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The Biden-Harris Administration's environmental justice agenda is helping communities restore, protect, and create healthy environments — wherever people live, play, work, learn, grow, and worship.

Ensuring that every person can breathe clean air, drink clean water, and live in a healthy environment is a matter of justice and a fundamental duty that the federal government must uphold on behalf of all people.

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Guided by that core belief, the Biden-Harris Administration is leading the most ambitious environmental justice agenda in history.

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“Environmental justice” means, in part, the just treatment and meaningful involvement of all people, regardless of income, race, color, national origin, Tribal affiliation, or disability, in agency decision-making and other Federal activities that affect human health and the environment.

[Learn More About the Definition of Environmental Justice in Section 2 of Executive Order 14096](https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2023/04/21/executive-order-on-revitalizing-our-nations-commitment-to-environmental-justice-for-all/)

Administration Actions on Environmental Justice

The Biden-Harris Administration is confronting longstanding environmental injustices and inequities by taking actions that make a positive difference in people’s lives.

[Learn More about the Biden-Harris Administration’s Actions](http://www.environmentaljustice.gov/actions/)

Stay in the Loop

Learn about events, funding opportunities, public input opportunities, and environmental justice announcements right in your inbox!

Sign-up

Find Resources, tools and funding

The Biden-Harris Administration is ensuring all communities can access federal funding by providing trainings and much needed resources to help navigate federal programs, build relationships, and write strong grant proposals. These tools will help deploy funding from the President’s Investing in America agenda and programs covered by the Justice40 Initiative.

[Find Resources](http://www.environmentaljustice.gov/resources/)

[Find Funding](https://grants.gov/)

Environmental Justice Research

The National Science and Technology Council published an Environmental Justice Data and Research Plan to identify and address gaps in science, data, and research related to environmental justice.

[Learn More](https://www.whitehouse.gov/ostp/ostps-teams/nstc/)

Read the Plan

Environmental Justice in Action

All people deserve to live in healthy, thriving communities. The President's Investing in America agenda is putting historic resources on the ground in communities across the country.

[Environmental Justice Stories](http://www.environmentaljustice.gov/stories/)

### Join the American Climate Corps

Join the next generation of creators, thinkers, leaders, and doers, working together to tackle the climate crisis. Help build a clean energy and climate-resilient future in your own community and across the nation.

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President Biden's Investing in America agenda is delivering clean energy, accessible green spaces, clean air and water, and healthy environments. We want to hear your story!

[Share Your Story](http://www.environmentaljustice.gov/share-story/)

**Administration Actions page:**

Biden-Harris Administration Actions on Environmental Justice

Across the federal government, agencies are working to deliver clean air, clean water, clean up legacy pollution, and help create healthy environments for all communities.

Executive Order on tackling the climate crisis at home and abroad

During his first week in office, President Biden signed an Executive Order on Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad, launching the most ambitious environmental justice agenda ever undertaken by the federal government. The executive order recognizes that all Americans deserve to live in healthy, thriving communities, and that, in fact, this has not been the reality for too many people who still need access to safe places to live, work, play, grow, and learn.

[Learn More](https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2021/01/27/fact-sheet-president-biden-takes-executive-actions-to-tackle-the-climate-crisis-at-home-and-abroad-create-jobs-and-restore-scientific-integrity-across-federal-government/)

[Read the Executive Order](https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2021/01/27/executive-order-on-tackling-the-climate-crisis-at-home-and-abroad/)

[View Progress on Environmental Justice](https://ejscorecard.geoplatform.gov/scorecard/)

The Justice40 Initiative

For the first time in our nation’s history, the federal government has made it a goal that 40 percent of the overall benefits of certain federal investments flow to disadvantaged communities that are marginalized by underinvestment and overburdened by pollution. The federal government has created a tool, the Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool or CEJST, to make this a reality. Now, more than 500 programs across 19 federal agencies are being reimagined and transformed to reach this goal.

[Learn More](https://www.whitehouse.gov/environmentaljustice/justice40/)

[Find Justice40 Programs](https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/Justice40-Initiative-Covered-Programs-List_v2.0_11.23_FINAL.pdf)

[Explore the Map](https://screeningtool.geoplatform.gov/en/#3/33.47/-97.5)

Executive Order on Revitalizing Our Nation’s Commitment to Environmental Justice for All

To continue delivering on the most ambitious environmental justice agenda in our nation’s history, the President signed an executive order further embedding environmental justice into the work of federal agencies to achieve real, measurable progress that communities can count on.

