



## Agenda/Notes

Office of Governor Tina Kotek  
RJC Environment Equity Committee  
May 21, 2025 – Virtual  
1:00-2:30pm

### MEMBERS

E	Dr. Alai Reyes-Santos	X	Dr. Bob Komoto	E	Tiffany Monroe
X	Janet Komoto		Jill Fuglister		
E	Ana Molina	X	Clara Soh		

### OTHER ATTENDEES

	Andre Bealer	X	Javier Cervantes		Chandra Ferrari
X	Karin Power	X	Yasmin Solorio		Jonna Papaefthimiou
				X	Van Nguyen, EJC

Topic/Lead	Notes/Main Points	Decisions/Action Items
Hoan-Van Nugyen, Oregon EJC	<p><i>Hoan-Van shares "Racial Justice Council EJ Mapping" slides</i></p> <p><b>Hoan-Van:</b> Oregon Environmental Justice Mapping tool. Responsible parties are the Oregon Environmental Justice Council, derived from HB 4007 (2002). It covers all Oregon communities, environmental justice communities. There are three development stages: Mapping tool development, policy guidance development, and implementation.</p> <p>We are currently in Mapping Tool Development stage – requiring a lot of technical development from agencies. Implementation stage ensures it is deployed and available to the public.</p> <p><i>Origins:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Van discussed the origins of the Mapping Tool (HB 4077).</li><li>• The mapping tool is in development currently within the Economic Justice Commission. Seeking community engagement.</li><li>• The Policy Guidance Development is on hold for now and dependent on other factors.</li></ul> <p><i>Describing an Environmental Justice Community:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Creating "Community Profiles" (Oregon State University will be involved in this aspect)</li><li>• Providing a definition of an Environmental Justice Community (ex. vulnerable Communities, Communities of Color, Tribes, Rural/Urban populations, etc.).</li></ul> <p><i>Comparisons:</i></p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Mapping Tool is a comparison tool.</li> <li>• The plan is to have the tool do two like-to-like comparisons.</li> </ul> <p><i>Listening Sessions:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two in Astoria and two in Woodburn in spring of 2025.</li> <li>• Four other events will take place in 2026 (if possible).</li> <li>• Dependent on budget.</li> <li>• Will be in person.</li> <li>• Confidential</li> <li>• Hosted by local CBO.</li> <li>• Plan is to have focus groups.</li> <li>• Plan is to have 1:1 interviews.</li> </ul> <p><i>Community Engagement Report:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Due in August</li> </ul> <p><i>Follow Up:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Have Community Mapping Tool Questionnaire sent to the RJC and RJC-EEC.</li> </ul> <p><i>Question:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What has been the response to survey? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Answer: May extend deadline.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<b>Agency Priority Updates</b>	<p><b>Karin:</b> There are no updates at this time. Agency priority now is to finalize their work on the budget understanding that the budget forecast is uncertain.</p> <p>More will be discussed in the budget forecast report</p>	
<b>Letter Status Report</b>	<p><b>Javier:</b> The advocacy letter was delivered May 15. The co-chairs delivered the letter after the RJC endorsed the letter. The letter was delivered the to the Co-Chairs of Joint Committee on Ways and Means, Senator Kate Lieber and Representative Tawna Sanchez.</p>	
<b>Revenue Forecast</b>	<p><b>Karin:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is economic uncertainty.</li> <li>• Tariffs are having an impact budgets.</li> <li>• Impacts this year's budget and next.</li> <li>• Kicker will be effected, most likely less as well.</li> <li>• Oregon looks to be in a better place than Washington (state) for the moment.</li> <li>• Agencies are being very cautious.</li> <li>• No agency priorities as of yet.</li> <li>• The work now is to maintain status quo with no increases and no expansion of work.</li> </ul>	

<b>Materials</b>	 <p>Racial Justice Council EJ Mapping I</p>	
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13:04:19 From Javier Cervantes, Gov. Office (El, He, Him, His) to Hosts and panelists:

- Agency Priority Updates (if any)-Karin
- Status Report on EEC Letter-Javier
- Revenue Forecast Update-Co-Chairs (co-chairs will have attended the RJC meeting the week prior and can provide an update)
- Status Report of Environmental Mapping Tool-Karin (what agency can report on this)
  - o How is this going?
  - o How can EEC engage?

13:14:20 From Yasmin Solorio, Gov Office (She/her) to Hosts and panelists:

Have to hop over to another meeting, will return closer to 2pm. It was a pleasure meeting you, Van!

