

# Working Together to Make Our Communities Healthier Places

**Collaboration  
Success Stories**

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# Overview

Tool 1: Integrated Planning Process

Tool 2: Community Health and  
Wellness Framework

Summary and Discussion



# Tool 1: Integrated Planning Process

A community-based planning process that:

- Addresses interconnected environmental and quality of life issues
- Creates an action plan for revitalization in under-resourced neighborhoods.
- Builds local capacity for implementation.

# What's Included in the Tool?

## Building Capacity

Build capacity for collaboration and implementation.

## Planning Process

Develop an Action Plan document.

**1**  
Project Setup  
& Kickoff Meeting

**2**  
Shared Learning

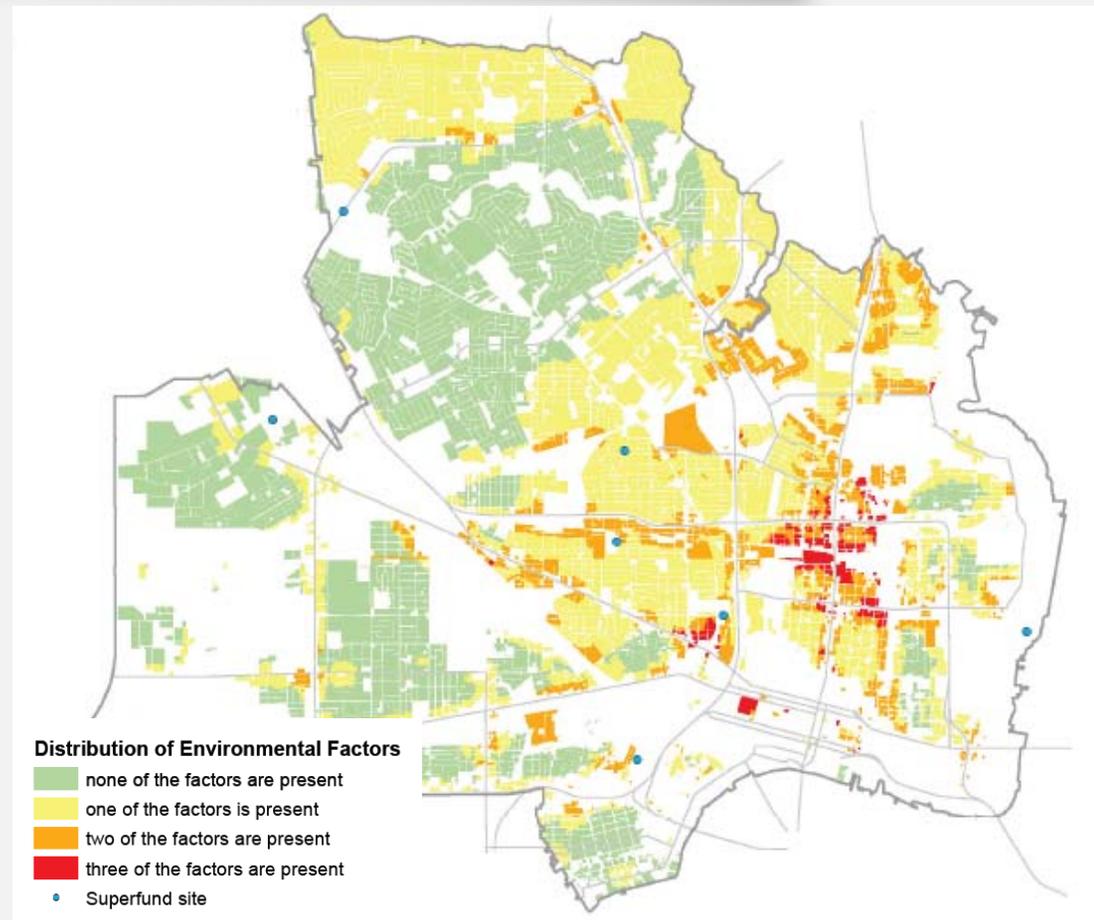
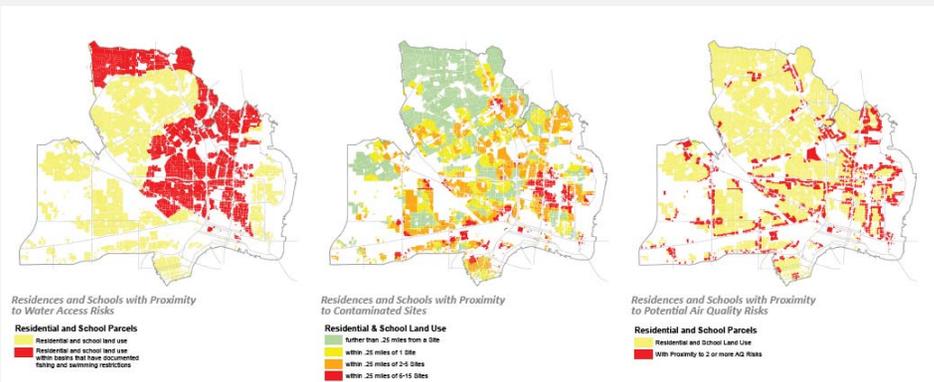
**3**  
Solutions  
Development