[Learn More](https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2023/04/21/fact-sheet-president-biden-signs-executive-order-to-revitalize-our-nations-commitment-to-environmental-justice-for-all/)

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White House Office of Environmental Justice

President Biden established an office within the White House to coordinate federal efforts that help ensure communities have access to clean air, clean water, and a healthy environment. The White House Office of Environmental Justice is housed within the Council on Environmental Quality.

[Learn More](http://www.environmentaljustice.gov/wh-office-ej/)

White House Summit on Environmental Justice In Action

The White House Council on Environmental Quality hosted the first-ever White House Summit on Environmental Justice In Action to showcase the Biden-Harris Administration's progress on advancing environmental justice. The historic event brought together senior Biden-Harris Administration officials and environmental justice leaders from across the country to highlight progress, celebrate local efforts to create healthier communities, and catalyze further action to advance environmental justice for all.

Learn More

Watch the Recording

White House Environmental Justice Interagency Council

The President’s White House Environmental Justice Interagency Council is made up of leaders from agencies across the federal government who are coordinating and collaborating on a whole-of-government approach to environmental justice.

[Learn More](https://www.whitehouse.gov/environmentaljustice/white-house-environmental-justice-interagency-council/)

Read the Memorandum of Understanding

White House Environmental Justice Advisory Council

Environmental justice has always been a community-driven movement. To ensure the voices, perspectives, and lived experiences of communities with environmental justice concerns are heard in the White House and reflected in federal priorities, policies, investments, and decision-making, President Biden created a council made up of individuals with a wide range of backgrounds from every corner of the country to provide advice and recommendations on environmental justice.

[Learn More](https://www.whitehouse.gov/environmentaljustice/white-house-environmental-justice-advisory-council/)

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[Funding](http://www.environmentaljustice.gov/resources/#funding-section-header)

Resources

EJ Clearinghouse

The EJ Clearinghouse is your one-stop-shop for federal resources, experts, funding, mapping tools, and assistance.

[Find What My Community Needs](https://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/forms/ej-clearinghouse)

Technical Assistance Guide

These tools help make it easier for communities across the country to navigate, access, and deploy infrastructure, climate resilience, and clean energy funding.

[Open The Guide](https://www.whitehouse.gov/build/technical-assistance-guide/)

Thriving Communities Network

This network of federal agencies has offices that often serve as front doors to support communities. They work alongside and within communities to provide help to disadvantaged communities with grant and financial management, pre-development assistance, community engagement, planning, and project delivery support.

[Find My Network](https://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/environmental-justice-thriving-communities-technical-assistance-centers#Submitting%20a%20Request%20for%20Technical%20Assistance)

EJ Thriving Communities Technical Assistance Centers

Sixteen centers across the country provide training and assistance to help navigate Federal grant application systems, develop strong grant proposals, and effectively manage grant funding.

[Find a Center Near Me](https://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/environmental-justice-thriving-communities-technical-assistance-centers#Map%2520of%2520the%2520EJ%2520TCTACs)

[Request Technical Assistance](https://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/environmental-justice-thriving-communities-technical-assistance-centers#Submitting%20a%20Request%20for%20Technical%20Assistance)

Rural Partners Network

This whole-of-government effort transforms the way Federal agencies partner with rural communities to create economic opportunity.

[Learn More](https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2022/04/20/fact-sheet-biden-harris-administration-announces-the-rural-partners-network-to-empower-rural-communities-to-access-federal-resources/)

[Find Help for Rural Communities](https://www.rural.gov/programs)

Tools

The Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool

Find your community on the interactive map and learn more about disadvantaged communities that are marginalized by underinvestment and overburdened by pollution.

[Explore The Map](https://screeningtool.geoplatform.gov/en/)

The Environmental Justice Scorecard

The Environmental Justice Scorecard tracks progress across the federal government on advancing the Justice40 Initiative, centering environmental justice in decision making, and institutionalizing environmental justice.

