

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE SUBCOMMITTEE

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Background

- In May 2023, the Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee (MWAQC) adopted its FY24 work program and included the following.
 - An objective to advance environmental justice, community engagement, and equitable regional policies.
 - A goal to develop Action Plan to address environmental justice (EJ) in air quality planning.
- In September 2023, MWAQC established an Environmental Justice Subcommittee to support the EJ work and plan development.
- In December 2023, MWAQC approved the recommended project activities and committee membership structure.

The Approach

- Create an action plan guiding members on integrating equity into air quality policy execution, project management, and program development.
- The (EJ) Subcommittee will spearhead the crafting of this plan, incorporating feedback from the Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee (MWAQC), the Air and Climate Public Advisory Committee (ACPAC), and external contributors.
- Implementation and enforcement of the plan's components will be at the discretion of local and state members within their respective jurisdictions.

EJ Subcommittee Role

- The Environmental Justice Subcommittee has been established to support MWAQC's commitment to incorporating environmental justice and equity in its work program.
- The subcommittee's mission is to develop regional policies and initiatives to support its members environmental justice/equity programs.
- The subcommittee will work collaboratively with stakeholders to develop an Action Plan to provide implementation strategies to integrate equity into policies, programs, and projects related to air quality.
- Sunset Date - one year (12-months) from kickoff meeting and delivering final Action Plan. Goal is to complete the project and deliver the final action plan to members by December 2024.

Approved Membership Structure

Member	Jurisdiction
Local Jurisdictions - 5	
2	DC
2	MD
2	VA
State Agencies - 3	
1	DC
1	MD
1	VA
Public (ACPAC)* - 3	
1 as appointed by ACPAC	DC
1 as appointed by ACPAC	MD
1 as appointed by ACPAC	VA

EJ Subcommittee Members

Volunteer	Jurisdiction	Volunteer	Jurisdiction
Local Jurisdictions - 5			
Dave Snyder (Co-Chair)	VA	Kristin Mink (Co-Chair)	MD
Kenny Boddye	VA	Tom Dernoga	MD
Anita Bonds (Co-Chair)	DC		
To be filled	DC		
State Agencies - 3			
Hannah Ashenafi	DC		
Noble Smith	MD		
Danielle Sims	VA		
Public (ACPAC) - 3			
William Washburn (ACPAC Vice Chair)	DC		
Jacqueline Norris	MD		
Julie Kimmel (ACPAC Chair)	VA		

Next steps

- Contractor selection
 - Proposal due date February 15, 2024
 - Work activities to occur through December 31, 2024
- Project kickoff
- Public Engagement (In coordination with the EJ Subcommittee and consultant)

Project Activities Status

- EJ Subcommittee formation/support. ✓
- Survey and/or hold focus group/roundtable discussions with MWAQC and ACPAC members and other experts to identify resource and assistance needs.
- Develop Action Plan.

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