

PROMISING PRACTICES AT THE INTERSECTION OF ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE AND EQUITABLE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

If you care at all about the well-being of people of color and people living with low incomes, work at the intersection of environmental justice and racially equitable development isn't just important. It's *critical*. Below, we outline some particularly promising practices our research has uncovered. They might be worth exploring in your own work.

CHECK OUT THE RESEARCH.

Consider the big picture impacting environmental justice and equitable development work.

- [The People's Practice, Issue 07](#)
- [Core Characteristics of Community Development](#)
- [High-Level Research Findings](#)
- [A Brief History of Race, Place, and Policy](#)

PROMISING PRACTICE 1: ACKNOWLEDGE AND ADDRESS COMMUNITIES' ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS BEYOND CLIMATE CHANGE.

Take time for long-term trust-building and to understand local geographic context around environmental concerns.

- [Deep South Center for Environmental Justice](#)
- [Environmental Transformation Movement of Flint](#)
- [Understanding Environmental Justice In Rural Communities](#)

PROMISING PRACTICE 2: TIE GREEN INVESTMENTS TO EQUITABLE COMMUNITY ACCESS TO EDUCATION, JOBS, AND WEALTH.

Commit to long-term assessment to ensure green economy investments are equitable and addressing structural barriers.

- [Blacks in Green](#)
- [Power Corps PHL](#)
- [PUSH Buffalo](#)
- [Red Cloud Renewable](#)
- [Sunset Park Solar](#)

PROMISING PRACTICE 3: DRAW EXPLICIT CONNECTIONS BETWEEN ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE AND AFFORDABLE, QUALITY HOUSING.

Ensure that investments in sustainability also improve local housing equity in the United States.

- [California Environmental Justice Alliance](#)
- [Esperanza Community Housing](#)
- [Habitable](#)
- [WE ACT](#)

PROMISING PRACTICE 4: INTEGRATE INDIGENOUS LAND PRACTICES INTO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORKS.

Address structural barriers that prevent those practices from scaling, including land, funding and learning supports.

- [Alaska Venture Fund](#)
- [City of Eureka, California](#)
- [First Nations Development Institute](#)
- [Land Trust Alliance](#)

PROMISING PRACTICE 5: SUPPORT EQUITABLE ENVIRONMENTAL AND CLIMATE PLANNING AT STATE, MUNICIPAL, NEIGHBORHOOD LEVELS.
Be specific about environmental justice impacts of different public functions and dedicate funding to implementation.

- [California Strategic Growth Council](#)
- [City of Oakland, California](#)
- [Public Housing Community Fund](#)
- [The Minneapolis Foundation](#)

PROMISING PRACTICE 6: CREATE POLICY AGENDAS AND ORGANIZING EFFORTS LED BY COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS AND RESIDENTS.
Build reliable support infrastructure for these activities, including learning resources and dedicated funding.

- [Black Appalachian Coalition](#)
- [Comunidades Organizando el Poder y la Acción Latina](#)
- [People for Community Recovery](#)
- [The Greenlining Institute](#)

PROMISING PRACTICE 7: DEVELOP DATA AND LEARNING SUPPORTS THAT ENABLE TARGETED ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE INVESTMENTS.
Explore mapping, scoring and peer learning approaches that can meaningfully connect this to equitable development.

- [California Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment](#)
- [Center for Community Investment](#)
- [Rural Empowerment Association for Community Help](#)

PROMISING PRACTICE 8: SUPPORT FRAMEWORKS THAT BRING TOGETHER EQUITABLE DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE.
Navigate each sector's values, language, industry standards, practices, financial flows and policy mandates.

- [Coalition of Communities of Color](#)
- [Helicon Collaborative](#)
- [Ironbound Community Corporation](#)
- [Strong, Prosperous, And Resilient Communities Challenge](#)

DIG EVEN DEEPER.

Ready to explore this cross-sector work at a deeper level? Spend time with two longer resources that can help you map your course of action.

- [Eye on the Prize: The Environmental Justice and Racially Equitable Community Development Workbook](#)
- [Crafting Anti-Racist Narratives For Community Development](#)

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