# OREGON ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE MAPPING TOOL UPDATES







# AGENDA

EJ Mapping Tool Introduction  
Development Stages  
EJ Mapping Tool Considerations  
Community Engagement Plan  
Community Engagement Report  
Sample Questions  
Resources

# ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE MAPPING TOOL INTRODUCTION



What is the purpose of Oregon's environmental justice mapping tool?

How will this help?

The Oregon Environmental Justice Mapping Tool will identify environmental justice communities so they can be considered for state agency programs or investment.

The EJ Mapping Tool may help state agencies

- I. Identify which areas of the state are at higher risk of environmental or health burdens
- II. Identify who needs community engagement
- III. Consider which communities need agency guidance and/or resources

# ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE MAPPING TOOL PROJECT

## Responsible

Oregon  
Environmental  
Justice  
Council

House Bill  
4077 (2022)

## Potential Users

State  
Agencies

Local  
Governments

Advocacy and  
Community-  
based  
Organizations

## Scope

All Oregon  
Communities

Environmental  
Justice  
Communities

## Potential Impacts

Community  
Engagement

Community  
Investment

- Grants
- Program  
Creation
- Program  
Expansion

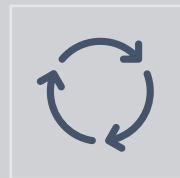
## ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE MAPPING TOOL PROJECT STAGES



Mapping Tool  
Development



Policy Guidance  
Development



Implementation



## COMPLETED DECISION POINTS

Indicator Domain  
Selection

- Completed April 2024

Geographic Units

- Completed April 2024

Geographic  
Designations &  
Comparisons

- Completed June 2024

Domain/Indicator  
Weighting

- Completed October 2024

Domain Aggregation

- Completed October 2024

Data  
Standardization

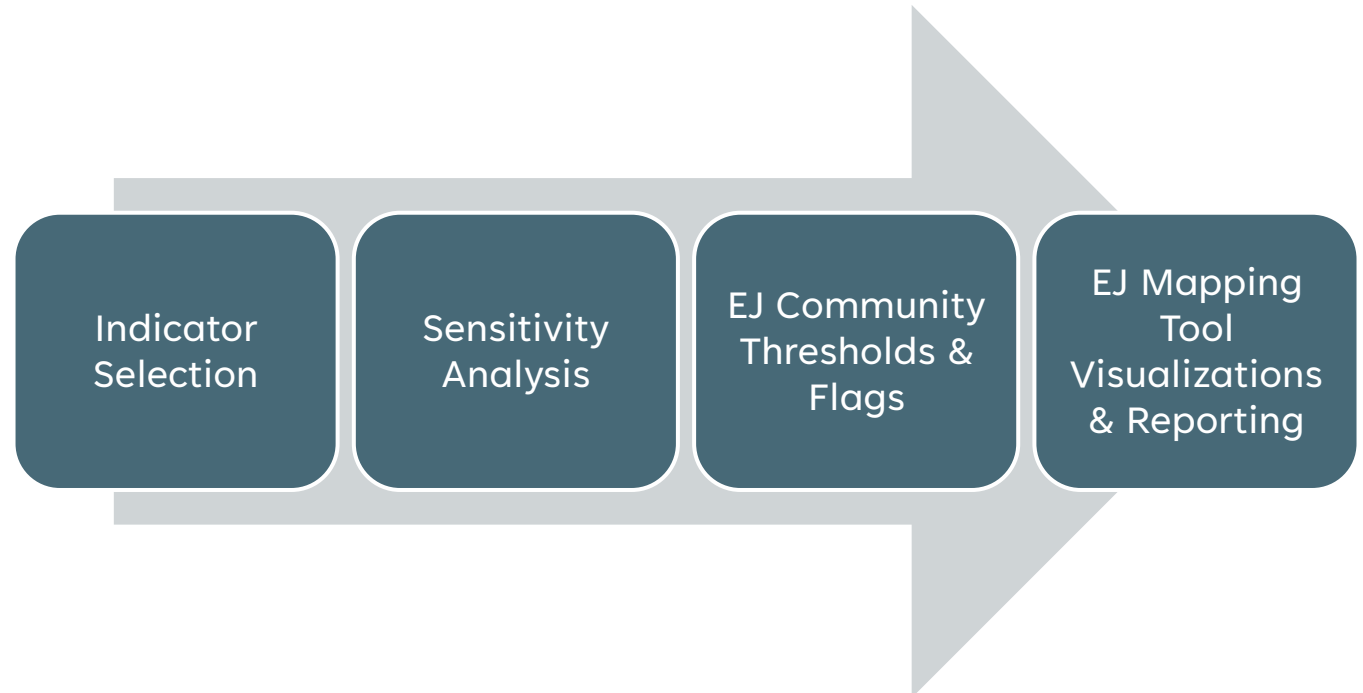
- Completed October 2024

## IN PROGRESS DECISION POINTS



Indicator selection and sensitivity analysis are expected to complete at the end of the 2025. Community engagement feedback is being considered.

