalition
- ❖ City of Birmingham
- ❖ Jefferson County Department of Health
- ❖ Birmingham NAACP
- ❖ Regional Planning Commission
- ❖ Alabama Primary Health Care Association
- ❖ University of Alabama, Birmingham
- ❖ Department of Health and Human Services
 - Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health
 - Health Resources and Services Administration
 - Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry
 - Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- ❖ US Environmental Protection Agency

Achieving Access to Care

Federal Agencies Worked with the Coalition to Identify Potential Partners and Resources related to Coverage, Services, and Workforce

COVERAGE - Gain entry to the healthcare system

Identified 121 sites in Birmingham that can help people enroll in the healthcare marketplace on healthcare.gov. Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services could advise on how residents can access Medicare and Medicaid. HRSA Community Health Centers can help people locate coverage and provide healthcare.

SERVICES - Access a healthcare location where needed services are provided

HRSA identified federally qualified health centers that can serve the population. ACL and CMS provided information on transportation services. The Alabama Primary Health Care Association, the UAB Schools of Nursing and Medicine, the Birmingham Jefferson County Transit, and HHS Health Resources and Services Administration were considered. *(We questioned the sustainability of a clinic in North Birmingham. Funding for new health care facilities is scarce. Two clinics in area have closed for lack of use. Existing clinic is 2 miles from North Birmingham community.)*

WORKFORCE - Find a healthcare provider with whom the patient can communicate and trust

Identified potential collaborations with Health Education Organizations Health Literacy Organizations, HHS Office of Minority Health, Health Equity and Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Services.

Achieving Access to Care	Federal Agency worked with the Coalition to Execute Action Steps
COVERAGE - Gain entry to the healthcare system	Promote enrollment under the Affordable Care Act
SERVICES - Access a healthcare location where needed services are provided	Promote increased use of nearby clinics. Explore part-time clinic options. Collaborate with federal and local stakeholders to identify resources for transportation. Partner with HRSA and Alabama Primary Health Care Association to educate community concerning clinic funding opportunities.
WORKFORCE - Find a healthcare provider with whom the patient can communicate and trust	Partner with CDC/ATSDR to educate the community about the health impacts of their environment. Explore additional options to improve health education and literacy
ALL THREE	Begin identifying resources for health care needs assessment. JCDH, UAB, and North Birmingham Coalition could collaborate on a Healthcare Needs Assessment to gather information on challenges and opportunities with coverage, services, and workforce. <i>(We were concerned that residents may view this as just another study of the area. Resources to conduct health needs assessment not yet identified.)</i>

Wins



Federal agencies and local partners hosted a health/career fair at a K-8 school in North Birmingham to help adults identify various health issues and locations for health services and to offer immunizations for school-aged children. Backpacks and school supplies were distributed.

Jefferson County Department of Health committed to collaborating with the Coalition and other community partners to seek a beneficial, health-related reuse for the Northern Health Clinic. This includes the potential to reopen a health clinic in partnership with a local FQHC.

HRSA and EPA worked with a Birmingham FQHC to host an ACA Marketplace Enrollment event in Feb 2015 with live assistors. These resources are available for future enrollment periods.

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Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA)

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WIOA: A Brief History

- ❖ President Obama signed the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) into law on July 22, 2014.
- ❖ Congress passed the Act by a wide bipartisan majority; it represents the first legislative reform in 15 years of the public workforce system.
- ❖ WIOA supersedes the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 and amends the Adult Education and Family Literacy Act, the Wagner-Peyser Act, and the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. In general, the Act took effect on July 1, 2015

WIOA: A Brief History

- ❖ In collaboration with colleagues at the Departments of Education, Health and Human Services, Agriculture, and Housing and Urban Development, the Department of Labor published five Notices of Rulemaking in April 2015.
- ❖ After the analysis and consideration of all comments, the Departments of Labor and Education published the final regulations on June 30 on our websites
- ❖ The regulations will officially appear in the *Federal Register* on September 19.

WIOA: The Reforms

- ❖ **Requires States to Strategically Align Workforce Development Programs**
- ❖ **Promotes Accountability and Transparency**
- ❖ **Fosters Regional Collaboration**
- ❖ **Improves the American Job Center (AJC) System**
- ❖ **Improves Services to Employers and Promotes Work-Based Training**
- ❖ **Provides Access to High Quality training**
- ❖ **Enhances Workforce Services for the Unemployed and Other Job Seekers**
- ❖ **Improves Services to Individuals with Disabilities**
- ❖ **Makes Key Investments in Serving Disconnected Youth and Other Vulnerable Populations**
- ❖ **Streamlines and Strengthens the Strategic Roles of Workforce Development Boards**

WIOA Seeks Excellence

The Workforce system will be characterized by three critical hallmarks of excellence:

- The needs of business and workers drive workforce solutions;
- One-Stop Centers (or American Job Centers) provide excellent customer service to jobseekers and employers and focus on continuous improvement; and
- The workforce system supports strong regional economies and plays an active role in community and workforce development.

