

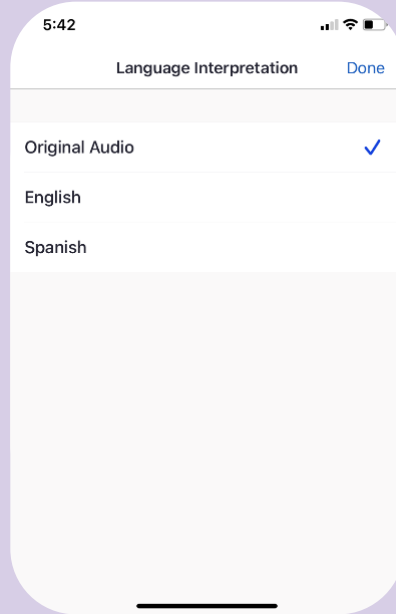
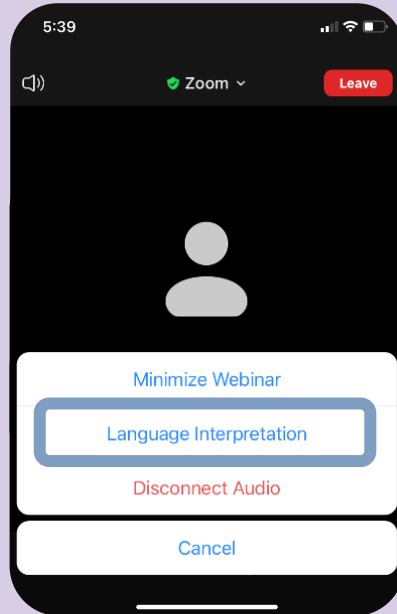
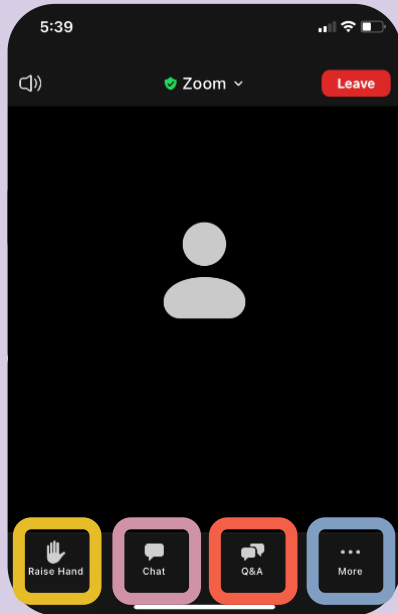
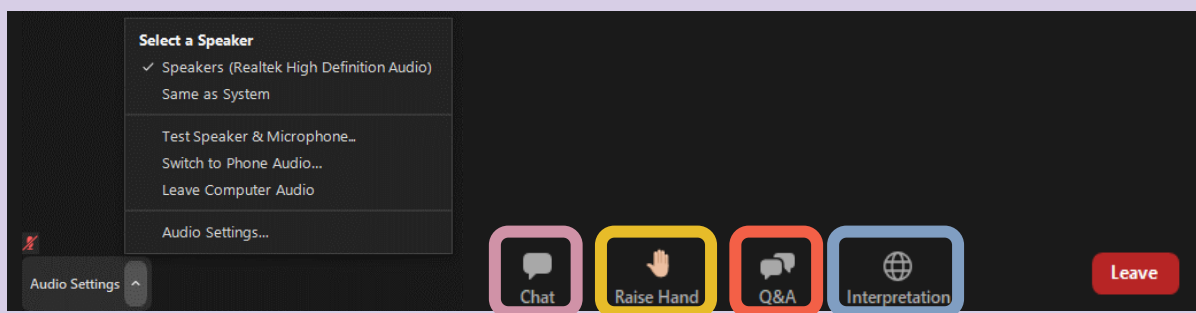
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Town Hall on Environmental Justice

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This is how we Zoom it!



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Part 1:

What is Environmental Justice?

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Environmental Justice

Fair treatment and meaningful involvement of all persons

Regardless of race, color, national origin, or income

With respect to:

- the development, implementation, and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations, policies, and activities
- the distribution of environmental benefits





Part 2:

What is NYC's Environmental Justice program?

