



Regional Wetland Program Development Grants (Justice40 and Climate)

U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY



What is the Justice40 Initiative?

- For the first time in our nation's history, the Federal Government has made it a goal that 40 percent of the overall benefits of certain Federal investments flow to disadvantaged communities that are marginalized, underserved, and overburdened by pollution. President Biden made this historic commitment when he signed Executive Order 14008 within days of taking office.
- Covered Federal investments include any grant or procurement spending, financing, staffing costs, or direct spending or benefits to individuals for a covered program in a Justice40 category.
- The categories of investment are: climate change, clean energy and energy efficiency, clean transit, affordable and sustainable housing, training and workforce development, remediation and reduction of legacy pollution, and the development of critical clean water and wastewater infrastructure.
- <https://www.whitehouse.gov/environmentaljustice/justice40/>

EPA and J40

- For EPA the Wetland Program Development Grants are considered a covered program.
- “40 percent of the overall benefits” of federal investments from covered programs should flow to disadvantaged communities.
- <https://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/justice40-epa>



How Wetland Program Development Grants will be addressing Justice40

All Justice40 covered programs are required to engage in stakeholder consultation and ensure that community stakeholders are meaningfully involved in determining program benefits. Covered programs are also required to report data on the benefits directed to disadvantaged communities.

Changes to the WPDG Request for Applications

- New National Priority for climate change with points for projects that address climate change.
- New National Priority for projects in disadvantaged communities with points for projects that address benefits (outcomes) to disadvantaged communities.
- Suggest having a section in the application workplan that will describe:
 - The tasks in your applications that effect J40 communities.
 - The outputs and outcomes in your applications that effect J40 communities.
 - List, map, or describe the disadvantaged communities effected for your state/tribe/territory/local area. (Can be in the appendix.)

Determining Disadvantaged Communities

Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool (CEJST)

<https://screeningtool.eoplatform.gov/en/#3/33.47/-97.5>

Version 1.0 of the tool is now available

The Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) made the version 1.0 of the tool available on 11/22/2022. For more information about the improvements to the tool, read CEQ's [press release](#).

Explore the map

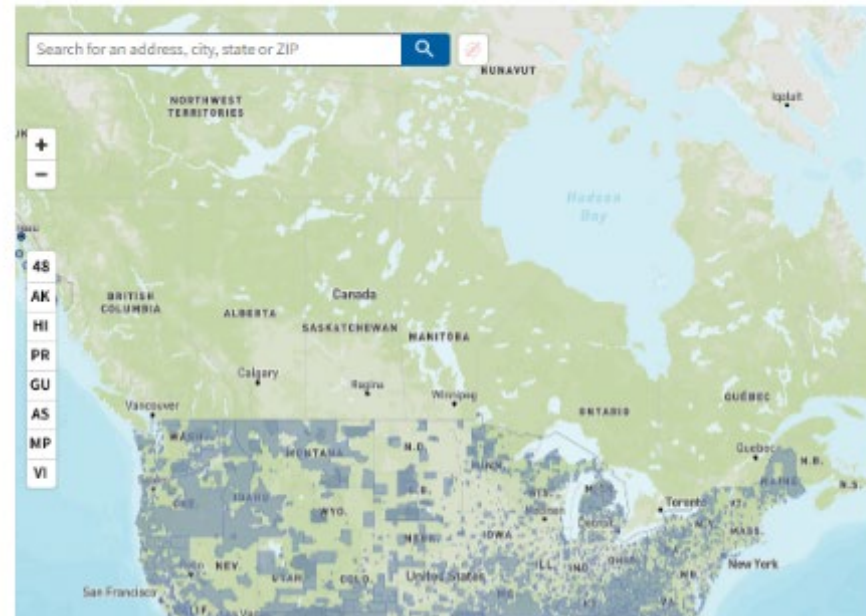
Public engagement

Census tracts that are overburdened and underserved are highlighted as being disadvantaged on the map. Federally Recognized Tribes, including Alaska Native Villages, are also considered disadvantaged communities.

Zooming in and selecting shows information about each census tract.

Get the data

Download the data with documentation and shapefile from the [downloads](#) page.



How to use the map:

Zoom in $+$, search Q , or locate yourself \odot and select to see information about any census tract.

Things to know:

The tool uses census tracts. Census tracts are a small unit of geography. They generally have populations of between 1,200 - 8,000 people.

Communities that are disadvantaged live in tracts that experience burdens. These tracts are highlighted on the map.

The tool ranks most of the burdens using percentiles. Percentiles show how much burden each tract experiences when compared to other



QUESTIONS

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“RAISE HAND” TOOL AT THE TOP OF YOUR SCREEN

PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND ORGANIZATION/AFFILIATION