WIOA: Performance is Paramount

- ❖ Establishes common performance measures and encourages common data systems across core programs
- ❖ Six primary indicators of performance to be negotiated with each State by Secretaries of Education and Labor as part of the Unified State plan.
- ❖ States negotiate performance levels with local areas.
- ❖ Indicators include employment-related outcomes, credential attainment and measurable skills gain. Performance goals reflect economic conditions and participant characteristics.

WIOA: It's a Decentralized System

For the environmental justice community, several observations about funding flow are important:

- ❖ The public workforce system is Federally-funded.
- ❖ But the majority of services for businesses and workers are delivered at the local level.
- ❖ The Department of Labor, using a statutory formula, allocates the majority of employment and training grants to states.
- ❖ The states, in turn, use formula to allocate funds to local workforce areas.

WIOA: On the Internet

WorkforceGPS: www.workforcegps.org

Innovation and Opportunity Network: www.ion.workforcegps.org

WIOA Resources: www.doleta.gov/wioa



On the Internet:

Some key DOL/ETA websites for the environmental justice community:

Upcoming ETA grant opportunities

https://www.doleta.gov/grants/pdf/ETA_Funding_Opportunities.pdf

For a Review of State Plans and Annual Narratives

https://www.doleta.gov/performance/results/AnnualReports/annual_report.cfm

EPA and Environmental Justice Postings of Interest to the Workforce System

www.doleta.gov/usworkforce

Career OneStop

www.careeronestop.org

Explore Green Careers / Environment Protection

My Next Move

<https://www.mynextmove.org/>





On the Internet:

www.careeronestop.org/getmyfuture/index.aspx

Home Explore Careers Education Employment Find Support Toolkit

GetMyFuture

"Find a career that makes you happy every morning you wake up."
- Lonnie, first generation college graduate. [See Lonnie's story.](#)

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YouthBuild



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YouthBuild History

- ❖ 1978 – First YouthBuild started in Harlem, New York
- ❖ 1993 - 2006 – Program administered by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
- ❖ YouthBuild Transfer Act of 2006 brought the program to the U.S. Department of Labor

YouthBuild

- ❖ The Department has over 215 YouthBuild active programs in 43 states, the District of Columbia, and the U.S. Virgin Islands
- ❖ Youth served annually: approximately 7,500
- ❖ The grant award range: \$700,000 – \$1.1 million
- ❖ Average cost per participant: \$15,000 - \$18,000
- ❖ Grant period includes four months of implementation/start-up planning, two years of active programming, and one year of follow-up

WIOA Changes to YouthBuild

WIOA adds a fifth key element to YouthBuild:

- A continued focus on green energy by codifying an existing YouthBuild program goal: “To improve the quality and energy efficiency of community and other non-profit and public facilities, including those that are used to serve homeless and low-income families.”

YouthBuild Participant Eligibility

- ❖ Not less than age 16 and not more than age 24, on the date of enrollment AND
- ❖ Be one or more of the following:
 - A member of a low-income family and/or
 - A youth in foster care (including youth aging out of foster care) and/or
 - A youth offender and/or
 - A youth with a disability and/or
 - The child of an incarcerated parent and/or
 - A migrant youth
- ❖ AND a school dropout or an individual who was a dropout and has subsequently reenrolled.

Participant Eligibility Exception

Up to 25% of youth enrolled in the YouthBuild program may meet one of two exceptions:

1. In-School Youth who have not dropped out but are referred to YouthBuild by a principal or counselor as a better fit (this exception can only be used by programs that offer HS diplomas as these youth must still be encouraged to receive a HS diploma rather than an equivalency degree.
2. High School Graduates may be enrolled under the 25% exception if they are basic skills deficient.

Eligible YouthBuild Applicants

- ❖ Faith-based and community-based organizations;
- ❖ Entities carrying out activities under Title I of WIOA, such as a local board;
- ❖ Community action agencies;
- ❖ State or local housing development agencies;
- ❖ Indian tribes or other agencies primarily serving Indians;
- ❖ Community development corporations;
- ❖ State or local youth service or conservation corps; or
- ❖ Any other entity eligible to provide education or employment training under a Federal program.

