



Environmental Advisory Board

Meeting Agenda

June 25, 2025 3:00 P.M.

Centennial II HR Conference Room B

805 Central Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

Virtual Attendance through Microsoft Teams

Order of Business

- I. Public Comment**
- II. Call to Order**
- III. Administrative Action***
 - Approval of May 28, 2025 – Meeting minutes
- IV. Office of Environment and Sustainability Comments**
 - TBD
- V. Information/Updates**
 - Meeting with Councilmember Owens – Kylie Johnson
- VI. Items for Vote***
 - None
- VII. Presentations**
 - None
- VIII. Open Discussion**
 - How does EAB support GCP Action CA.3: Support codification of climate justice and racial equity in City decision-making mechanisms?
 - The Board has had presentations from Fair Shake in April and from OES on how the GCP includes Equity in May.
 - What stands out to you from the Fair Shake & GCP Equity Presentations?
 - Does it prompt any specific ideas for next steps in Codifying Environmental Justice?
 - Any personal experiences you want to share from your work?
 - What do you think the biggest barriers would be to the city implementing these types of policies/processes?
 - Which disparities are we trying to address? Any specific examples that stand out to you?
 - This will help inform how to address disparity and design policy or programs.
- IX. Next Meeting**
 - July 23, 2025, at 3pm; Centennial II HR Conference Room B; 805 Central Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202
- X. Adjournment**

**Board Action Requested*

Agenda Packet Materials:

- Draft meeting minutes from 5/28/2025
- Fair Shake Presentation – 4/23/25
- GCP Equity Presentation – 6/25/25

Environmental Advisory Board

Minutes of May 28, 2025

Members Present:

- **In person:** Andrew Musgrave; Dave Schmitt; Douglas Walton; Kylie Johnson; Susan Sprigg
- **Virtual:** Ashlee Young; Ericka Copeland; Nathan Alley; Rico Blackman; Van Sullivan

Members Absent: Emmy Schroder; Julie Shifman; Monica Perdomo; Nayana Shah

Staff Present: Oliver Kroner; Amanda Testerman; Erin Kabel

Meeting: A meeting of the Environmental Advisory Board was held on May 25, 2025 at 3:00 PM at Centennial II HR Conference Room B, 805 Central Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202.

Meeting Agenda:

- I. **Public Comment**
- II. **Call to Order at 3:05 PM**
- III. **Administrative Action***
 - Approval of April 23, 2025 – Meeting minutes
- IV. **Office of Environment and Sustainability Comments**
 - City Funding
 - Federal Funding
- V. **Information/Updates**
 - Building Performance Standards presentation at CEI Committee on 5/20/25
 - Meeting details & presentation: <https://cincinnati.legistar.com/MeetingDetail.aspx?ID=1303907&GUID=59B23733-4776-4C6D-AB8B-2E164A8B8510&Options=&Search=>
 - Watch Recording: <https://archive.org/details/16250520-cei>
- VI. **Items for Vote***
 - None
- VII. **Presentations**
 - Green Workforce Assessment – Brandon Rudd, Cincinnati Regional Chamber; Thanapat Vichitchot, FUSE- OES
 - Workforce Assessment report available online: https://cincinnati.chamber.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/05/2025_Cincinnati-Green-Workforce_FINAL.pdf
 - GCP and Equity – Ollie Kroner, OES
- VIII. **Open Discussion**
 - Policy Comment: Codifying Environmental Justice
- I. **Next Meeting**
 - Wednesday June 25, 2025 at 3:00 PM
- II. **Adjournment at 4:31 PM**

