

2014 Urban Waters Federal Partnership Training Workshop



Strategies for Effectively Engaging Underserved
Communities

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Making a Visible Difference in Communities

Overview

- Video – Omega Wilson, President, West End Revitalization Association
- Environmental Justice Interagency Working Group (EJ IWG)
- Environmental Justice Small Grants
- Collaborative Problem Solving Cooperative Agreements
- Brownfields
- ReGenesis Inc.





Environmental Justice Interagency Workinggroup

- Created in 1994 under EO 12898
- U.S. EPA Administrator serves as the Chairperson and convener of the IWG
- 17 Federal Agencies and White House Offices
- 2014 Collaborative Activities
 - Region 2 IWG – Initial Meeting October 2014
 - Region 4 IWG – North Birmingham, AL and Turkey Creek/North Gulfport, MS
 - Region 6 IWG – Technical Assistance to Communities through the Gulf Coast Community Collaborative
 - September 2014 Public Meeting for Tribes and Indigenous Communities in Bismarck, North Dakota



Environmental Justice Small Grants

EJ Small Grant Program

Since its inception in 1994, the Environmental Justice Small Grants Program has awarded more than \$25 million in funding to over 1500 community-based organizations, and local and tribal organizations working with communities facing environmental justice issues.



Environmental Justice Small Grants

Environmental Health Watch

Cleveland, OH



Environmental Justice Small Grants

JASTECH Development
Services, Inc.

Philadelphia, PA



EJ Collaborative Problem Solving Cooperative Agreements

- Provides funding for projects that address local environmental and public health issues within an affected community
- Designed to help communities understand and address exposure to multiple environmental harms and risks.
- Recipients use the EPA's Environmental Justice Collaborative Problem Solving Model to address issues in a collaborative manner with various stakeholders such as communities, industry, academic institutions and others.



EJ Collaborative Problem Solving Cooperative Agreements

Montachusett Opportunity
Council

Fitchburg, MA



EJ Collaborative Problem Solving Cooperative Agreements

Tolani Lake Enterprise
Navajo Nation
Northeast, AZ





EPA Brownfields Program

- EPA's Brownfields Program empower states, communities, and other stakeholders to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields
- Revitalizing brownfields sites creates benefits throughout the community
- Brownfields Grants and Funding
 - Area-Wide Planning Pilot Program
 - Assessment Grants
 - Revolving Loan Fund Grants
 - Cleanup Grants
 - Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training Grants
 - Multipurpose Pilot Grants
 - Training, Research, and Technical Assistance Grants
 - Targeted Brownfields Assessments



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Environmental Justice in Action Blog



- **[Environmental Justice in Action](#)** is a resource for educating and communicating about actions and ideas that advance the mission of environmental justice. To date the EJ in Action Blog has had over 125,000 views.

