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EnviroAtlas Update Bulletin

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New Lesson Plan

EnviroAtlas is proud to announce the release of *Considering Environmental Justice in Building a Greenway*, adapted from the original *Building a Greenway: A Case Study* lesson plan. The new lesson plan incorporates the use of EJSCREEN in tandem with EnviroAtlas to encourage equity in the decision-making process. Both lesson plans are publicly available from the [Building a Greenway educational materials page](#).



A greenway in Atlanta, GA. Photo credit: Riley Perszyk.

Upcoming Webinar: June 15th

EPA's Office of Research and Development invites you to a free public webinar!



EPA Tools & Resources Webinar

Understanding Environmental Justice through two EPA tools: EJSCREEN and EnviroAtlas

Wednesday, June 15, 2022 at 3:00 to 4:00 PM ET

[**REGISTER HERE**](#)

Certificates
of attendance are
offered!

Environmental justice (EJ) is the fair treatment and meaningful involvement of all people regardless of race, color, national origin or income with respect to the development, implementation and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations and policies. This goal will be achieved when everyone enjoys:

- The same degree of protection from environmental and health hazards,
- Equal access to environmental assets, and
- Equal access to the decision making process to have a healthy environment in which to live, learn and work.

It is vital that as a society we fix the problems created by decades of environmental injustice. Understanding patterns of how different sectors of the population are impacted inequitably by environmental issues is a necessary step towards a solution. EPA has developed tools that can be used to help users understand and address EJ. This webinar will examine two of those tools—EJScreen and EnviroAtlas—including how they can be used together. [EJScreen](#) is an EJ mapping and screening tool that provides a nationally consistent dataset and approach for combining environmental and demographic indicators. EJScreen users choose a geographic area, and the tool then provides demographic and environmental information for that area. [EnviroAtlas](#) is a data-rich, web-based decision support tool that combines maps, analysis tools, downloadable data, and informational resources. It is used by states, tribes, communities and individuals to help inform policy and planning decisions that impact the places where we live, learn, work and play.

EJScreen and EnviroAtlas can be used together, and we will demonstrate how to use EJScreen data in EnviroAtlas and vice versa. We will also show how the two tools were used together in a lesson plan, Considering Environmental Justice in Building a Greenway: A Case Study. This webinar will provide overviews and live demonstrations of both tools with a focus on EJ issues.

Join us on June 15th at 3pm EST for [Understanding Environmental Justice through two EPA tools: EJSCREEN and EnviroAtlas](#), hosted by the EPA Tools & Resources Webinar series. For registration questions, please contact tools_resources_webinar@epa.gov or the webinar series coordinator at matthews.lisa@epa.gov.

The image displays two screenshots of EPA websites. The top screenshot shows the EJScreen: Environmental Justice Screening and Mapping Tool homepage, featuring a photo of diverse children playing outdoors and links for 'Launch the EJScreen Tool' and 'Learn to Use EJScreen'. The bottom screenshot shows the EnviroAtlas homepage, featuring a photo of a woman and child walking in a green space and links for 'New Lesson Plan', 'All Data Products', 'Interactive Applications', and 'Technical Foundations'.

Updates to Featured Collections

Each of the EnviroAtlas featured collections now include a collection-specific direct link in the description to enhance ease of access. Each collection is linked here:

- [Agricultural Erosion and Sediment-Impaired Waterways](#)
- [APA Metrics for Planning Healthy Communities](#)
- [Building a Greenway: A Case Study](#)
- [Community Resilience: An Assessment of Assets, Vulnerabilities and Natural Hazards](#)
- [EnviroAtlas for Brownfields](#)
- [Nitrogen Inputs to Watersheds](#)
- [Urban Heat Islands and Vulnerable Communities in Portland, OR](#)

The screenshot shows the EnviroAtlas Interactive Map interface. At the top, there's a toolbar with various icons. Below it, a section titled 'Featured Collections' displays a grid of items. One item is highlighted with a red border:

	Agricultural Erosion and Sediment-Im... Aids waterway remediation efforts by highlighting the interplay between ero... Add to map
	APA Metrics for Planning Healthy Co... This is a featured collection highlighting a suite of EnviroAtlas layers that correspond to the American Planning Association (APA) suite of Metrics for Planning Healthy Communities. Add to map
	Building a Greenway: A Case Study This interdisciplinary learning module promotes student discovery using ... Add to map

The highlighted item is 'APA Metrics for Planning Healthy Communities'. Its description is enclosed in a red box:

Description:
This featured collection was created for use in EnviroAtlas: [click here to open in the EnviroAtlas Interactive Map.](#)

Building a Greenway

The building a greenway case study featured collection was updated to reflect the new addition of the *Considering Environmental Justice in Building a Greenway* lesson plan. Several maps have been added to the collection from EJSCREEN; other maps from the Smart Location Database (SLD) were updated to reflect more recent data.

Community Resilience

The community resilience featured collection was updated to reflect more up to date schools and hospitals point location data, as well as updated SLD street intersection density maps.

[Explore these updates in the Interactive Map >>](#)

New Publications

Dasymetric Data

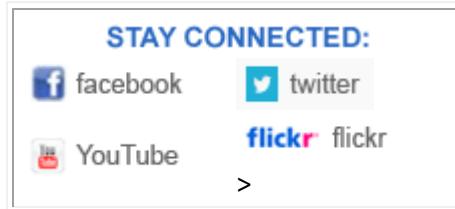
Baynes, J., Neale, A., and Hultgren, T.: Improving intelligent dasymetric mapping population density estimates at 30-meter resolution for the conterminous United States by excluding uninhabited areas, *Earth Syst. Sci. Data Discuss.* [preprint], <https://doi.org/10.5194/essd-2021-277>, accepted, 2022.

EnviroAtlas provides geospatial data, easy-to-use tools, and other resources related to ecosystem services, their stressors, and human health.

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