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NYC's Environmental Justice Laws



Local laws 60 & 64 of 2017 codified environmental justice into City decision-making

Became law after 10 years of advocacy from grassroots environmental justice organizations and the leadership of elected officials including NYC Councilmembers Charles and Inez Barron and Costa Constantinides

NYC's Environmental Justice Laws

Our roadmap to identify and address Environmental Justice concerns in NYC.



Establish an Advisory Board of local leaders and experts

Convene a Working Group of City agencies



Identify EJ Areas and outline concerns through a study/report

Publish a web portal with EJ maps, data, and programs



Develop a Citywide EJ Plan to:

- **Incorporate** EJ concerns into City decision-making
- **Identify** City initiatives for promoting EJ

Current step

NYC's EJ Advisory Board



Established by the City's
Environmental Justice laws

Comprised of EJ leaders –
advocates, academics, and public
health experts

Advises the City on the
implementation of EJ laws

Brings this work to New Yorkers
and ensures it is grounded in the
experiences of people living in
frontline EJ communities

Environmental Justice Team

Each role helps ensure that the process and final plan are transparent and impactful.

Interagency Working Group

- Conduct research and develop the EJ report
- Assemble relevant data to publish EJ portal
- Develop Citywide EJ Plan

Environmental Justice Senior Advisor

- Manage process
- Convene Interagency Working Group and Advisory Board
- Advise on environmental justice issues

Environmental Justice Advisory Board

- Review and advise on EJ report, portal, and Plan
- Engage with environmental justice communities and the public

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE REPORT, PORTAL, AND PLAN



Part 3:

What is the Environmental Justice for All Report?

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Environmental Justice For All Report



Study the city's Environmental Justice Areas

Provide a comprehensive view of the present state of environmental justice

Lay the foundation for the Environmental Justice Plan

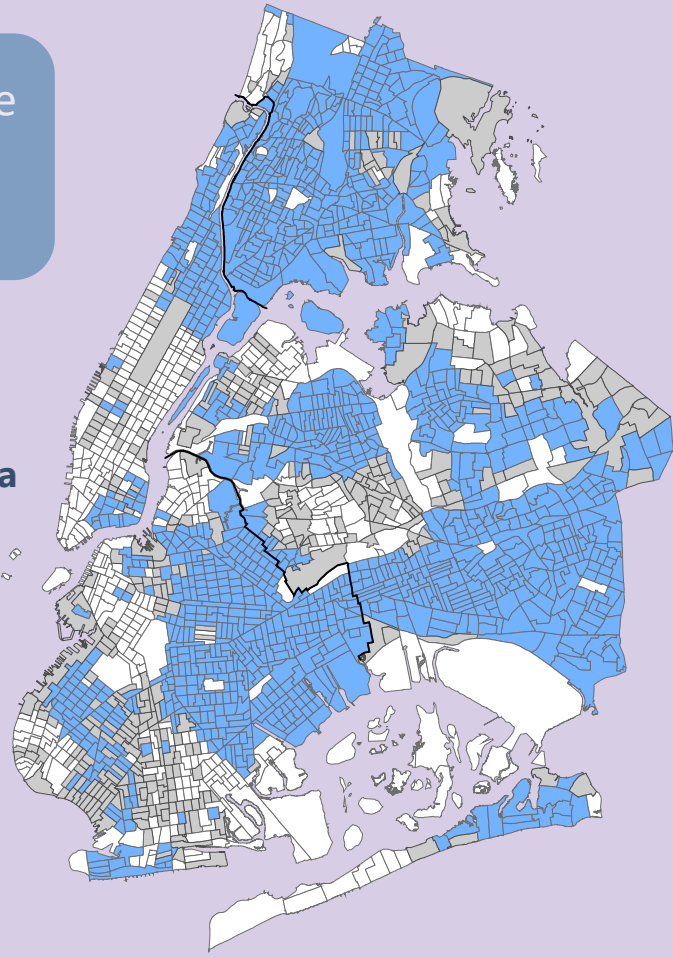
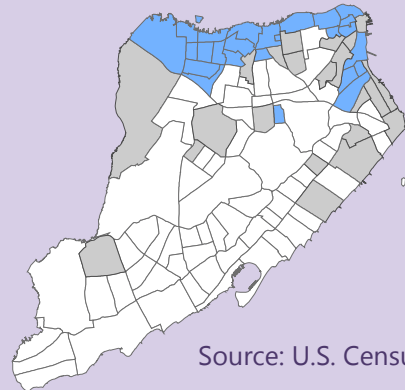
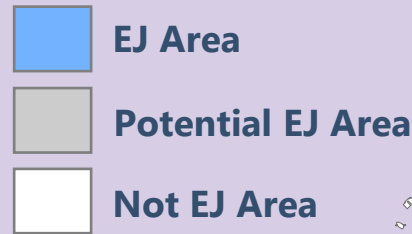
Fulfill 10 legal minimum requirements, to ensure that major climate, environmental, and health concerns are identified and that existing City programs are examined

