

That you for the time to be open & honest
we come from only through Awareness Creation - US warms faster.
Different backgrounds/ → Get different perspectives
Different perspectives

Environmental Justice Work Group West Michigan Listening Session

⇒ Awareness
⇒ Championing
⇒ Journey

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- Vapor Intrusion - why finding out once it effects people?
 - Tabitha 2 kids w/ ^{asthma} ~~asthma~~, how to encourage to be proactive
- Amplify meeting : Vapor Intrusion
 - Devos's looking into property
 - Gov. asked for 13/14 million to invest Vapor Intrusion (got turned down)

How do we solve issues?

upstream

- proactive (Research, investigation)
- what interventions can we come up with?
- ★ • Any property w/ toxic residential that enhances disability Any vapor fume in residence that gives a person with disability or enhances should be ~~illegal~~ illegal under ~~the~~ ^{the} civil rights act. 2
 - housing/disability/reasonable accommodation
 - need some protection.

~~Be a Champion~~

Be a Champion ⇒ fight for rights of people being effected not covered under disability

(apartment w/ flood issues

* Weak on ~~people~~ Consumer protection

• people of privilege running the State

• How do we get governor closer to issues (to understand)

2. What do you need from your local government to best serve environmental justice issues in your community?

- Same thing as the State
 - Regulation + enforcing - Rose Report
 - ~~What~~ role clarity
 - link city and county in health + environment
 - what policies ^{need} affect public health?
 - ability to listen
 - 1 • lack of integration
 - 2 • inability to listen
- Health-in-all policies

Public Advocate

3. **What do you need from state government to best serve environmental justice issues in your community?**

- engage with the community
- If they don't have protection they don't want to come forward - empower front line staff
- need them to not dismiss
- for mgmt.

4. Ideally, what does your vision for environmental justice in Michigan look like to you?

- 1-3 will hopefully allow us to form a vision
- city • Appoint public advocate, that can tell gov: about direct issues.
- ~~XXXXXX~~
- Find a way through regulation that we engage^{me} private sector
- Places for people to go when rights are violated

request for gov. to come listen

Guy MW
8/1/17

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- Money for 'smaller' brownfield redevelopment, outside of just downtown/DDA areas, and in neighborhoods (i.e. vapor intrusion sites - #1.3 general Rnd is not enough) (enabling legislation for locals to create a fund)
- Change the atmosphere of people vs. business - both working toward a common goal of
- Framework for businesses to incorporate EJ principles/public safety.
's respond to citizens' needs.

2. What do you need from your local government to best serve environmental justice issues in your community?

- Local health dept. communication on test results for own protection
 - what's the dept. going to do with all the information/test results (the bigger picture tells a story - it needs to be communicated)
- Need to take immediate action to resolve water issues (which are global, not just local)
- Address lead abatement in 49507
- Neighbors need to be communicated to when there are local health/environmental impacts nearby. (public facing website?)
 - ↳ helps homeowners make their own decisions on additional testing, etc.

3. **What do you need from state government to best serve environmental justice issues in your community?**

- Safety of Michigan's residents should be the priority of state government decisions. (over saving money).

4. Ideally, what does your vision for environmental justice in Michigan look like to you?

- what is justice?
- Everyone gets treated the same. Equal distribution of the pollutants.
 - 49507 has more lead than Flint / anywhere in MI - This is not justice
 - Keeping all community members safe when placing businesses - Being intentional about EJ communities.
 - It's not jobs or environment, the future is environmental / clean jobs
 - MI is a leader in clean jobs (Recycling, clean energy, no plastic bags)
 - Better education to MI citizens on issues (fracking, line 5)
 - ! impacts
 - ↳ who is responsible for communication on contaminated properties?
 - People's safety should be the ultimate priority (over \$)

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- Great that it includes community representatives.
 - people impacted directly
- Areas with many problems are areas with minority / low income populations.
 - efforts must reverse these problems
 - need latino representative / perspective included
 - need to reach out in ^{culturally} appropriate way
- Don't wait for development projects to start interest
- Be proactive before health impacts ~~sho~~ happen
- Make polluters more accountable
- Air issues - outdoor air quality
 - asthma issues are a problem
- affordable housing - people forced to choose unsafe housing

2. What do you need from your local government to best serve environmental justice issues in your community?

- A sense of urgency - beyond economic impact of project
 - especially when children are involved
- attitude to all issues not just economic ones
- address affordable housing
- land lords ^{are} renting unhealthy homes
- use brownfield + other tax incentives to create affordable housing

