

Proposed Mapping Subcommittee Objectives & Timeline

Environmental Justice Task Force

The Environmental Justice Task Force is supported by two subcommittees, one focused on the Environmental Health Disparities Map and the other concentrating on community engagement among historically marginalized populations and highly impacted communities. Both subcommittees will recommend model policies and measureable goals for reducing environmental health disparities. Subcommittees will meet monthly to collaborate on current efforts, present findings, and share resources.

Following are objectives specifically for the Environmental Health Disparities Map subcommittee. These objectives are from guidance outlined in the budget proviso for the Environmental Justice Task Force. The proposed order and timeline (organized by required outcome) for the objectives is listed below. Many objectives will need to be completed simultaneously across and within study areas.

Required Outcome: Mapping

Proviso Language: "Guidance for state agencies regarding how to use a cumulative impact analysis tool [Environmental Health Disparities Map] developed by the Department of Health. Guidance must cover how agencies identify highly impacted communities and must be based on best practices and current demographic data."

December 2019 & January 2020: Present findings at the January Task Force Meeting

- A. Identify who (for example: state agencies, non-profit organizations, consultants, local government, etc.) has used the Environmental Health Disparities Map, what they have used the Environmental Health Disparities Map for, and why they have used the Environmental Health Disparities Map.
- B. Identify promising applications of the Environmental Health Disparities Map to guide when and how best the map could be used by state agencies (for example: to inform an equitable distribution of grant funds or to identify target communities for public engagement).
- C. Identify mapping tools similar to the Environmental Health Disparities Map (i.e. California's CalEnviro Screen map, EPA's EJSCREEN, etc.) and understand how these tools are currently used to guide agency work.

February & March 2020: Present findings at the March Task Force Meeting

- D. Based on the effective application of tools similar to the Environmental Health Disparities Map, develop recommendations on uses of the EHD map in state agency activities.
- E. Identify limitations in the application of the Environmental Health Disparities Map and propose actions to address existing limitations or alternative tools to ensure consideration of health disparities.
- F. *Recommended:* Develop recommendations for how the Environmental Health Disparities Map's data/indicator selection and collection methods can be improved or expanded.

- G. Examine how state agencies currently identify and define highly impacted communities and how this information is used to inform decision making.

April & May 2020: Present findings at the May Task Force Meeting

- H. Develop recommendations for how agencies can use the Environmental Health Disparities Map to inform various decision making processes (i.e. fiscal, policy, etc.). Provide agency-specific recommendations when appropriate.
- I. Collaborate with the community engagement subcommittee to examine and discuss the role of community in identifying highly impacted communities.
- J. Recommend strategies for sustainable funding for the Environmental Health Disparities Map.

Required Outcome: Measureable Goals

Proviso Language: "Recommendations for establishing measureable goals for reducing environmental health disparities for each community in Washington and ways in which state agencies may focus their work towards meeting those goals"

January 2020: Present findings at the January Task Force Meeting

- A. Research existing metrics used in other local and state jurisdictions to quantitatively measure progress toward reducing environmental health disparities on a community scale. If possible, provide recommendations for how these metrics can inform application of the Environmental Health Disparities Map.

March 2020: Present findings at the March Task Force Meeting

- B. Develop recommendations for how to use the Environmental Health Disparities map in a way that informs the creation of measureable and actionable goals to reduce environmental health disparities. Provide agency-specific recommendations when appropriate.

Required Outcome: Model Policies

Proviso Language: "Model policies for prioritizing highly impacted communities and vulnerable populations for the purpose of reducing environmental health disparities and advancing a healthy environment for all residents."

January – March 2020: Present findings at the March Task Force Meeting

- A. Identify existing or proposed policies that direct the use of mapping to address environmental justice and health disparities.

April & May 2020: Present findings at the May Task Force Meeting

- B. Make recommendations for how policies could incorporate the use of the Environmental Health Disparities Map.