Environmental Justice Areas in NYC

EJ Areas are defined by law as Census tracts that are either:

- **Low-income communities:** Population below poverty is 23.59% of the total population or greater
- **Minority communities:** Minority population is 51.1% of the total population or greater

Find out if you live in an EJ Area at nyc.gov/ejstudy



Minimum Requirements of the Environmental Justice Report

Ten legal minimum requirements, spanning:



Assessing Environmental Outcomes



Reviewing City Programs and Policies



Engaging Communities

Minimum Requirements

Assess Environmental Outcomes

Relates to the analysis of environmental benefits and burdens as well as identification of Environmental Justice Areas.

For more details on what must be included in the study, visit nyc.gov/EJstudy

- 1 Location of Environmental Justice areas
- 2 Description of environmental justice issues
- 3 Latest environmental data, location of City infrastructure, and violations of environmental regulations
- 4 Investment in renewable energy in Environmental Justice Areas

Minimum Requirements

Review City Programs

Mandates the identification of city programs and processes that advance or hinder Environmental Justice.

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Existing programs that advance environmental justice and allow the public to participate in agency decision-making

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Existing City programs that may cause environmental justice concerns

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Environmental justice programs in other municipalities or states.

Minimum Requirements

Engage Communities

Aims to advance public engagement and ensure Environmental Justice communities have a voice in decision-making.

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Barriers to meaningful participation in environmental decision-making in EJ areas

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Existing city programs that allow for participation in decisions regarding siting facilities and infrastructure

10

Changes that could be made to existing programs and policies to increase participation in EJ Areas



Part 4:

What kinds of EJ issues are already being tracked?

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Health and Mental Hygiene

Community Health Profiles

Data on social, economic, housing conditions and behaviors, healthcare access and health by neighborhood. Includes graphics and maps.

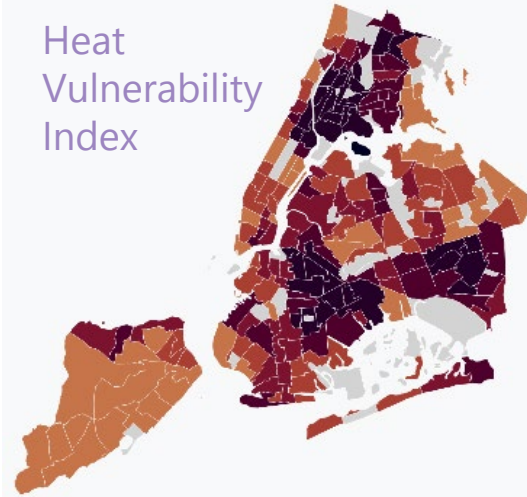
Environment and Health Data Portal

Catalogue of 200+ environmental health indicators across eight topics: outdoor air and weather, built environment, pests and pesticide use, food and drink, environmental sustainability, health outcomes, behavior and social factors.

