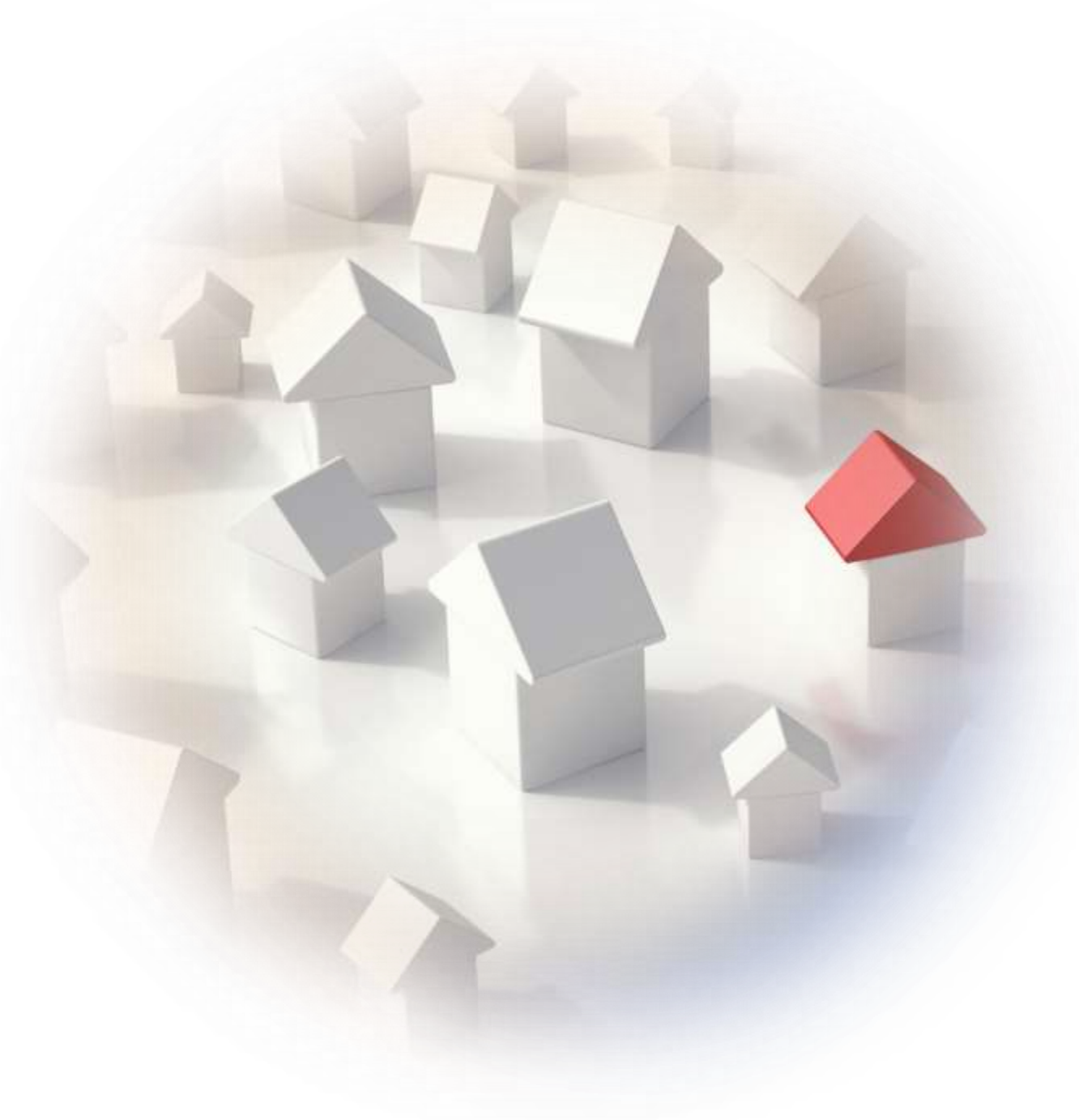


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The NYCLU believes a person's quality of life should not depend on the color of their skin, their bank account, or their zip code. Our environmental justice work empowers low-wealth communities of color to decide the future of their neighborhoods and ensures that they have the resources to live full, healthy lives.

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Challenges with Environmental Justice

- The standard for judicial review is highly deferential to the deciding agency, which can make difficult to prevail on claims
- The standard major protections (NEPA, SEQRA) are procedural- do not require best or desired outcomes



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MARCH FOR JUSTICE FOR I-81



Join UJTF and NYCLU for a March and Press Conference in the Fight for Racial, Economic, and Environmental Justice on I-81.

AUGUST 14TH
10:30AM - MARCH FROM STEAM AT DR. KING ELEMENTARY
12PM - PRESS CONFERENCE AT THE STATE OFFICE BUILDING (333 E WASHINGTON ST.)

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...the viaduct, only on the...
...in a land trust that...
...residents of the southeast

...is responsible for minimizing...
...and economic harms to those...
...the I-81 viaduct during and after...
...construction. This includes making sure people...
...have a place to sleep, eat, and work, and...
...transportation when they need it. If...
...need to be moved during construction,...
...they should be offered a meaningful path back,...
...and should not suffer economic injury as a result.

...must take a reparative,...
...approach to the I-81 project, to...
...address the impact of the once-in-a-generation...
...project on the wealth gap and...
...access to hospitals, educational...
...institutions, and other such redevelopment

...and impacts on the...
...parts of Syracuse

4. The NYSDOT must...
...the children attending...
...Elementary School...
...during and after construction...
...replacement. In addition...
...move forward with plans...
...within 600 feet of the school

These four proposals are based...
...people living in the most impacted...
...process moves forward, it will...
...officials to be in two-way contact...
...residents who live closest to the...
...been politically marginalized...
...injuries sustained by those...
...Ward, and the proximal...
...the anticipated construction...
...address their needs



Key Take Aways

- The Impacted Community Leads the Work
- Use all the tools in the toolbox
 - Organizing
 - Talk to agencies early and often
 - Submitting public comments and written testimony
 - Litigation/Administrative claim typically the last resort

