

Draft Outline: Environmental Justice Task Force (TF) Report

*During the May 18th meeting, the EJ Task Force tentatively adopted the **section headers** of the report (denoted in **bold**). The subsections within each section will continue to evolve, but we have provided some preliminary placeholders for these subsections for your reference.*

- I. Executive Summary**
 - a. Community quote or learning from community relevant to this section's content
 - b. What the TF is & the purpose of the TF
 - c. EJ problems in WA – why EJ is needed
 - i. What does the EHD map really tell us about EJ issues in WA?
 - ii. Acknowledging history & present (e.g. COVID + police brutality) conditions that call for prioritizing EJ in state government
 - d. EJ principles – still developing; using community feedback to develop principles
 - e. Summary of process
 - f. Summary of recommendations
 - i. WA EJ Definition
- II. Glossary of EJ and Equity Terms**
 - a. Statement about the power that words have
 - b. Committed to an asset-based framing throughout the report, and especially when referring to communities
- III. Story of the TF (background)**
 - a. Community quote or learning from community relevant to this section's content
 - b. HEAL Act & creation of the EHD map
- IV. Scoping & interpretation of proviso language**
 - a. Community quote or learning from community relevant to this section's content
 - b. Proviso language
 - c. EJ principles (this might be better suited in section V)
- V. Literature or background research section**
 - a. Community quote or learning from community relevant to this section's content
 - b. The history of EJ in WA, and EJ issues in WA communities
 - c. What other states, local jurisdictions, non-profit organizations, Tribes, etc. are doing to actively combat environmental health disparities and promote improved health outcomes, specifically within an EJ context.
- VI. Process (like a methods section)**
 - a. Community quote or learning from community relevant to this section's content
 - b. Subcommittees
 - c. Community engagement
 - i. Community engagement process
 - ii. How community informed the recommendations, including lessons learned & partnership with Front & Centered
 - d. Process for decision making & ensuring representation:
 - i. One on ones, and other member feedback mechanisms
 - ii. Voting
 - iii. Invitations to join subcommittees and subcommittee meetings
 - e. Limitations of this process:
 - i. Time
 - ii. Funding

- iii. Process did not include all the voices of the people we're speaking for
- iv. No tribal representation on the Task Force or Subcommittees

VII. Learnings & from community

- a. Anecdotes and testimonies from communities, highlight what we learned as we visited different areas of the state
- b. Look at qualitative data we gathered via listening sessions and community conversations and pull out themes
 - i. Highlight 3-5 priorities from community

VIII. Recommendations – four separate content areas

- a. *Mapping Recommendations*: Guidance from Mapping Subcommittee
 - i. How and why the EHD map was created
 - ii. How to use the map
 - 1. Area assessment, equity impact analysis, project prioritization, service equity analysis
 - 2. Strengths and considerations of the map
 - 3. What the map should and should not be used for
 - a. Practitioner analysis of the map
 - iii. Defining “highly impacted” using the EHD map
 - iv. Measureable goals: measure the use the map & provide technical guidance
 - v. Community quote or learning from community relevant to this section’s content
- b. *Community Engagement Recommendations*: Guidance from Community Engagement Subcommittee
 - i. Key recommendations -- executive summary of guidance document
 - ii. Community quote or learning from community relevant to this section’s content
- c. Measureable Goals recommendations
 - i. Possible: recommendation to use framework for embedding EJ and equity into State agencies (still developing)
 - ii. Community quote or learning from community relevant to this section’s content
- d. Model policies recommendations
 - i. Informed by literature review & subcommittees
 - ii. EJ Definition
 - iii. Community quote or learning from community relevant to this section’s content

IX. Minority opinion statements – optional for Task Force members

- a. Brief statement representing others’ viewpoints in a recommendation that isn’t unanimous

X. References

XI. Appendices – TBD

- a. Community Engagement Subcommittee Guidance document
- b. Barriers to public participation – disclaimer: shouldn’t be considered a static list
- c. Possibly: existing evaluations of government community engagement work
- d. Equity and EJ Framework (still developing)