

Environmental Justice

Spring RTOC

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Session Objectives

At the end of the session participants...

- ...will have a clear idea of what the Environmental Justice Movement is and what its goals and objectives are.
- ...will have a clear vision of how the EPA understands environmental justice and its approach to doing work in EJ.
- ...will share the tribal EJ experience and through dialogue and identify key tribal EJ priorities and the tribal EJ perspective.



Discussion Flow

- Introduction
- Environmental Justice Overview
- EPA EJ Perspective and Work
- Tribal EJ Discussion



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Activity



EJ Movement: Historical EJ Events



Sit-in Against Warren County, NC PCB Landfill



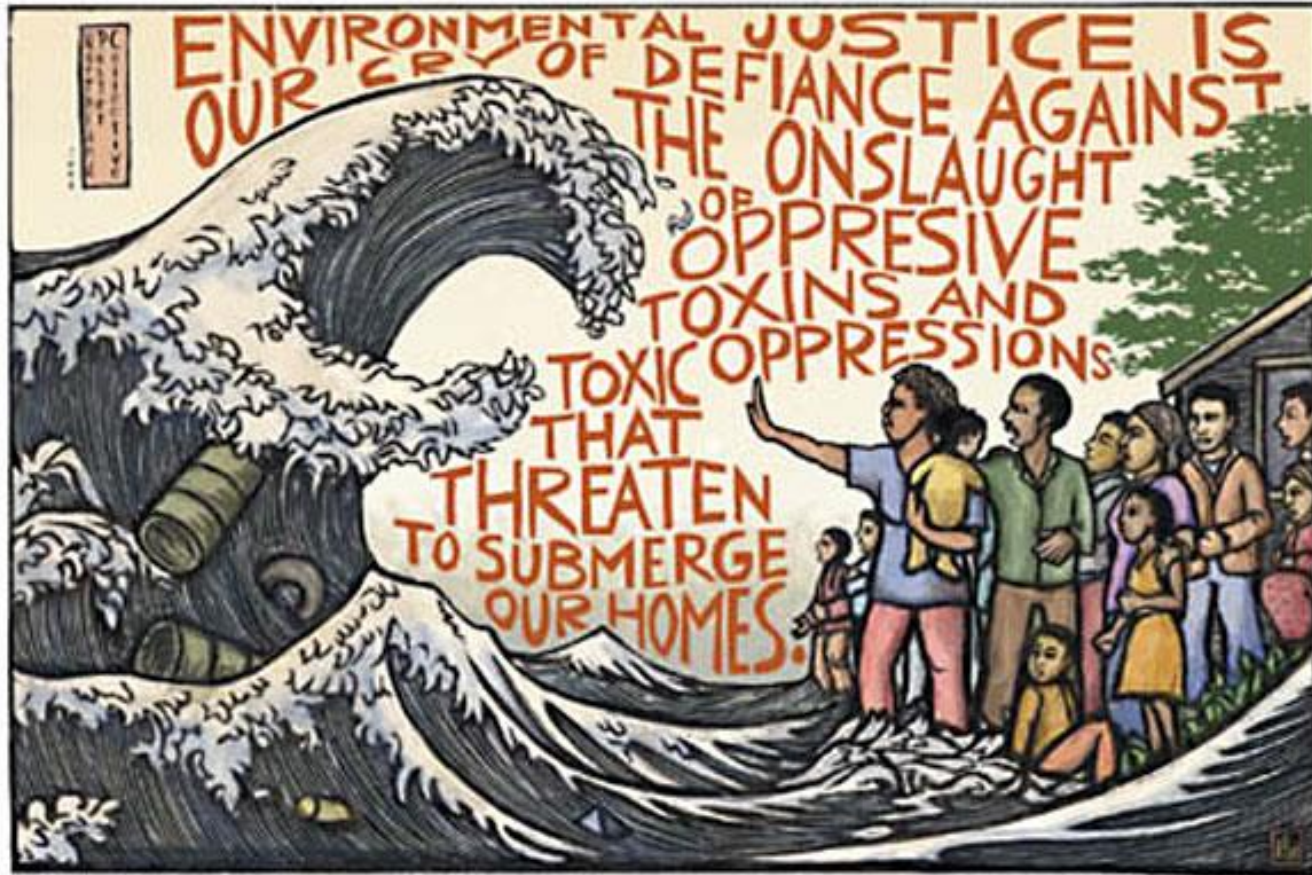
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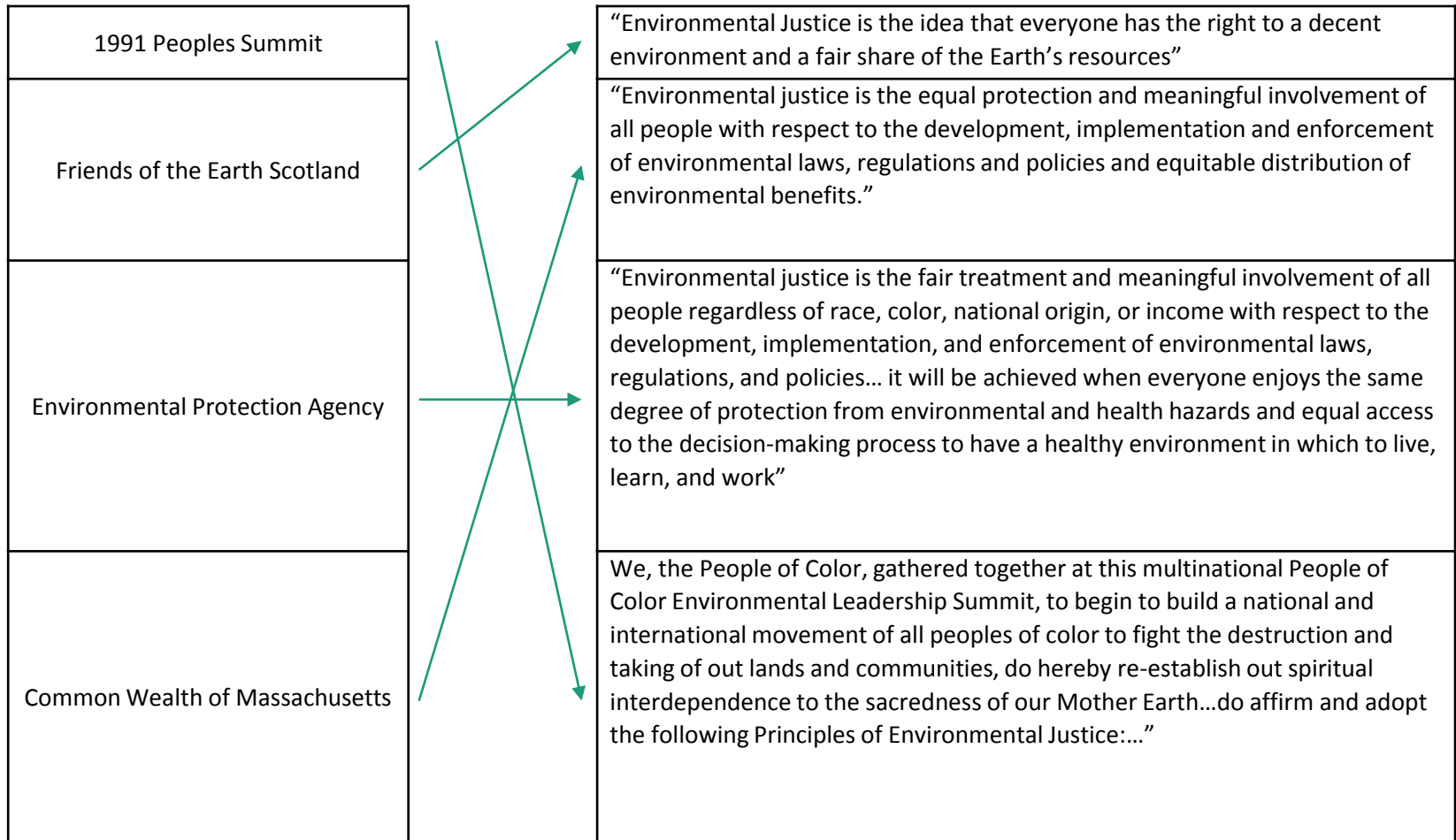
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1991 Peoples Summit