3. What do you need from state government to best serve environmental justice issues in your community?

- don't take funding away from environmental programs addressing justice issues
 - needs to increase
- communicate when issues are known
- create affordable safe homes + preserve existing housing as affordable
- integrate impacted communities into decision making processes
- promote/allow inclusionary zoning

4. Ideally, what does your vision for environmental justice in Michigan look like to you?

- attention paid to it
- 48217 and flint don't keep happening
- your neighborhood doesn't determine if your child is lead poisoned.
- accessible quality affordable housing

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- Lead testing
- Housing Crisis - programs, renters, home ownership, etc. (HUD) (Foreclosures) -- recommendation - House fax
 - Special Needs/Education Programs - more services available
 - Environmental Protection - (Funding)
Oil spill, coal plants - State Government
Free soil testing
 - Composting - (Educating, Funds)
 - Free / Reduced Lunch
 - Healthy Homes - Ensuring Homes are Healthy
Lead, Mold, etc
 - More education in schools for communities/parents
 - More community awareness

2. What do you need from your local government to best serve environmental justice issues in your community?

- Website info or resources for community services, locally
- Environmental issues w/ home lead testing, etc. - more preventive care
- offer more environmental classes to teach the community
- Planting/ Replanting Trees
- More education between parents/schools
- classes on home ownership
Classes for lead testing
Mandate for Landlords to take classes
- ~~Provide more job placement for individuals~~

3. *What do you need from state government to best serve environmental justice issues in your community?*

- Provide more job placement for individuals
- Decal created - Mandate Landlords
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4. Ideally, what does your vision for environmental justice in Michigan look like to you?

③ - Allowing individuals a 2nd chance w/
criminal records, bad credit — solutions
to get individuals back on the right path
and to help them become successful

③ - Partnering w/more groups to spread
awareness

④ Partnering w/more groups to spread
awareness / stay connected

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Plaster Creek

Watershed = most polluted in WM

- starts in ag, then thru industry

Und/Unimpacted and thru low-income communities

Rec

storm utility tax

per square foot when pave over land

amount of impervious acreage

for developers

Cont'd
City Council
City

emphasis on green infrastructure
Developers get credit for this
agency
to address ag impacts on farm workers

Question - access to natural resources - Does this count as EJ?
- old parts of Muskegon losing access to the lake because of new lakefront development
- what is justice for Muskegon residents who don't have access to natural resources?

Parallel between DEQ + Enviro - nothing happened in either case of wrongdoing
1
Time to limit protection of individuals in enviro professions inside DEQ

2. What do you need from your local government to best serve environmental justice issues in your community?

- Make planning a more professional endeavor
don't expect every village to have a
9-10 person planning committee ~~at~~
- can only have so many good planners

Rec - more professional planning service offered
by county or larger entity than local village
- walkability in community

Rec - educate + enlighten themselves
- address EJ issues of ^{Grand} River restoration

Rec - need a standard definition of enviro justice
so planning commission doesn't have it

Rec - Elevate ^{very} power
+ duties of the
drain commissioner
+ make them responsible
for their job

sample
for product
needs to be a

result of an
inclusive, participatory process
representational

- make it a professional
position, not elected,
and make them accountable

3. What do you need from state government to best serve environmental justice issues in your community?

Product of our work used as a model for other locales

Rec - state builds ^{proven} models + brings to municipalities to use and refine best practice models

Rec - Funding - fund the programs doing good things
Comm - fund new solutions and expanded list of

Rec - ~~not build fund that~~ substantial penalty for breaking the law
↳ if pollute - calculate full cost

Rec - Require insurance on part of potential polluters

Rec ^{if not in compliance} repeat tax abatement to polluters

- End subsidies to polluting factory farms

- Fine polluting industries

↳ end of state dept intervening in negotiations

4. Ideally, what does your vision for environmental justice in Michigan look like to you?

- Clean water

- members of community most affected by problems are leaders being listened to for solutions

emp. & accountability
a well-funded DBC + DNR so they can do their job

Questions #1 continued

Rec - Individuals need to be held accountable - can't withhold info and carry thru the organization

< - Lift the shield of protection
< + Lift the veil

< - Budget for malpractice insurance!

