

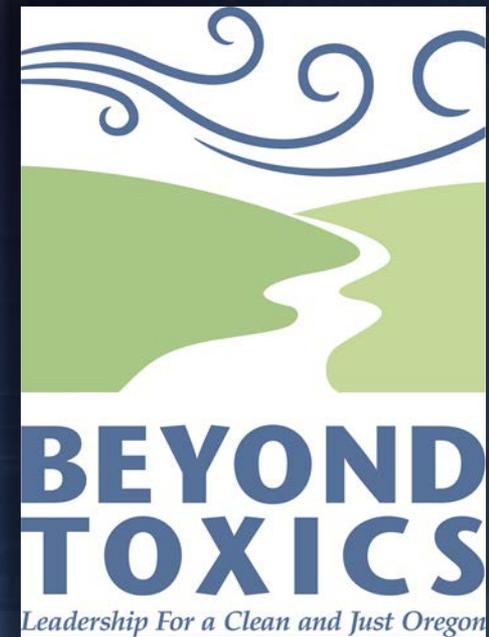


Building a Movement For ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE in Oregon



Families & Workers Health & Pollution

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What is Environmental Justice?

WHAT:

- **Unequal and unjust impacts** of environmental contamination, pollution, and toxic exposure on communities of color, low-income, and indigenous communities.

HOW:

- Share data, **form collaborative relationships** and include communities in decision-making.

GOALS:

- Equitable **distribution of environmental hazards and benefits;**
- Fair and meaningful **participation on environmental policy-making**

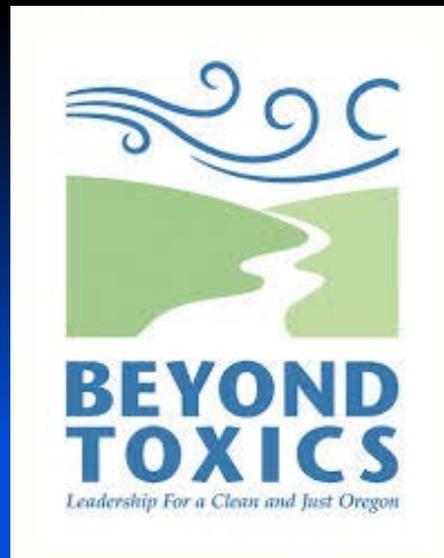
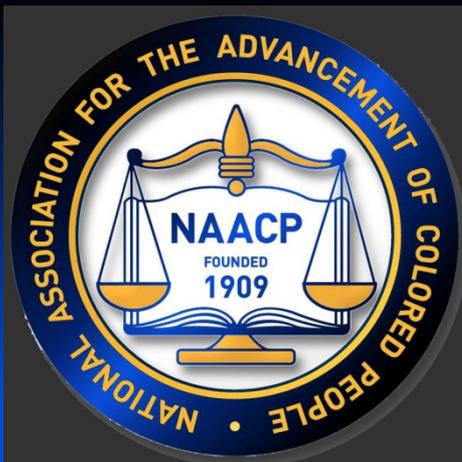




West Eugene, Lane County

The Goal

Build a vital and lasting movement built on the principles of environmental justice and vested in impacted communities.



KEY ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES FACING OREGON'S VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES

- Air Toxics and Land Use Codes Impacting the Health of Communities
- Farm Workers and Inhumane Conditions
- Clean Energy Economy to Improve the Lives of Low Income & Communities of Color