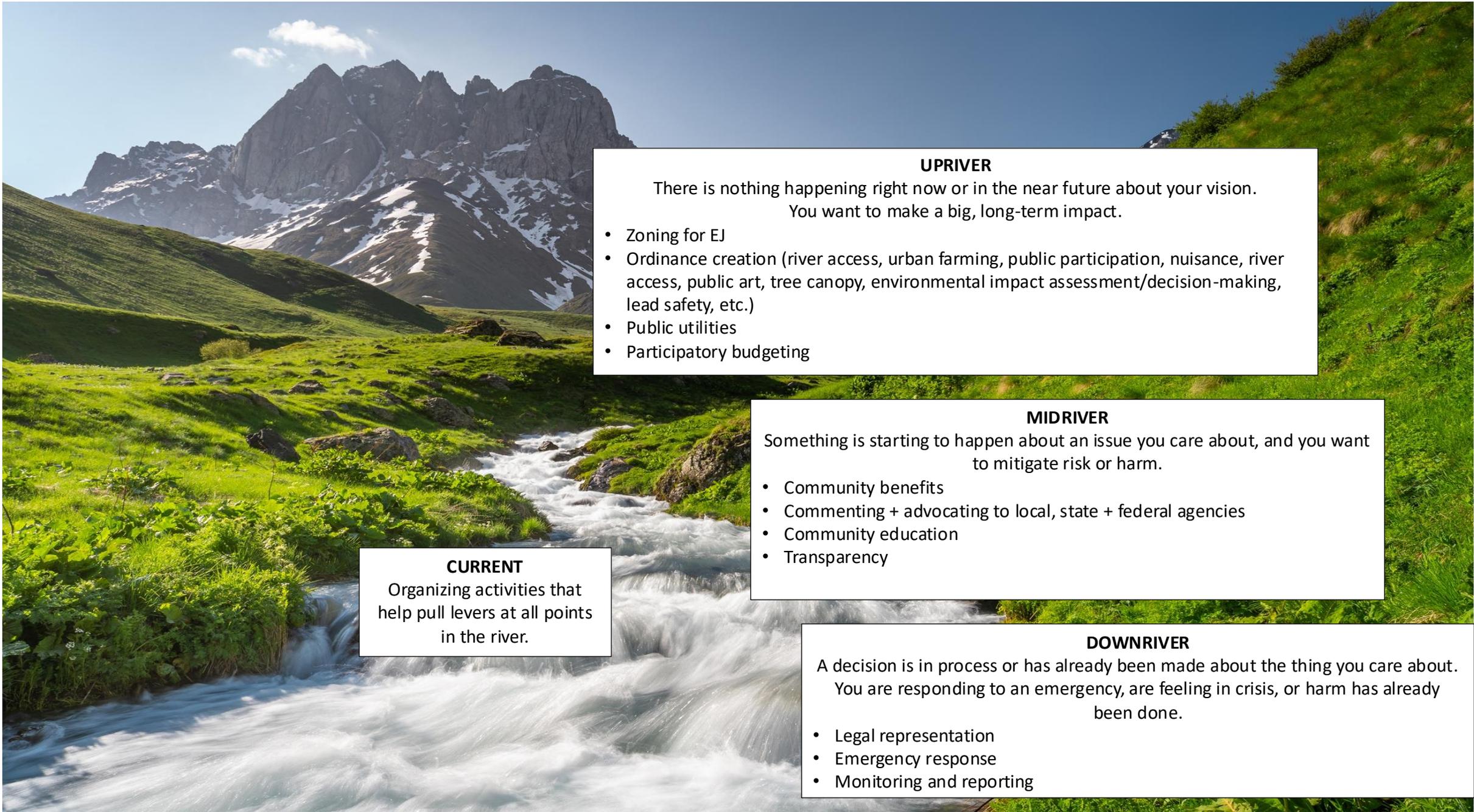
Because everyone deserves a Fair Shake.

- We believe that all communities should have access to the tools of change, and that everyone has the right to make decisions about their air, water, and the places where they live, work, and play.
 - **Client-centered legal representation** – at pro-bono and sliding-fee-scale rates for all types of environmental legal issues. Licensed in PA, OH, WVA
 - **Community Democracy** – providing [education](#), support, resources, and technical assistance for communities to drive their environmental futures.
 - Power Play
 - **Legal services education** – providing education and hands-on-learning to support the next generation of environmental attorneys and organizers.



Fair Shake[®]

Environmental Legal Services



UPRIVER

There is nothing happening right now or in the near future about your vision.
You want to make a big, long-term impact.

- Zoning for EJ
- Ordinance creation (river access, urban farming, public participation, nuisance, river access, public art, tree canopy, environmental impact assessment/decision-making, lead safety, etc.)
- Public utilities
- Participatory budgeting

MIDRIVER

Something is starting to happen about an issue you care about, and you want to mitigate risk or harm.

