NEW YORK-NEW JERSEY HARBOR AND TRIBUTARIES
Coastal Storm Risk Management Study

Environmental Justice

What is Environmental Justice?
The fair treatment and meaningful involvement of all people regardless of race, color, national origin or income regarding the development, implementation and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations, and policies, with no group bearing a disproportionate burden of environmental harms and risks.

What is the Justice 40 Initiative?
Executive Order 14008 directs all Federal agencies with covered programs, including the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, to take steps to ensure environmental justice and economic opportunity for disadvantaged communities that have been historically marginalized and overburdened by pollution and underinvestment in housing, transportation, water and wastewater infrastructure, and health care.

Increasing Access for Disadvantaged Communities to Benefits Provided by U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Removing Barriers to Participation in Decision-Making:

- Weekend, Daytime and Evening Public Meetings
- 150-day Public Comment Period (Extended from 90 days) for the Draft Report, ends March 7, 2023
- Project Story Map
- Public Meetings Located throughout the Study Area at Easily Accessible Locations
- Translation Services and ASL Interpretation
- Recorded Presentation with Translation
- Leveraging Existing Relationships and Establishing New with Local Community Leaders and Interest Groups to “Get the Word Out!”

Utilizing Every Tool in Our Toolbox:

- Robust Public Engagement Throughout the Study Process:
  - 9 Public Scoping Meetings in 2018
  - 18 Public Meetings Following Release of the Interim Report in 2019
  - Over 10,000 written comments received to date
- Ongoing Collaboration with Interest Groups, Academic Institutions, and Community Boards

How Can You Help Inform the Study?

- If there is a localized concern regarding the plan that might impact a disadvantaged portion of your community, we want to know!
- Comments Please! Send comments with subject line EJ to nynjharbor.tribstudy@usace.army.mil
- Use the QR Code below to review the report, get details about upcoming meetings, and navigate to the Story Map.
- Let us know how we are doing; how can we reach more underserved people in your community?

Learn More About EJ and Your Community:

- EPA’s EJ Screen
- CEQ’s Climate and Environmental Justice Screening Tool
- New York State’s Office of Environmental Justice
- New Jersey’s EJ Mapping Tool
- Follow the QR Code for the NYNJHATS Website and the read the Report