

Statement on Air Pollution in the Communities of Cheverly, Fairmount Heights and Seat Pleasant in Prince George's County, Maryland

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Air pollution is excessively high in our communities. Local residents have known this for years. Community scale air monitors are now installed and showing what we have always known ... air pollution is higher and much more unhealthy in our communities compared to the majority of communities in the Metropolitan Washington area.

The Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee's soon to be adopted and implemented plan to require state, local and regional members to reduce excessive air pollution in communities like ours needs to be:

- Very aggressive, focus on real actions to immediately reduce air pollution in overburdened communities,
- Include deadlines and procedures to measure and communicate real progress in reducing air pollution, and
- Establish procedures to ensure that the history of government dumping more and more high emitting, dirty businesses and roads into communities like ours is no longer allowed.

This statement was prepared by the Cheverly area Environmental Justice Action Team (EJAT) on behalf of the many local residents who routinely share concerns through the Cheverly Exchange and other community information sharing systems. Additional information and the membership of EJAT is available upon request ... cheverlyareoejteam@gmail.com