- Community benefits
- Commenting + advocating to local, state + federal agencies
- Community education
- Transparency

CURRENT

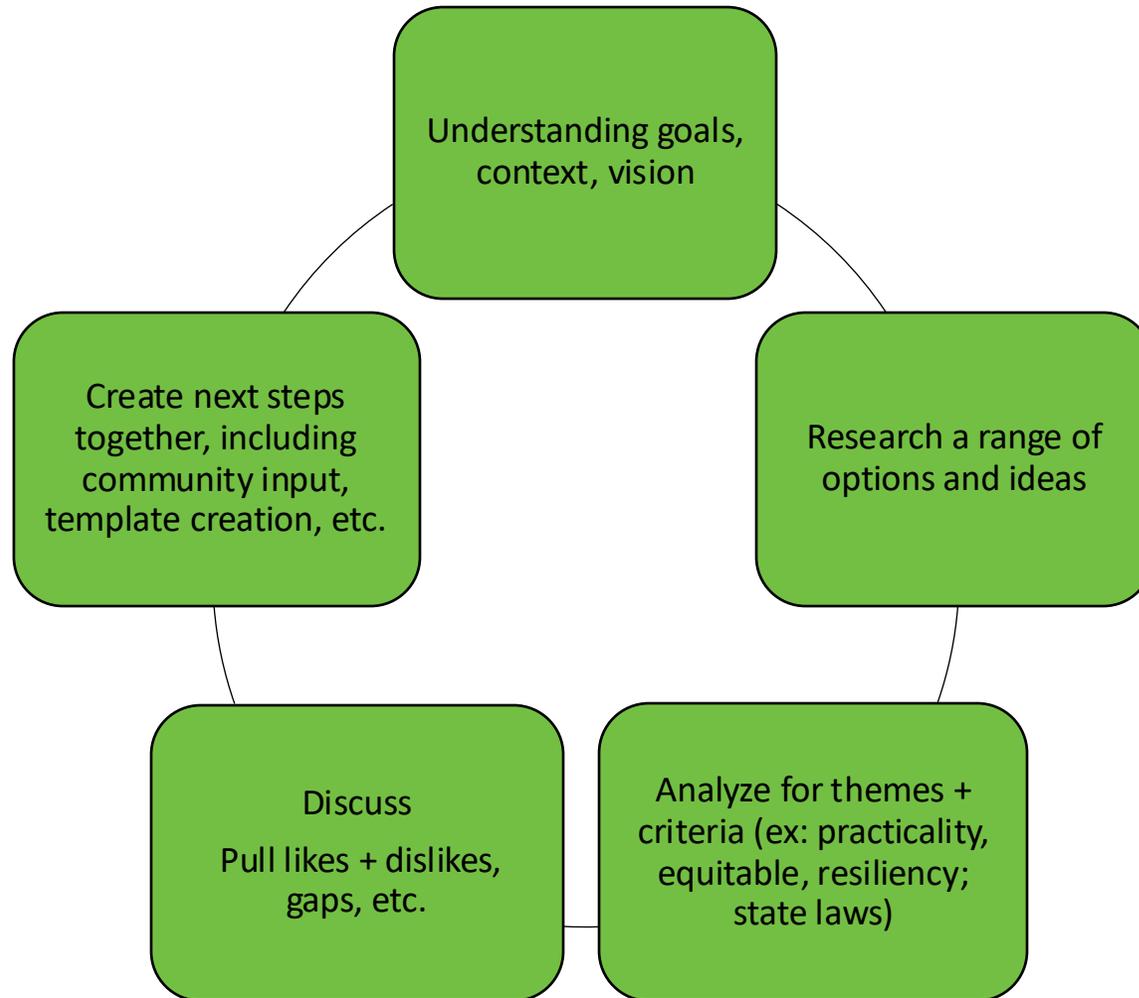
Organizing activities that help pull levers at all points in the river.

DOWNRIVER

A decision is in process or has already been made about the thing you care about.
You are responding to an emergency, are feeling in crisis, or harm has already been done.

- Legal representation
- Emergency response
- Monitoring and reporting

Research Examples



- Public Participation Ordinance Examples
- Zoning for EJ Examples
- Lead-Safe Ordinance Options
- Community Benefits Guide + CBO Info
- EJ Advisory Boards – a Scorecard for States



Goal: explore codification of racial equity and climate justice in City decision-making mechanisms (a priority action in the Community Activation chapter of the [Green Cincinnati Plan](#)).