[Learn More](https://ejscorecard.geoplatform.gov/scorecard/)

Funding

Through President Biden’s Investing in America agenda historic funding to advance environmental justice is now available. Use these tools to find grants, financing, and capital for your community.

[Find Federal Funding](https://grants.gov/)

Financing and Private Capital

[Save Money on Clean Energy](https://www.whitehouse.gov/cleanenergy/?utm_source=cleanenergy.gov)

[Stay Up-to-date on Funding Opportunities](https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/su/Vm8pCFj/spring)

**White House Office of Environmental Justice page:**

White House Office of Environmental Justice

President Biden established the first White House Office of Environmental Justice. The Office of Environmental Justice, which is housed within the White House Council on Environmental Quality, is tasked with coordinating federal agency efforts to address current and historic environmental injustices.

Dr. Jalonne White-Newsome serves as the first chief federal environmental Justice officer

Appointed in May 2022, Dr. Jalonne L. White-Newsome serves as the first Federal Chief Environmental Justice Officer, where she advises the Chair of the Council on Environmental Quality on environmental justice and leads the White House's first Office of Environmental Justice.

Directors Of Environmental Justice

Ryan Hathaway

Director for Environmental Justice at the White House Council on Environmental Quality

Sharmila Murthy

Director for Environmental Justice at the White House Council on Environmental Quality

Dr. Rebecca Stanfield McCown

Director for Environmental Justice Public Engagement at the White House Council on Environmental Quality

**Environmental Justice Stories page:**

Environmental Justice Stories

Environmental Justice in action

Through President Biden's Investing in America agenda and programs that are part of the Justice40 Initiative, the Biden-Harris Administration is tackling climate change and delivering clean energy, clean transit, affordable and sustainable housing, training and workforce development, remediation and reduction of legacy pollution, and critical clean water and wastewater infrastructure to communities across the country.

Improving Air Quality

To help improve air quality, clean school buses are rolling in communities across the country and protecting children and communities from harmful fumes.

[Learn More](https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/biden-harris-administration-announces-nearly-1b-awards-clean-school-buses-across)

[Find Justice40 Covered Programs](https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/Justice40-Initiative-Covered-Programs-List_v2.0_11.23_FINAL.pdf)

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Improving access to clean water

So every person has clean water, the Biden-Harris Administration is working with communities to replace every lead pipe in America within 10 years, and the EPA has set the first national standard to address PFAS in drinking water.

[Lead Pipe and Paint Action Plan](https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2021/12/16/fact-sheet-the-biden-harris-lead-pipe-and-paint-action-plan/)

[Critical Action to Protect Communities from PFAS Pollution](https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2024/04/10/fact-sheet-biden-harris-administration-takes-critical-action-to-protect-communities-from-pfas-pollution-in-drinking-water/)

Legacy Pollution Clean Up

To address longstanding legacy pollution, the Biden-Harris Administration is unleashing historic funding to clean up abandoned oil and gas wells, orphaned coal mines, and contaminated hazardous waste known as Superfund sites.

[Learn More](https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/biden-harris-administration-announces-over-1-billion-start-new-cleanup-projects-and)

[Legacy Pollution Clean Up](https://www.doi.gov/priorities/investing-americas-infrastructure/legacy-pollution)

Access to Nature

With funding from the President's Investing in America agenda, communities are planting trees to provide shade, help protect against extreme heat, and create more accessible green spaces in places where people live, work, and play.

[Learn More](https://www.fs.usda.gov/about-agency/newsroom/releases/usda-invests-1-billion-nearly-400-projects-expand-access-trees-and)

Reconnecting Communities

Communities once divided by highways and other infrastructure - sometimes as a result of redlining and segregation - are being reconnected with opportunities, amenities, and natural spaces.

[Learn More](https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2024/03/13/fact-sheet-president-biden-announces-over-3-billion-to-reconnect-communities-that-have-been-left-behind-and-divided-by-transportation-infrastructure/)

[Transportation Grant Funding](https://www.transportation.gov/reconnecting)

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Share Your Story

Share your story about what environmental justice means to you and your community.

1. Fill out the form to introduce yourself.
2. Record a video of what environmental justice means to you and your community.

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If you would like to request assistance with a federal agency, contact [usa.gov](https://www.usa.gov/)

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* To share my environmental justice story
* To contact/share feedback
* Other (please describe)

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