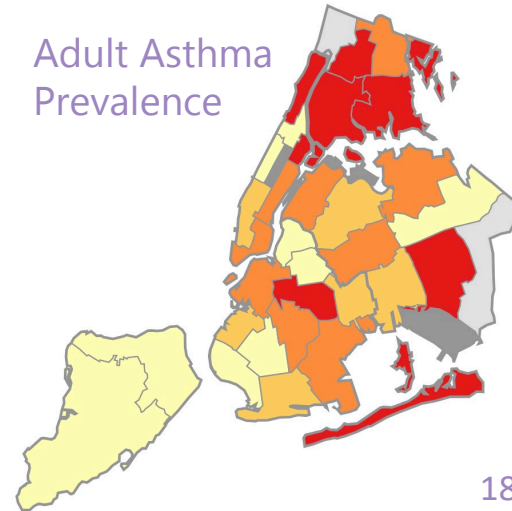
Examples of Data Available

- Air quality, asthma hospitalizations, infant mortality, cyclist hospitalizations, diabetes diagnoses, and life expectancy

Heat
Vulnerability
Index



Adult Asthma
Prevalence



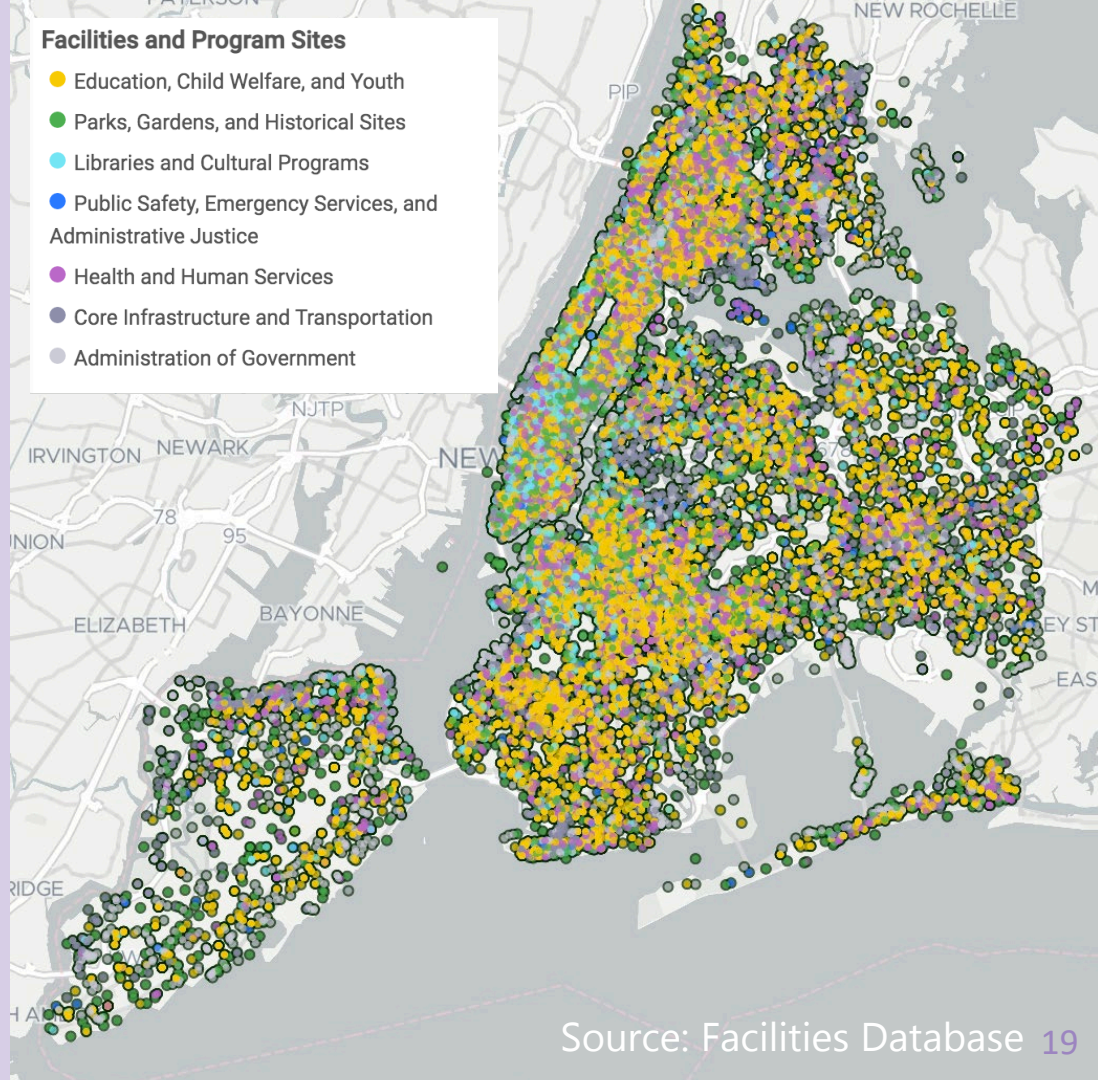
City Planning

Facilities Database

Data on 30,000+ facilities that help shape quality of life within neighborhood

NYC Flood Hazard Mapper

Interactive map of City's coastal flooding hazards and how they'll increase with climate change