YouthBuild Program Model



Construction Plus

- ❖ Previously-funded grantees are eligible for expansion into Construction Plus industries.
- ❖ Construction Plus integrates construction training with other in-demand fields that also have industry-recognized credentials.
- ❖ Provides broader career pathway opportunities for youth participants.

YouthBuild Programs Have...

- ❖ Built/rehabbed 5,413 green units
- ❖ Built 2,350 ENERGY STAR homes
- ❖ Weatherized 4,779 homes
- ❖ Placed 1,390 graduates in green jobs

Green Construction

- ❖ Design charrettes to incorporate green measures before starting construction
- ❖ Engage sustainability Professionals
- ❖ Use green products/vendors
- ❖ Reuse/repurpose site materials
- ❖ Educate community

Green Education

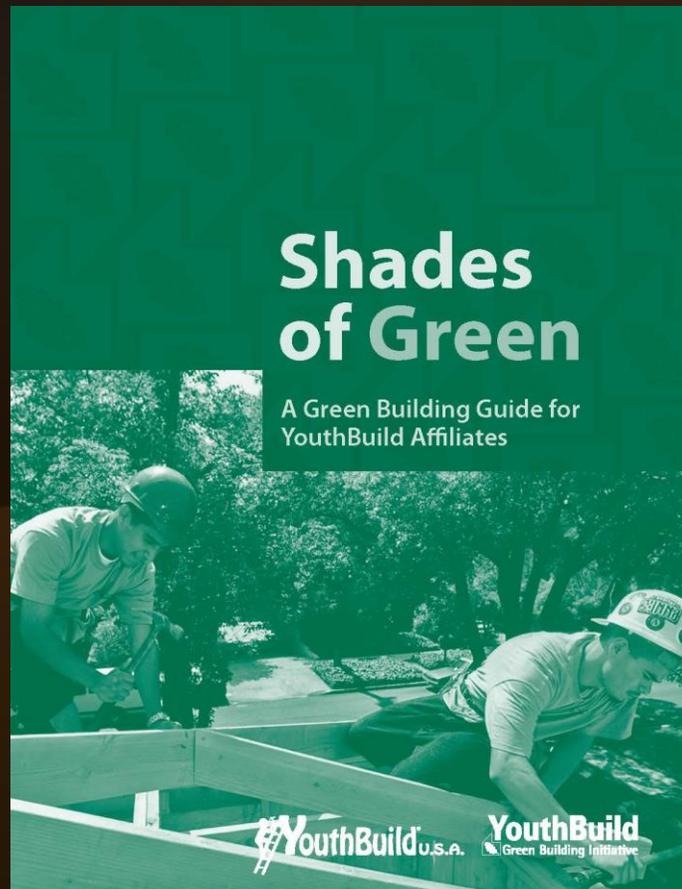
- ▶ Incorporate environmental awareness curriculum
- ▶ Green project based learning curriculum
- ▶ STEM

Green Resources

- ❖ Incubating green businesses
- ❖ Building partnerships with employers and post-secondary education in the green industries
- ❖ Workshops for graduates to learn emerging skills and obtain certifications
- ❖ Green service projects that benefit the community
- ❖ Students preparing workshops for community members and elected officials on green topics
- ❖ Students to bring environmental responsibility home

Shades of Green Resource Guide

https://youthbuild.workforcegps.org/resources/2015/04/14/12/08/Shades_of_Green



Contact Information

The YouthBuild web site:

https://www.doleta.gov/Youth_services/YouthBuild.cfm

The YouthBuild Workforce GPS Community of Practice

<https://youthbuild.workforcegps.org>

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Questions from the Audience?

Upcoming Events 2016

- I. **Submit Comments** on EPA's Near-Port Capacity Building Tools: *Draft Community Engagement Tools, Community Action Roadmap and EJ Primer for Ports*. Go to:
<https://www.epa.gov/ports-initiative>
- II. **Oct. 12th** –National Environmental Justice Advisory Council-
Public Meeting
- III. **Oct. 25-26th** -National Funding Resources and Training Summit
for Vulnerable Communities

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Webinars

- I. **Aug. 16th** -The Council on State and Territorial Epidemiologist (CSTE) is hosting: EPA's Environmental Justice Research Roadmap and Interagency Efforts on Climate Justice
- II. **Sept. 8th** -Increasing Awareness of Federal Grant and Resource Opportunities
- III. **Oct. 13th** -Creating Safe and Healthy Environments for Children
- IV. **Nov 10th** -Learning Together: Lessons Learned from Collaborative Place-Based Initiatives

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