Environmental Justice and Planning

Environmental Justice
Collaborative Problem-Solving Model
Training
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Environmental Justice Through Planning
Environmental Justice is Advanced through Varying Strategies

- Waste Management
- Public Involvement
- The Law
- Public Health
- *Community Planning*
“The Principles of Environmental Justice”
(1991)

#12
“Environmental Justice affirms the need for urban and rural ecological policies to clean up and rebuild our cities and rural areas in balance with nature, honoring the cultural integrity of all our communities, and providing fair access for all to the full range of resources.”

#2
“…public policy be based on mutual respect and justice for all peoples…”

#3
“…responsible uses of land and renewable resources…”

#7
“…participate as equal partners at every level of decision-making, including...planning...”

#17
“….make personal and consumer choices...and reprioritize our lifestyles to ensure the health of the natural world for present and future generations.”
We believe that the community must always be at the core of our community work.

- Community Involvement (1998)
- Community Based Participatory Research (2000)
- Community Action for a Renewed Environment (2005)
- Equitable Development (2010)
- Citizen Science (2013)
Public Interest Design

- Human-centered and participatory design practice...
- That places emphasis on environmental, economic and social issues...
- And on designing products, structures, and systems that address issues such as economic development and preservation of the environment.

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Public Interest Design and Environmental Justice: Bayview Project in Bayview, VA
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Equitable Justice and Healthy Communities: Westside Specific Plan in National City, CA
Take Aways: The Environmental Justice Narrative

COLLABORATION
“Find a way to get in the way and get in good trouble, necessary trouble.”

Congressman John Lewis

On August 26, 2014, citizens in Spartanburg celebrated fourteen years of encouraging ‘good trouble, necessary trouble’ through the ReGenesis environmental justice partnership.
Fair and Healthy Land Use: Environmental Justice and Planning

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