Environmental Justice

How are agencies responding?

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Business and the Environment Conference

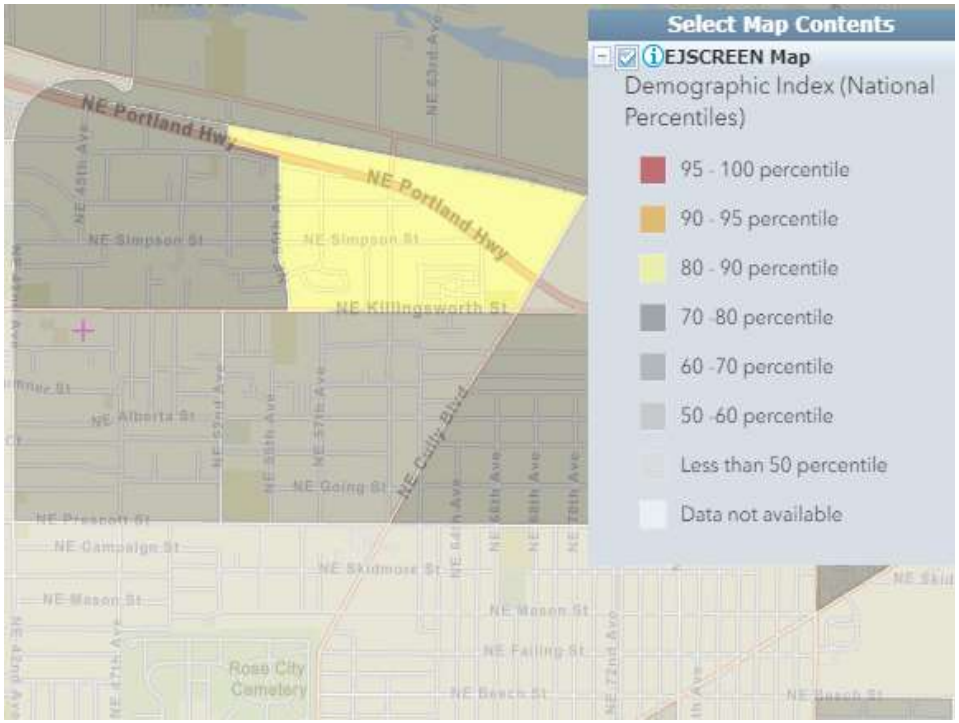
EJ and Oregon: Past and present

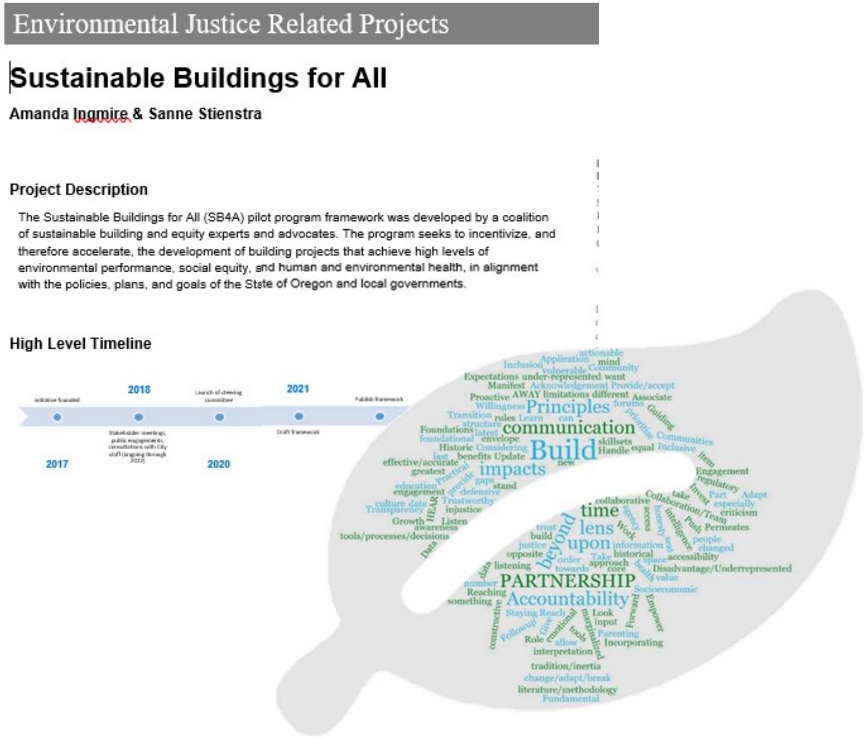
- Good governance
- Federal policy
- State law

…equal protection from environmental and health risks, fair treatment and meaningful involvement in decision making of all people regardless of race, color, national origin, immigration status, income or other identities with respect to the development, implementation and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations and policies that affect the environment in which people live, work, learn and practice spirituality and culture.

EJ, equity and civil rights

EJ and DEQ: Program implementation





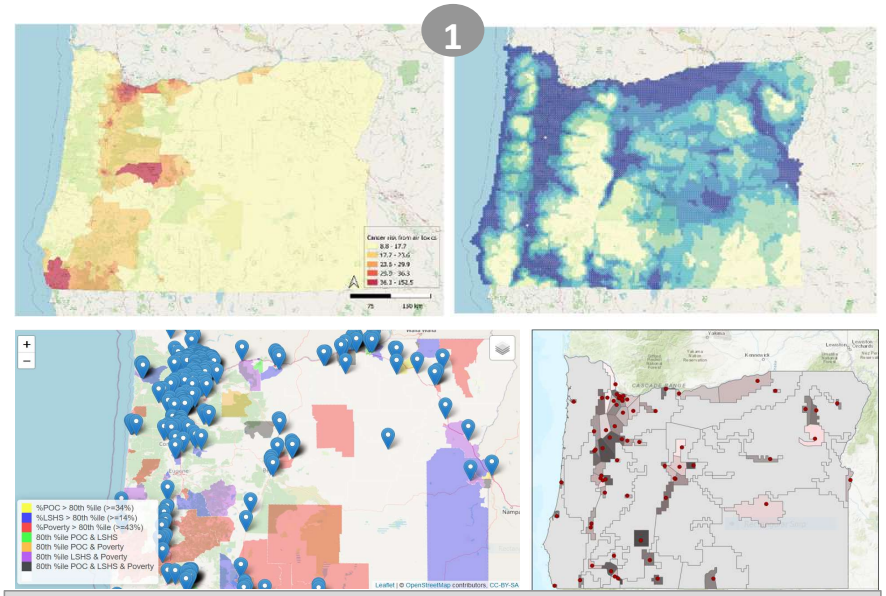
EJ and businesses: Actions and considerations

Native Gathering Garden, Cully Park
Picture courtesy of City of Portland Parks and Recreation:
https://www.portland.gov/parks/community-gardens/ngg

- Regulatory compliance
- Meaningful community engagement

EJ is intersectional and about a person's lived experience

EJ and Oregon: Next steps



air pollution burden: exposure to air pollution

Resources

- EPA's EJSCREEN: https://www.epa.gov/ejscreen

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Thank you!