

From: [Norman Oslík](#)
To: [MWAQCPublic Comment](#)
Cc:
Subject: AQC plan for cleaning up air pollution
Date: Friday, May 17, 2024 12:42:28 PM

As a long-time resident of Cheverly, I support the statement on cleaning up air pollution submitted on May 15 by the Cheverly area Environmental Justice Action Team. We now have the data, so there is no justification for not addressing the long-term air pollution problems in our area. Thank you.

Norman Oslík



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From: [Elizabeth Esposito](#)
To: [MWAQCPublic Comment](#);
Subject: In Support of Cleaning up Air Pollution
Date: Tuesday, May 21, 2024 1:02:25 PM

Good day,

I am writing you in support of the statement on cleaning up air pollution submitted on May 15 by the Cheverly area Environmental Justice Action Team.

Clean air is very important to public health and quality of life in the community.

Thank you for your consideration,
Liz Esposito
Cheverly, MD 20785

From: [elaine.friebele](#)
To: [MWAQCPublic Comment](#);
Cc:
Subject: Air Pollution in Cheverly
Date: Wednesday, May 22, 2024 11:40:02 AM

I support the statement on cleaning up air pollution submitted on May 15 by the Cheverly area Environmental Justice Action Team.

ElaineFriebele
Cheverly, MD 20785

Cheverly MD Air Monitoring - Citizen Input to MWAQC

Karen Moe - May 22, 2024

Mr. Chairman and Committee Members,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee (MWAQC) Environmental Justice (EJ) Action Plan. My name is Karen Moe and I am a 40-year resident of Cheverly, an inner beltway community that is overburdened by air pollution and air pollution sources.

As a member of the Cheverly Environmental Justice Action Team (EJAT) I support the team's comments. My comments focus on the critical role that community-based, hyper-local air monitoring networks play in a successful plan to reduce air pollution in overburdened communities.

In 2019 I volunteered to be the Cheverly liaison to the University of Maryland team that is implementing a community-driven hyper-local sensor network to monitor particulate matter PM_{2.5} on the ground in Cheverly and neighboring communities. The network has over 20 sites and UMD is continuing to expand into our neighboring communities. In 2021 MDE produced a detailed report on the Cheverly area air quality and the network is now used to target and implement emission reduction actions and identify high-risk issues for future actions.

In 2023 Cheverly was one of the community partners with MDE and UMD to be awarded a \$500,000 EPA grant to expand the network with high quality sensors adding other volatile organic compounds (VOCs). This year UMD installed several black carbon monitors and our community members are closely monitoring the data. The network is a great example of community empowerment and citizen science. Our partners at MDE and UMD have been amazingly helpful.

My recommendation is that the Metropolitan Washington AQ Committee Environmental Justice Plan needs to establish a regional support center, to help fund and build community-based, hyper-local air monitoring networks in EJ communities across the region. Federal funds are available and local universities can help with education and technical issues. I would be happy to share my experiences. Thank you.

From: [Nickie Lambert](#)
To: [MWAQCPublic Comment](#)
Cc:
Subject: Air Pollution in PG
Date: Monday, May 20, 2024 8:12:39 PM

I support the statement on cleaning up air pollution submitted on May 15 by the Cheverly area Environmental Justice Action Team

As someone in long-term lung nodule medical monitoring, who lost their mom in DC to lung cancer, and whose best (and non-smoking) friend is battling lung cancer in her 40s -- this topic is especially important to me. We all have to breathe, and we have to breathe the most where we live - lets make it safe to do that.

Nickie Lambert
Cheverly, MD

From: [Susan Schmidt](#)
To: [MWAQCPublic Comment](#)
Subject: Cheverly Area Environmental Justice Action Team Statement
Date: Monday, May 20, 2024 4:28:45 PM

I support the statement on cleaning up air pollution on May 15 by the Cheverly area Environmental Justice Action Team.

Sincerely,
Susan Schmidt

From: [Micah Watson](#)
To: [MWAQCPublic Comment](#)
Cc:
Subject: Support for the Environment Justice Action Team Statement
Date: Sunday, May 19, 2024 8:30:20 PM

Dear Committee:

I have represented Ward 2 on the Cheverly Town Council for 12 years including two years as Vice Mayor and am the senior member of the Cheverly Town Council. I am a 22-year resident of Prince George's County and a lifelong Marylander. I support the statement on cleaning up air pollution submitted on May 15 by the Cheverly area Environmental Justice Action Team. Thank you for your consideration. Best regards, Micah Watson,

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

May 15, 2024

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 ... cheverlyareaejteam@gmail.com