The remaining decision points are expected to start in 2026.



## ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE COMMUNITY DEFINITION (HOUSE BILL 4077)

Communities  
of color

Communities  
experiencing  
lower incomes

Tribal  
communities

Rural  
communities

Remote  
communities

Coastal  
communities

Communities  
with limited  
infrastructure

Other communities traditionally underrepresented in public processes and adversely harmed by environmental and health hazards

- i. Seniors
- ii. Youth
  - Note: We are accepting responses from those who are 18 and older
- iii. Persons with disabilities

## COMMUNITY COMPARISON TYPES

Communities throughout Oregon will be compared in the following ways:



Statewide



Coastal to  
Coastal



Remote to  
Remote



Rural to Rural



Large City to  
Large City



Small City to  
Small City

## ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE MAPPING TOOL DOMAINS AND SUBDOMAINS

Indicators will be grouped by the following domains and subdomains

[EJ Mapping Indicator](#)  
[Inclusion Criteria](#)

### Place

- Environmental Exposures
- Environmental Hazards
- Built Environment
- Climate Change Risks

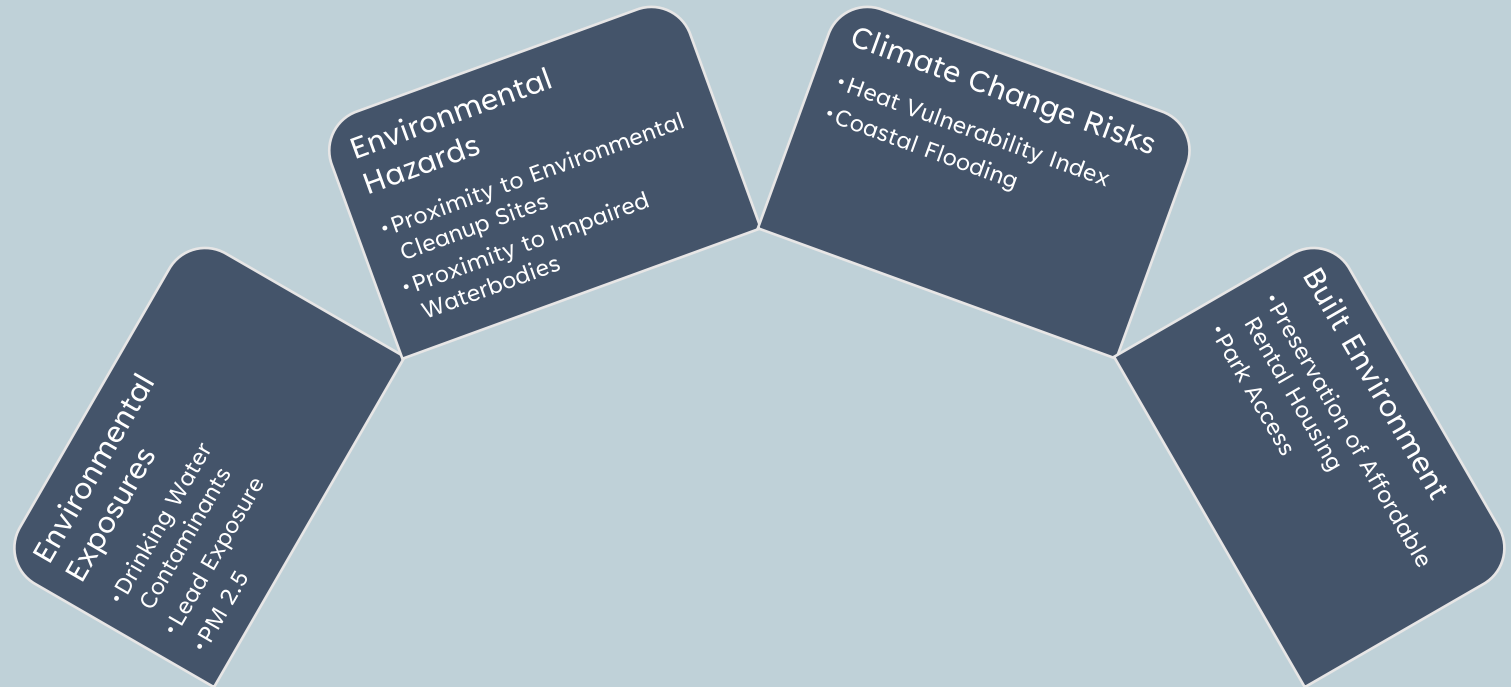
### People

- Social Factors
- Human Health



## EJ MAPPING INDICATOR EXAMPLES

### Place Domain



## INDICATOR EXAMPLES

### People Domain



## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PLAN

The Environmental Justice Mapping Tool project has a three-pronged community engagement strategy to engage communities through Oregon.

### Listening Sessions

- Purpose: Identify community benefits and concerns to inform indicator selection for the Environmental Justice Mapping Tool
- 6 required throughout Oregon
- First two hosted in Astoria and Woodburn
- Next listening sessions will be 2026
- In person events
- Hosted in partnership with Community Based Organizations
- Participant Compensation provided
- Prioritized community safety and confidentiality

### Environmental Justice Community Survey

- Purpose: Identify community benefits and concerns to inform indicator selection for the Environmental Justice Mapping Tool
- Statewide survey
- Intended Audience
  - All people who live or work in Oregon over the age of 18
  - All people who meet the definition of environmental justice community
- Individual survey responses will be kept confidential
- Raffle at the end of the survey for interested participants

### Focus Groups & 1:1 Interviews

- Supplemental meetings to engage communities where we received less feedback
- Hosted in partnership with Community Based Organizations
- Schedule to be determined

## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT REPORT

