
Mission Statement

The New Jersey Environmental Justice Alliance (NJEJA) is an alliance of New Jersey-based organizations and individuals committed to working together to create healthy, sustainable and just communities by eliminating environmental injustices in low income and communities of color. Together we support and work with communities through local, state, and national policy development, targeted campaigns and organizing, education, advocacy, training and technical assistance focused on critical environmental justice issues.

Research & Publications

Please visit our website at: www.njeja.org to view NJEJA research and publications.

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Advancing EJ in New Jersey,
through Collaboration &
Strong Partnerships



Areas of Focus

ADVOCACY

NJEJA provides direct leadership and support on a host of environmental efforts throughout EJ communities in New Jersey.

We are actively supporting the campaign for “Good Jobs, Healthy Neighborhoods, & a Clean Environment” in Newark, NJ, as a member organization of the **Coalition for Healthy Ports**. The objective of this campaign includes equitable compensation for the city and environmental mitigation policies, like a ban on dirty pre-2007 diesel trucks and Zero Emissions standard for port operations.



ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

NJEJA has developed outreach and education programs, like our **Environmental Justice Leadership Training**, empowering communities with information that could save lives and reduce illness in our neighborhoods. We have engaged high school students from EJ communities in monitoring air quality and conducting truck counts, to raise awareness of air quality issues in urban neighborhoods where large amounts of pollution are a burden.

Our goal is to decrease concentrations of deadly pollutants in the air that New Jersey residents breathe and gases that cause global warming.



CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

NJEJA urges political leaders and major employers to seek community input on public policies such as climate resiliency to reach a common understanding of what local communities need.

We are demonstrating civic engagement through our **Sandy Climate Justice Roundtables** and participation in the **Newark Resiliency Action Plan** (Newark RAP). NJEJA recognizes the rights of residents in EJ neighborhoods to assert their vision for the future of their communities.

POLICY DEVELOPMENT

We craft model legislation for EJ communities throughout NJ and statewide.

Many New Jersey neighborhoods are besieged by combinations of pollutions that result in a cumulative impact that has terrible effects on the health, welfare, and wellbeing of our communities. NJEJA is committed to bringing people together to develop public policies, actions, and programs to prevent and stop these detrimental impacts. We are actively involved in the effort to pass the **Environmental Justice & Cumulative Impacts Ordinance** in the City of Newark.



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