Oregon Environmental Justice Bus Tour

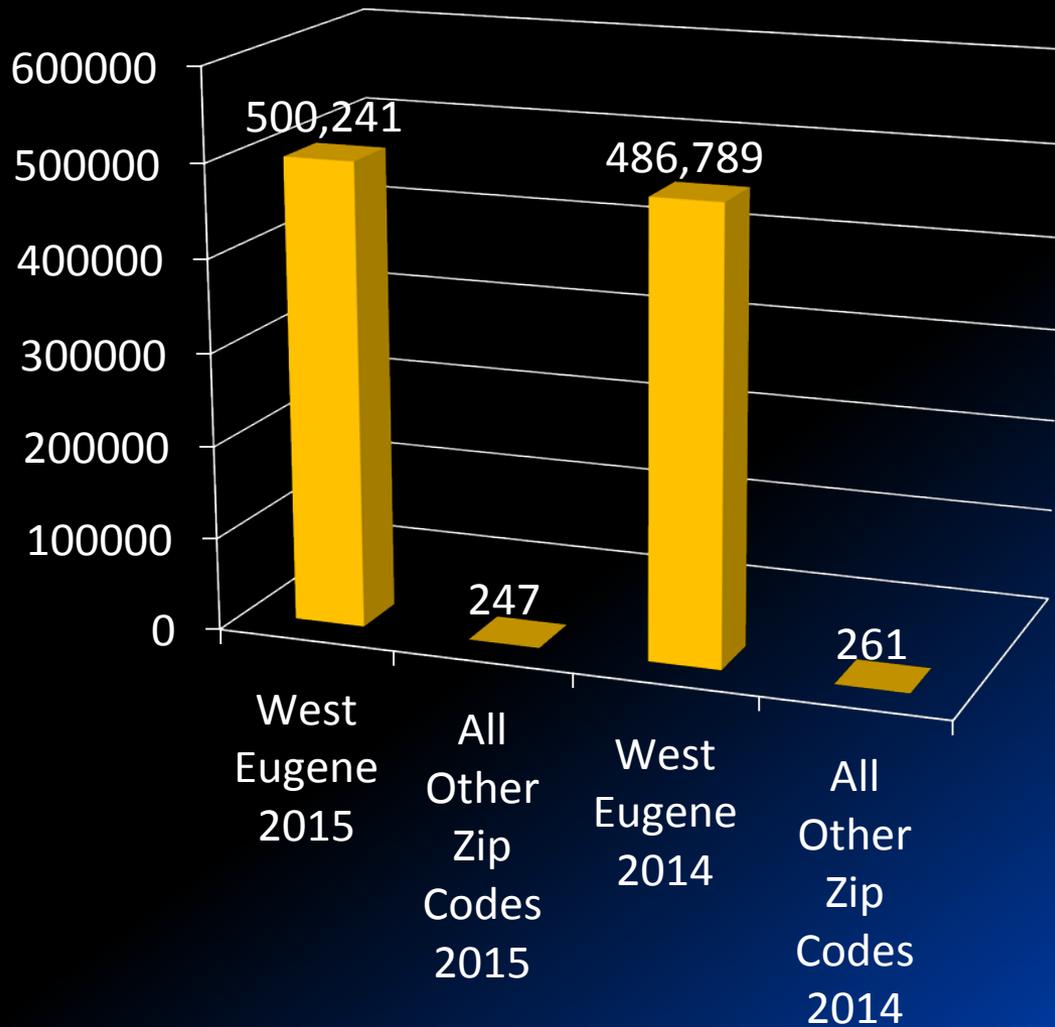


Purpose: Listen to communities about their environmental health vulnerabilities.