Parks and Recreation

Walk to a Park Initiative

Borough maps show if you live walking distance to a park

Street Tree Map

Includes information about every street tree in New York City

Citywide Statistics

692,892

Trees on Map

28,350

Activities Reported

7,277

Trees Favorited

233

Tree Species on Map

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Most Common Species

85,450 trees, 12% of trees on the map

Recent Tree Care Activities

Feb 21, 2021

The [Ginkgo near 415 West 118 Street](#) was pruned.

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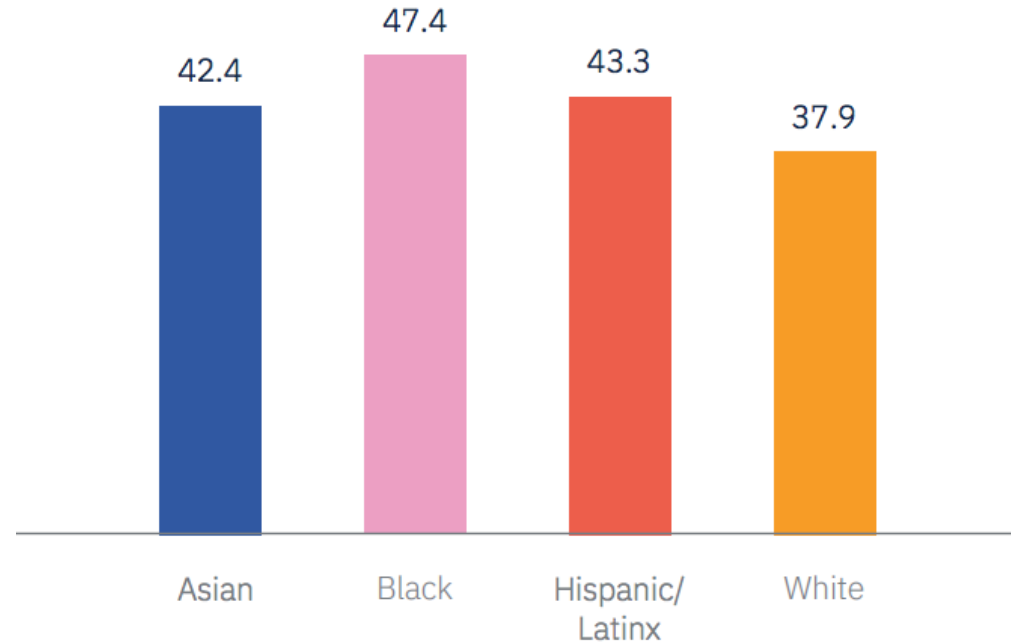
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Economic Opportunity

Social Indicators and Equity Report

Information on economic, social, environmental, and physical health of residents

**Mean Travel Time to Work in Minutes
by Race/Ethnicity in 2017**



Environmental Remediation



SPEED Mapping Tool

Search for environmental cleanup projects, cleanup requirements on rezoned land, petroleum spills, resiliency info, historic land uses, and community brownfield planning areas.

