

EJ Council Committee Brainstorm

1. Policy & Planning: Incorporating Environmental Justice into Planning

- Focus on natural disaster planning
- Coastal Resilience Master Planning
- Local governments and zoning, location planning & design
- Facilities planning of facilities (ex: distribution centers)
- Permitting process
- Site Suitability
- Gov/Interagency coordination

2. Just Transition: Clean Energy

- Inclusion of EJ Communities Benefitting from Clean Energy Transition
- Making EJ Communities first to benefit, as they are often last
- Focus on jobs and infrastructure as we transition to clean energy sources
- Related to RGGI discussion

3. Public Health, Workplace and Housing Policy

- community health assessments, community health data needs, social determinants of health (access to education and healthcare), cumulative environmental impacts, workplace safety and toxics exposure, housing related exposure
- Disaggregated data
- Effect on mental health & community stressors
- Solution oriented

4. Community Quality of Life, Economic Development and Infrastructure

**Look overlap with #1 or #2*

- infrastructure inequities, pipeline safety, transportation, food security and access, recreation access, biodiversity & wildlife conservation, invasive species, subsistence lifestyles, historic resources and cemeteries
- Accessibility issues in rural communities: broadband, food security
- Heat islands

5. Sustainable and Equitable Transportation

- Assuring that emissions reductions occur in communities that have the most pollution burden.
- Encourage multimodal sustainable transportation systems that are accessible, affordable, promote health and wellbeing, and connect to affordable housing.
- Transportation systems design for rapid greenhouse gas reductions in line recommendation by the best climate science.
- 2021 GA: Study currently underway
- Study health impacts of existing transportation systems for EJ Communities

6. Committee on Emerging Concerns

- Incorporate issues raised in public comment period. Would include at least one of the Chairs.

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- Develop a plan based on reviewing information from testimony and background info.
 - Link the concern to other Committee's work
 - Present at the meeting following comment to full Council for discussion.
 - Make recommendations for further action e.g. site visit, letter to Governor, further discussion at Council meetings.
 - Serve as ongoing liaison with those providing public comment.
 - Planning for site visits
 - Meaningful involvement, engagement and community outreach
- 7. Agriculture, Water Quality, and Waste**
- Chesapeake Bay restoration, watershed protections, water quality, biosolid applications, solid waste, small farms and local food economies vs. industrial agriculture, overconsumption of fish and the marine food web crisis, enforcement of fishing regulations
 - Issues facing Black farmers
 - addressing farm workers' rights/health
 - Accessibility issues in rural communities: broadband, food security

Notes:

- What does an environmental just world look like?
- Consider lenses for committees: *Including social justice issues*
 - *Ex: Different perspectives & leadership (ex: Tribal/Native leadership)*
- Consider examples:
 - *Redesigning planning: interesting example from Portland, Oregon of re-routing a highway out of downtown and replacing it with a multi-modal bike/walk/green space.*
- <http://www.ejnet.org/ej/principles.html>