**4**  
Implementation



# Jacksonville - Cumulative Risk Mapping

- Risk maps illustrate proximity of vulnerable populations to poor water quality, poor air quality and contaminated sites.
- Identification of overburdened communities (environmental risk hot spots) brought stakeholders together around a shared vision and goals.



# Jacksonville - Integrated Planning Outcomes

As a result of the Integrated Planning Process:

- EEC has a plan to support their advocacy, capacity building, outreach and partnership efforts.
- Groundwork Jacksonville was established.
- LISC is building affordable housing in neighborhoods.
- Duval County Health Department is working with area businesses, local governments and foundation on healthy food initiatives.
- Serious discussions underway with U.S. HHS to redirect existing federal health center to better serve the needs of East Side residents.



*JIPP participants in dialogue with local port officials.*

# Birmingham - Capacity Building Training

- *Collaborative Problem Solving training*
- Build relationships with regional EJ leaders (Jacksonville, Spartanburg, Kansas City)
- Build relationships with local, regional and federal implementation partners (including participating with the Regional Inter Agency Working Group on Environmental Justice focused on Northern Birmingham)
- Telling the Story training
- Clean Air Act Rulemaking and Permitting training
- Produced poster for EPA's Community Air Monitoring Training
- Strengthen NBCC structure and how to obtain state and federal non-profit status
- Raise awareness by presenting at national conferences (Community Involvement and Training, National Brownfields, Green Buildings)
- Invite local implementation partners to formally join NBCC



# Birmingham - Integrated Planning Outcomes

As a result of the Integrated Planning Process:

- Developed an Action Plan to guide investment
- Produced a Health Impact Assessment
- Repaired 5 homes
- Provided formal comments on 2 Clean Air Act industrial facilities Title V Permits
- Launching a job training program



*NBCC members present their Action Plan to the community.*

# **Tool 2: Community Health and Wellness Framework**

A Pilot Framework for Integrating Community Health and Wellness into the Superfund Reuse Assessment Process

# What's Included in the Tool?



## A Pilot Framework for Integrating Community Health and Wellness into the Superfund Reuse Assessment Process

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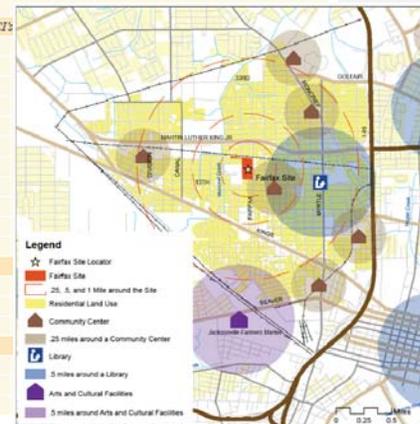


Table 3. Health and Wellness Features Checklist

Feature	Do the features exist?			Accessibility Considerations?
	Yes	No	Unknown	
<b>Transportation Options</b>				
Does the site include sidewalks along all street edges?				
Does the site include street trees along all street edges?				
Does the site support the street grid of through-access?				
Is there access to public transportation?				
<b>Community Amenities</b>				
Is there a community center?				
Are there art and cultural facilities?				
Is there a public library?				
<b>Health Care Options</b>				
Are there emergency services?				
Is there a Federally Qualified Health Center?				
Are there affordable primary care services?				
Are there affordable dental services (including dental van stops)?				
Are there affordable vision services?				
Are there affordable mental health services?				
<b>Parks and Open Space</b>				
Is there a park?				
Does the park have amenities and desired programming?				
Is there a community pool?				
Is there access to a bike trail or greenway?				
<b>Neighborhood Retail Services (based on services included in the SCIs)</b>				
Is there bank or credit union?				
Is there an auto service center?				
Is there a beauty/barber shop?				
Is there a bike shop?				
Is there a dry cleaner?				
Is there a gym?				
Is there a hardware store?				
Is there a laundry mat?				
Is there a pharmacy?				
Is there a movie theatre?				
Is there a gas station?				
<b>Affordable, Healthy Food</b>				
Is there a grocery store?				
Is there a farmers market?				
Is there a community garden?				
<b>Quality Affordable Housing</b>				
Are ownership rates equal to or higher than the city or county?				
Are vacancy rates higher than within the city or county?				
Are health and safety code violations a challenge?				