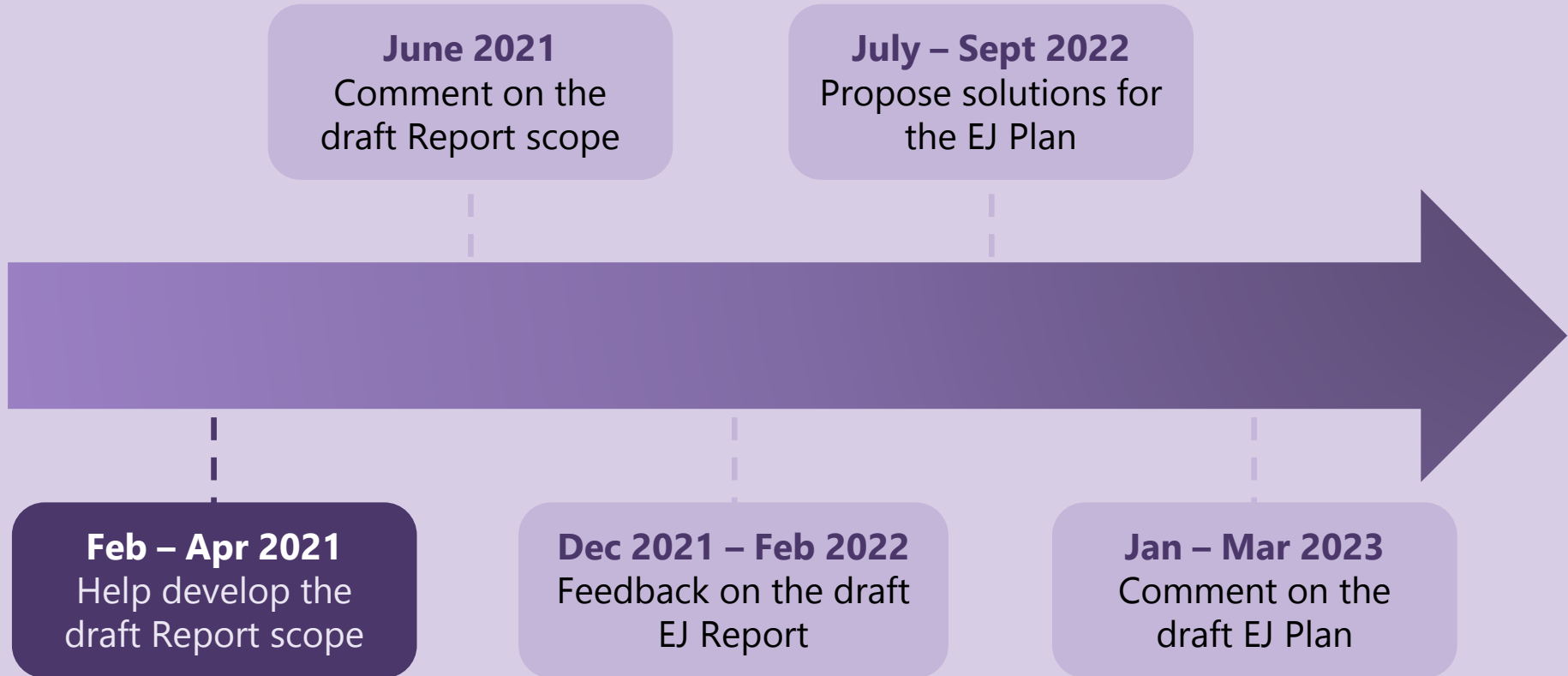


Part 5:

How can I get involved?

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How will public input shape this work?



Getting Involved



Leave a public comment



online at nyc.gov/ejstudy



email EJ@climate.nyc.gov



voice message 212-788-4144

Comments must be submitted
by April 30, 2021

Share with your community

Stay in touch @NYClimate

Make Your Voice Heard



This work is a priority for our board and in line with citywide efforts on racial justice and an equitable recovery from COVID-19

To achieve Environmental and Climate Justice, we must center the voices of those most impacted by environmental degradation and climate change



Discussion



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Environmental Justice Interagency Working Group

- City Commission on Human Rights*
- Dept. of City Planning*
- Dept. of Citywide Administrative Services
- Dept. of Environmental Protection*
- Dept. of Buildings*
- Dept. of Health and Mental Hygiene*
- Dept. of Transportation*
- Dept. of Parks and Recreation*
- Dept. of Sanitation*
- Economic Development Corporation
- Dept. of Housing Preservation & Development*
- Mayor's Office of Climate Policy and Programs
- Mayor's Office of Resiliency*
- Mayor's Office of Sustainability*
- New York City Housing Authority
- Mayor's Office of Environmental Coordination
- Mayor's Office of Environmental Remediation
- Mayor's Office of Operations

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