< Retire all coal ^{fired power} plants + use renewable energy sources instead - provide incentives

- Mandate utilities + industry causing a non-attainment areas reduce pollution further

Financing - State of Michigan has never adopted carbon or water credits - put a price on the negative + creates

Model

Recommendation: a financial incentive to adopt "payments for ecosystem services" such as carbon credits

- Take a zipcode and put economic value on it

[illegible]

→ Muskegon should report out to Work Group
enviro. conditions because of the
extent of contam. sites & proximity
to the water

Early
Discussion
prior to
facilitated
discussion

- 1
- Work Group's work is statewide
 - This is a starting point / should be a beginning point
 - a concern is what is the real commitment to address E.J.
 - Need to listen to more communities & broaden the reach to ensure we are making the Recommendations that are sustainable

4d Success is that the communities themselves
lead through enviro, work force initiatives

3c Educate policy makers @ all levels
- People don't understand / are not aware

Broadening
Planning process
in trusted people's communities
connecting
infrastructure

→ People / decision makers don't know what / have a
Common understanding of what E.J. is

→ Social / Enviro Justice issues are connected

2.a. → Transportation "connections" to
access to lakes, streams, forests for urban residents
areas is the start of a learning & appreciation
process (greenways & pathways) → ensure people are
listening

→ local, state & federal govts all have
the ability to ensure that ^{public} natural areas
are nearby urban populations

ensure local
govt
is
listening
and they are
using
community

4b Safe housing, good jobs, clean water

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Environmental Justice Work Group Listening Session
Table Discussion Instructions and Tips

1. Identify yourself as an EJ Work Group member and table facilitator. Indicate that you are there to listen and help facilitate.
2. Ask people to take 10 to 15 seconds to introduce themselves
3. Ask for a volunteer 'note taker' from your table. Please ask and get a note taker before the discussion begins. Forms at the table for the note taker how to gather and organize the information shared. *a Reporter*
- a. These notes will be compiled and given to the full Environmental Justice Work Group for their consideration as they develop recommendations to the Governor.
4. Ask for a volunteer to report out the results of your discussion, by verbally summarizing the topics, issues, ideas and information shared at the table. Please ask and get a person identified as the reporter before the discussion begins.
5. Refer the table members to the handout on the table and begin by reading or paraphrasing the information. Then, begin to listen.

The Charge of the Environmental Justice Work Group:

The Environmental Justice Work Group will develop and provide recommendations to the Governor that improves environmental justice awareness and engagement in state and local agencies. The Work Group will examine policy and recommend for implementation environmental justice guidance, training, policy, and curriculum that further increases quality of life for all Michiganders.

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2. ***What do you need from your local government to best serve environmental justice issues in your community?***
3. ***What do you need from state government to best serve environmental justice issues in your community?***
4. ***Ideally, what does your vision for environmental justice in Michigan look like to you?***

We want to hear from you tonight. We ask that you help us to hear from many different voices from around the table. So, taking turns will allow more voices to be heard. The table facilitator may invite many people to speak during the next 45 minutes.

We want to know what you are thinking about related to environmental issues you face in your community. Who would like to start with a comment, observation, personal story or a response to one of the questions you see on the table?

Note: These questions will be on each table for guests to review

Tips to invite more people to speak:

"Who else has something they want to share?"

"Are there other topics of concern that we can hear about tonight?"

Say, "And, are there other comments we should hear?"

Tips to get more voices heard, if one or two voices are using most of the time:

"Excuse me, thank you for sharing your comment, observation, experience, and in the interest of hearing from many voices tonight, please wrap up your comment in the next 30 seconds – thank you."

"Pardon me, I apologize for jumping in - let's see if more people around the table have things to share. We are eager to hear from many voices tonight. Could you finish your current thought in the next 30 seconds and then someone else can have the floor? Thank you."

6. At the end of the evening, thank everyone at your table and collect the notes the 'note taker' has captured.

Anne Armstrong's notes from
table w/ Andy Such & Kathy Evans

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- recommendation that ^{Muskegon} ~~Wabigoon~~ makes a specific presentation to Formal Workgroup because of contaminated sites & proximity to water
- what is goal? starting discussion? where's / what's the commitment of the state to implement the plan?
- listening is a good start, but must broaden, listen to more communities,
how to help communities address EJ issues?
- what does success look like?
communities themselves have the ability to develop a plan & restoration, building capacity within communities such as workforce development

lakes, streams & forests

2. What do you need from your local government to best serve environmental justice issues in your community?

- increased access to green space, natural areas to engender ^{environmental} stewardship in densely populated areas and then communicated to local officials
- increase access ^{at} schools to nature

3. *What do you need from state government to best serve environmental justice issues in your community? '*

educate officials

4. *Ideally, what does your vision for environmental justice in Michigan look like to you?*