The handbook includes:

- A step-by-step process
- Case study example



# Step-by-Step Process

## Integrating Health and Wellness into Superfund Reuse Planning Process

Step 1. Identify Community Goals

Step 2. Determine Site Suitability

Step 3. Conduct Land Use and Health and Wellness Services Analysis

Step 4. Determine Health And Wellness Needs

Step 5. Develop Summary And Recommendations

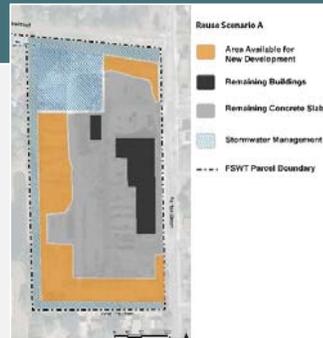


# Pilot Example

Step 1:  
Community Goals



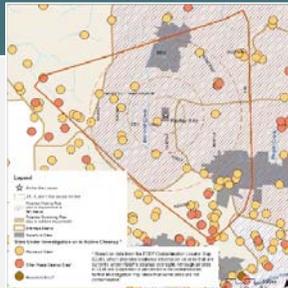
Step 2: Site  
Suitability



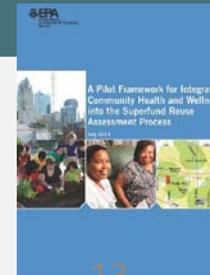
Step 3: Service  
Analysis



Step 4: Health  
and Wellness  
Needs



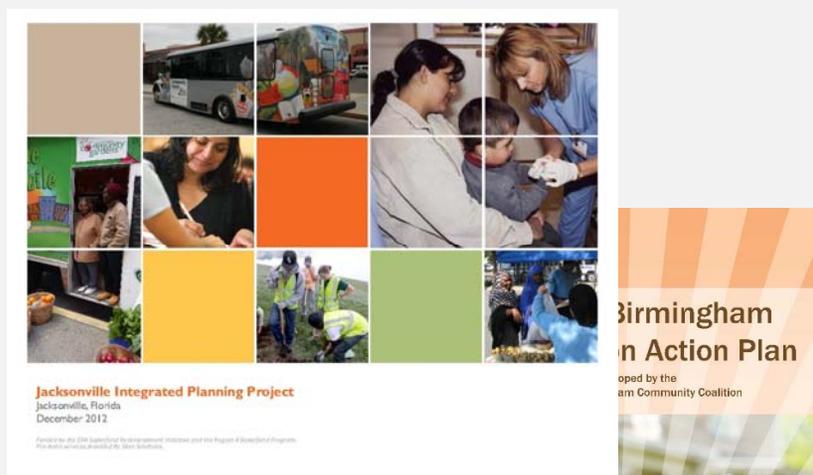
Step 5:  
Recommendations



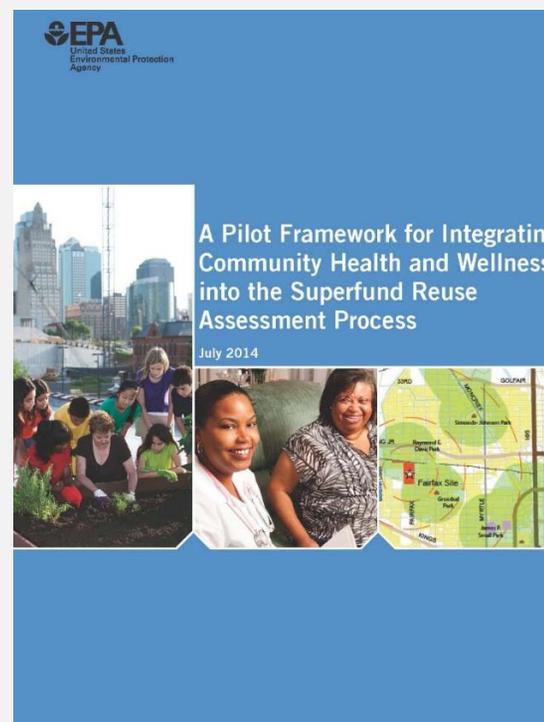
# Summary and Discussion

# Fostering Collaboration in EJ Communities

## Integrated Planning Process



## Community Health and Wellness Framework



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## Resources

- Superfund Redevelopment Initiative: <https://www.epa.gov/superfund-redevelopment-initiative>
- Jacksonville Integrated Planning Project: <https://semspub.epa.gov/work/04/11121269.pdf>
- Northern Birmingham Community Coalition: <https://www.epa.gov/north-birmingham-project/northern-birmingham-revitalization-action-plan>
- Community Health and Wellness Framework: <https://semspub.epa.gov/work/HQ/175529.pdf>
- [Finding New Life for Superfund Sites - EPA Offers Help for Redevelopment](#)