

# ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE



## Putting Environmental Health Data into Action

*Read and click on the links below to learn about ways to engage in environmental justice action.*

## TOP 3 RECOMMENDATIONS:

**Individual:** Learn about what environmental justice (EJ) is

**Community:** Encourage friends and family to invest in local businesses

**Structural:** Support policy changes that reduce environmental exposure inequities

## INDIVIDUAL: Learn, act, and protect yourself

- To learn:
  - What [EJ](#) is and where EJ areas are located in the state via Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection's [EJ Areas Viewer](#)
  - Demographic and environmental information in your area via [EJScreen](#)
- To do:
  - Research corporations' environmental practices prior to supporting them
  - Connect with leaders and residents in EJ areas to learn about their concerns, needs, and priorities to amplify their efforts with your own
  - Sign up to receive DEP's [Environmental Justice newsletter](#)

## COMMUNITY: Support your social networks

- Encourage friends and family to invest in local businesses owned by marginalized groups
- Share the [Healthy Community Design Checklist](#) with neighbors to learn how to include health in the community planning process
- Share the [Pediatric Environmental Health Toolkit](#) with pediatric healthcare professionals
- Amplify the voices of EJ area communities by donating to or volunteering for organizations advocating for EJ, such as the [UrbanKind Institute](#) and [Philly Thrive](#)

## STRUCTURAL: Advocate for organizational & policy level change

- Assure that the voices of marginalized communities are included in environmental health decision-making
- Incorporate EJ into your organization's mission to prioritize EJ initiatives
- Include EJ in school curriculum to create empowered & equipped community members
- Increase state funding to grassroots and local EJ organizations
- Support policy changes that reduce environmental exposure inequities, such as changes in municipal zoning regulations