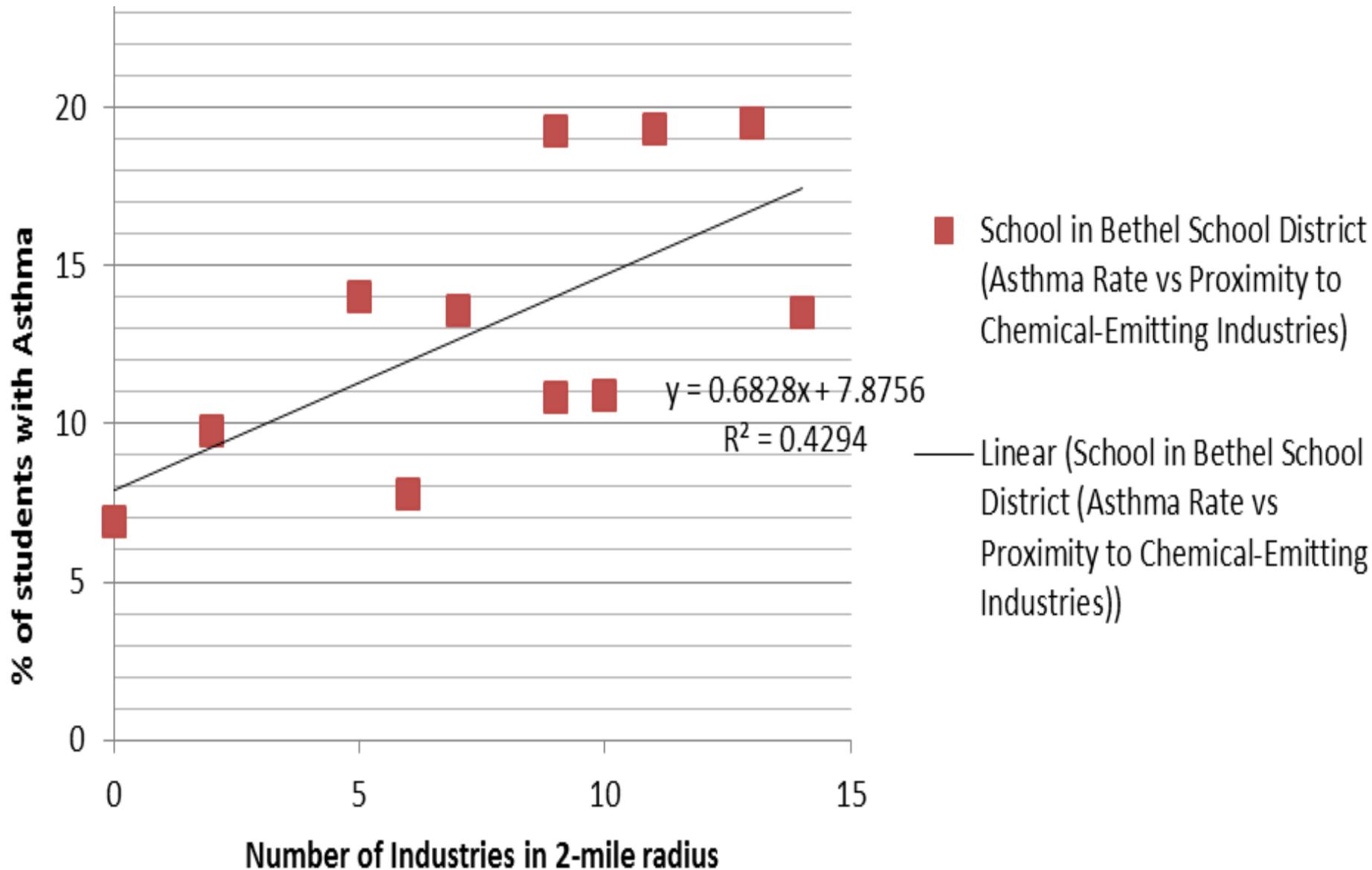
Community narratives = Priorities



Disparities in Air Pollution Risk



Student Asthma Correlates with Proximity to Industrial Emissions in West Eugene



Problem: Poor Urban Planning Determines Pollution in Neighborhoods



2017 Clear Lake EJ Overlay Zone

- **Economic Growth**

- Large Industrial Lots
- Near road, air and rail transit
- Ag & Industrial Zoning

- **Community & Environmental Health**

- Air
- Climate
- Noise & Vibrations
- Light Pollution
- Storm Water



Working class neighborhoods adjacent to polluting industries

It's about people and their right to clean air



Urban Growth Boundary Overlay Zone Preamble

“implements supporting comprehensive plan policies that call for fairness and equity in achieving a healthy environment, vibrant community, and improved quality of life for surrounding neighborhoods.

“...Future development is encouraged to build upon Eugene’s competitive business advantages and recognize the community’s values around climate change, sustainability, local food systems, and natural resources.”

**ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE:
ENDING TOXIC TRESPASS FOR WORKERS**

1st Environmental Justice Forum Medford 2015

Collaboration with the
Environmental Justice Task Force



Testimonies from workers

A Vulnerable Population

- 1.5 million farm workers live in poverty
- 32% are women & adolescents
- 25% more miscarriages
- Expected life span is 49 yrs





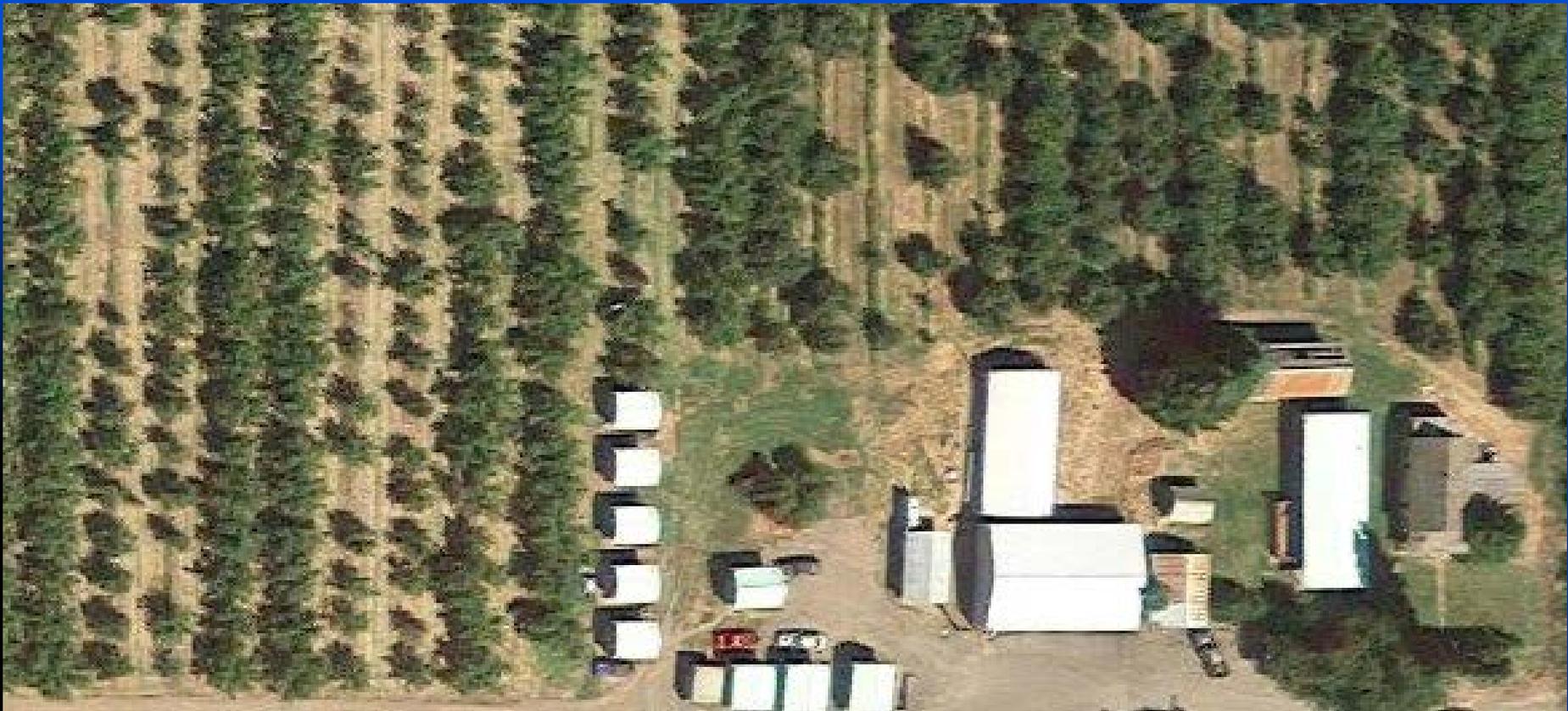
Having water to wash hands – A matter of human dignity and health



