ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE: ACHIEVING MEANINGFUL INVOLVEMENT

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WHAT WE DO

• Transforming neglected land and waterways into community assets

• Increase resilience to climate change and environmental crises

• Increase access to healthy food

• Cultivate the next generation of environmental leaders
Low to moderate income neighborhoods and communities of color have experiences inequitable health outcomes.

Equitable development can:
• Help to right history of injustice
• Respond to community needs
• Wiser, stronger, stable solutions
EQUITY-CENTERED ENGAGEMENT
SHARED LEADERSHIP & DECISION MAKING

• Center the community
• Listen more than you speak
LEARN & ACKNOWLEDGE CONTEXT

• Listen deeply

• Honor & acknowledge painful legacies
MEET PEOPLE WHERE THEY ARE AT

- Literally & figuratively
- Minimize barriers to participation
- Provide multiple and varied points of entry
BUILD INTENTIONAL PARTNERSHIPS

• Develop local relationships
• Build diverse partnerships
• Find common ground
• Work humbly
RECOGNIZE & VALUE LOCAL KNOWLEDGE

• Compensate people for their time

• Rethink the experts or who can BECOME the expert
TOOLS YOU CAN USE TODAY!

Best Practices for Meaningful Community Engagement Tipsheet

Equitable Development In Action Worksheet
FINAL THOUGHTS

• Collaborative, community-led projects are driving healthy transformation

• Follow the lead of the most vulnerable and disproportionately impacted

• We all have a role in shaping the future of inclusive, healthy, and environmentally-just communities.
Learn more:

https://groundworkusa.org/ta-services/equitable-development-resource-hub/

https://urbanwaterslearningnetwork.org/resources/

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