



Part 3 of 3: Community Vision

Purpose: There are three sections within the Community Vision Description. This worksheet will help you complete the Challenges section, as required by the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO), Section IV.B.

To complete your Community Vision Description, see also:

- Part 1 of 3: [Community Description Worksheet](#) and
- Part 2 of 3: [Community Challenges Worksheet](#)

Community Vision Description

The Community Vision Description is the applicant's chance to introduce their community and how their proposed grant activities will advance environmental justice in their community. It includes three sections: (1) community description, (2) community challenges, and (3) community vision. This worksheet will help you develop the Community Vision section.



Goals of Community Vision Section

- Describe the community's vision for how receiving the grant will affect and benefit the community in the near and long-term.
- Describe the short- and long-term benefits the grant activities will have on the priority populations and disadvantaged communities in the Project Area.
- Provide justification for the selected project activities and strategies that will help the community achieve their vision.



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Tips to Consider

- All parts of your project should be community driven and focus on community priorities. Use community input to determine the vision for the Project Area.
- The Community Vision Description should ensure that the priority population of the disadvantaged communities in the Project Area receive the benefits of investments now and in the future.
- The Community Vision subsection and the broader Community Vision Description section should guide the rest of your application. You want grant application reviewers to see a consistent story: Start by describing the community and its assets. Then describe problems and issues the community faces. Conclude with the meaningful change your solutions will produce. Include how the community vision will inform the projects and strategies you select.
- As you move forward, keep in mind that your Climate Action and Pollution Reduction Strategies should respond to the community challenges described in the Community Vision Description.

Resources

1. **Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool**

This screening tool identifies disadvantaged communities that are underserved and overburdened by pollution.

<https://screeningtool.geoplatform.gov/en/#3/33.47/-97.5>

2. **EJScreen**

Environmental Justice Screening and Mapping Tool is a web-based interactive map with layers that allow users to identify disadvantaged communities and their environmental burdens.

<https://www.epa.gov/ejscreen>

3. **EnviroAtlas**

EnviroAtlas is an interactive web-based tool that decision-makers can use to inform policy and planning in the places where people live, learn, work, and play.

<https://www.epa.gov/enviroatlas>

4. **Mapping Tools for Communities to Identify Assets and Hazards in Local Areas**

Index of Federal Mapping Tools Related to Environmental Justice and Sustainability

<https://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/mapping-tools-communities-identify-assets-and-hazards-local-areas>

5. **Re-Powering Mapper**

EPA's RE-Powering Mapper, an interactive web application, allows users to identify contaminated lands, landfills, and mine sites for renewable energy development.

<https://www.epa.gov/re-powering/re-powering-mapper>