Farm Worker Housing Hood River, Oregon



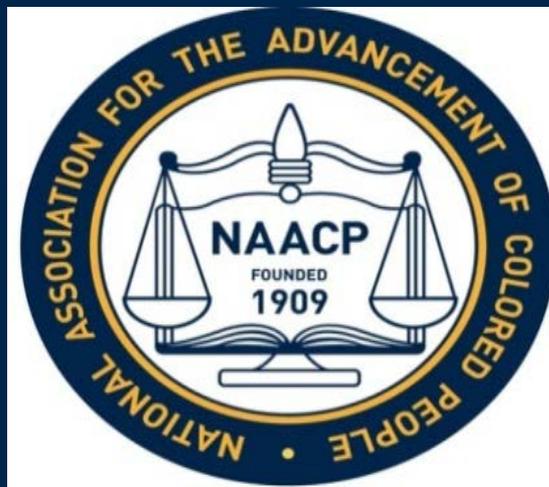
Farm Worker Housing



Hood River area, Oregon

Environmental Justice/Racial Justice

2016



Just Energy
Policies:
Reducing
Pollution and
Creating Jobs
OREGON REPORT

ENERGY
EFFICIENCY



SOLAR



WIND



WATER

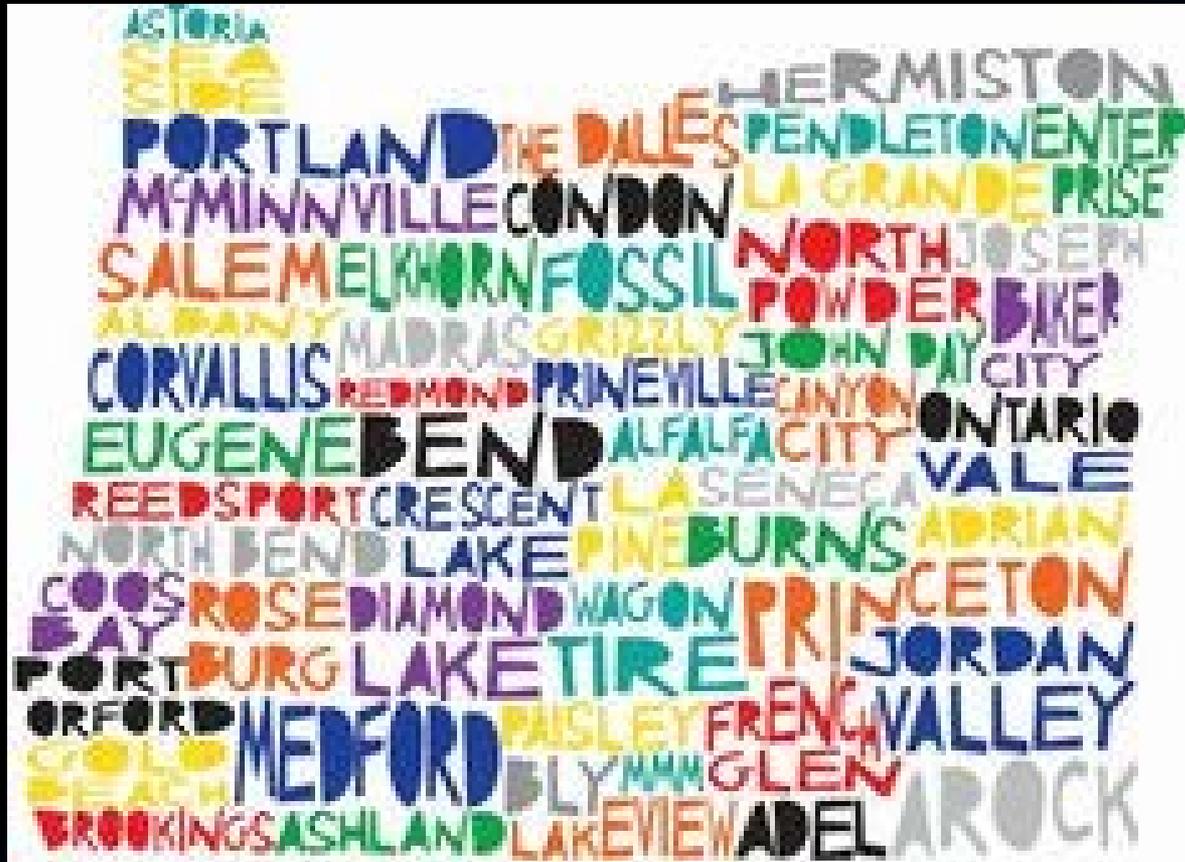
Oregon Environmental Justice Task Force (2007)



**What are the issues facing vulnerable
Oregonians 10 years later?**

Oregon Environmental Justice Summit

finding our path to justice



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Thank you!



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