Environmental Justice (EJ)

Avoid *disproportionately high and adverse effects* on low-income or minority populations
Why Required

- Title VI of the 1964 Civil Rights Act
- Executive Order 12898 (EJ) – 1994
- US DOT Order 5610.2(a) – 1997
- FHWA Order 6640.23 – 1998

Analysis completed within all Environmental Assessments.

Review is conducted as part of the Social Impacts review for Categorical Exclusions, but not done for every project.
The EJ Analysis Explores the Following Questions:

⚠️ Will the project cause displacements? Or are there any total takes?

Are impacts for low-income or minority populations disproportionately high?

Will the project have economic impacts on residents and/or businesses?

✔️ Will the project impact community services (i.e., schools, churches, emergency services)?

Does the area have Limited English Proficiency (i.e., a majority of the population that is not proficient reading or speaking English)?

EJ Screen

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<tr>
<th>Unit of Government</th>
<th>Total Population</th>
<th>Percent of Minority Population</th>
<th>Percentage of Individuals below the poverty level (DLTH)</th>
<th>Percentage of individuals who may be Limited in English Proficiency (LEP)</th>
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<td>1-mile buffer of adjacent neighborhood</td>
<td>8,813</td>
<td>44.0%</td>
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<td>Van Buren Township</td>
<td>28,821</td>
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<td>Ypsilanti Township</td>
<td>35,582</td>
<td>41.0%</td>
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<td>City of Ypsilanti</td>
<td>19,529</td>
<td>37.3%</td>
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<td>Washtenaw County</td>
<td>544,791</td>
<td>32.7%</td>
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<td>State of Michigan</td>
<td>9,873,860</td>
<td>31.3%</td>
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When Encountering EJ Populations

- Contact your coordinator or EJ specialist directly
- Don’t try to hide the populations/impacts
- Listen to the public and locals
- Go above and beyond

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Ways to Mitigate

- Make the connection between the EJ populations and local resources
- Translation services
- Transportation services
- Project modification

Questions?

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