Defining EJ...



EPA EJ Perspective and Work



National Environmental Justice Advisory Council

- Integrate environmental justice considerations into Agency programs, policies and activities.
- Improve the environment or public health in communities disproportionately burdened by environmental harms and risks.
- Address environmental justice by ensuring [meaningful involvement](#) in EPA decision-making, building capacity in disproportionately burdened communities, and promoting collaborative problem-solving for issues involving environmental justice.
- Strengthen its partnerships with other governmental agencies, such as other Federal agencies and State, Tribal, or local governments, regarding environmental justice issues.
- Enhance research and assessment approaches related to environmental justice.



Tribal EJ Policy

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Purpose: To clarify and integrate environmental justice principles in a consistent manner in the Agency's work with federally recognized tribes and indigenous peoples.

Scope: Federally recognized tribes, state recognized tribes, tribal members, indigenous community organizations, Native Hawaiians, individual Native Americans, and others living in Indian country.



EJ 2020 Action Plan

Collaborating with tribes to EJ build capacity as requested by tribes based on needs identified by tribes.

- **EJ 2020** is EPA's strategic plan for **environmental justice** for the years 2016-2020
- **EJ 2020** builds on the foundation of **EJ 2014** and thirty years of work by EPA, communities and partners
- **EJ 2020** seeks greater environmental justice integration and results



Other EPA EJ Resources...

- Grants
 - EJ Grants
 - GAP
- EJ Screen
- R9 RTOC and Tribal Conference
- EJ & Consultation



Timeline Activity & Tribal EJ Ideas



Tribal EJ Perspective

- Possible Discussion Questions
 - What does EJ mean to you?
 - What tribal EJ work exists already?
 - What tribal EJ resources are out there?
 - What are your thoughts on EPA's EJ tribal work?



Thank you!

We hope to see you and more at the Tribal-EPA
Conference!



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