Includes activities from February – June 2025 will be provided to the Oregon Environmental Justice Council in August 2025.



### Listening Sessions

2 listening sessions in Astoria and Woodburn

Qualitative analysis in partnership with University of Oregon



### EJ Community Survey

[Statewide survey](#)

Descriptive analysis in partnership with University of Oregon

Responses will be accepted until 5/31/2025



### Focus Groups

Dates and locations TBD

Qualitative analysis in partnership with the University of Oregon



### Final Report

Include all analysis from listening sessions, survey, and focus groups

Report will be available to the public through the [EJ Mapping Tool project page](#).

# ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE COMMUNITY SURVEY LAUNCH

## Key Dates

- Launch date: May 1, 2025
- Survey close date: May 31, 2025

## Outreach Audience

- [Environmental Justice Mapping Tool project page](#)
- State agencies
- Community based & advocacy organizations
- Local governments
- [Environmental Justice Council](#)
- [Oregon Legislative BIPOC caucus](#)
- [Oregon Legislative Water caucus](#)
- [Oregon Advocacy Commissions](#)
- [Oregon Racial Justice Council](#)

## Potential Incentive

- Gift card raffle
- Participants provide their contact information on in a separate link to maintain confidentiality



# SAMPLE SURVEY QUESTIONS



## Subdomain 1: Social Factors

1) What is your primary language spoken in your household?

- English
- Spanish
- Vietnamese
- Chinese (Mandarin, Cantonese)
- Russian
- Korean
- (Other please specify)

2) What is the highest level of education you have completed?

- Less than high school
- High school diploma or GED
- Some college or vocational training
- Bachelor's degree
- Advanced degree (Master's, PhD, etc.)

## Subdomain 2: Environmental Exposure

1) In your current (or most recent) job, how often do you work outdoors?

- Every day or most days
- A few days per month
- Occasionally (less than once per month)
- Never

2) Have you or anyone in your household experienced health symptoms you believe are related to poor air quality? (check all that apply)

- Heart issues
- Respiratory issues (e.g., asthma, coughing, difficulty breathing)
- Eye irritation
- Headaches
- Allergies
- Other (please describe)
- None

## RESOURCES

Here is a list of  
resources for your  
reference



[SURVEY LINK](#)



[SURVEY FREQUENTLY  
ASKED QUESTIONS](#)



[SURVEY FLYER](#)



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JUSTICE MAPPING  
TOOL PROJECT PAGE](#)



[ENVIRONMENTAL  
JUSTICE COUNCIL](#)



[HOUSE BILL 4077  
\(2022\)](#)

**THANK YOU**

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