

Changes in Language for EJ bill

Text in original EJ policy	Changed Language (by Natural Resources)
SECTION 1: Definitions	SECTION 2: The following words shall have the following meanings unless the context clearly requires otherwise
“Disproportionate Burden” means that a group of people, because of race, ethnicity, class, gender, or handicap bears an unfair share of environmental pollution from industrial, commercial, state and municipal operations or have limited access to natural resources, including greenspace (open space) and water resources	--
“Environmental Justice Population” or “EJ Population” means a Neighborhood where the annual median household income is equal to or less than 65 percent of the statewide median or whose population is made up 25 percent Minority, Foreign Born, or Lacking English Language Proficiency; or where the Secretary has determined, pursuant to section 3(b), that a community has received a disproportionate burden or otherwise not received equal protection.	“Environmental Justice Population”, a neighborhood where the annual median household income is equal to or less than 65 percent of the statewide median or whose population is made up of 25 percent minority, foreign-born, and lacking English language proficiency.
(c) Establish a procedure under which additional communities that do not fall under the strict demographic definition of an EJ Population may petition for such status. The Secretary shall make a finding whether the petitioner has borne a disproportionate burden or otherwise has not received equal protection.	--
(e) Establish and coordinate the efforts of an EJ Working Group made up of senior-level managers from each EOEa agency, Department of Economic Development (DED), the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD), and the Department of Public Health (DPH), as well as representatives from at least two EJ Populations. The EJ Working Group shall maximize state resources, research, and technical assistance to further the goals	(d) Establish and coordinate the efforts of a working group made up of senior-level managers from each agency within the executive office of environmental affairs, the department of economic development, the department of housing and community development and the department of public health. The environmental justice working group shall maximize state resources, research, and technical assistance to further the goals of this legislation to ensure

<p>of this legislation to ensure Environmental Justice concerns are evaluated and addressed in each of the agencies' jurisdiction and programs.</p>	<p>environmental justice concerns are evaluated and addressed in each of the agencies' jurisdiction and programs</p>
<p>(g) Target resources to create, restore, and maintain open spaces located in neighborhoods where EJ Populations reside. At a minimum the Interagency Land Committee (ILC), which includes the Metropolitan District Commission, the Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Environmental Law Enforcement, and the Department of Environmental Management shall make it a priority to promote preserving and restoring open spaces in neighborhoods where EJ Populations reside.</p>	<p>(g) Target resources to create, restore, and maintain open spaces located in neighborhoods where environmental justice populations reside. At a minimum the interagency land committee, which includes the department of conservation and recreation and the division of fisheries and wildlife shall make it a priority to promote preserving and restoring open spaces in neighborhoods where environmental justice populations reside. (Because Environmental Law Enforcement moved to EOEA it is no longer included here but it may be a good idea to keep it involved for enforcement purposes.)</p>