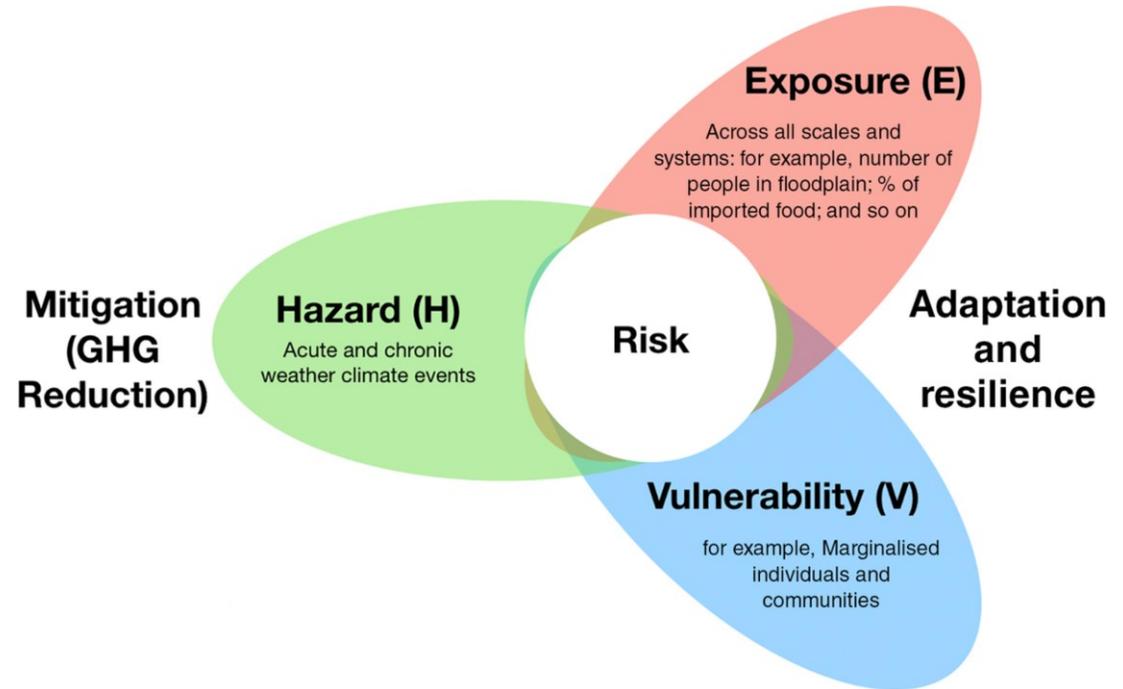
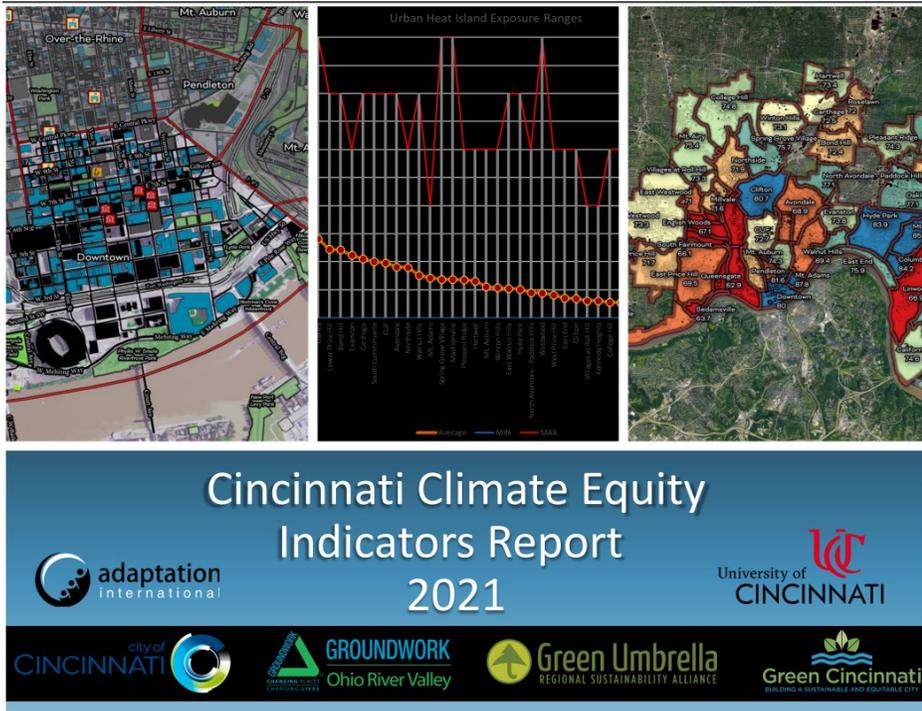
- 5 years from now, how can you tell if this goal's been successful?
- What do you feel like is needed to get there?
- What have been the challenges to city decision-making process in the past? How has that impacted EJ outcomes?
- [EJ Ordinance](#) (2009): What problem did this seek to solve? Why hasn't it been successful? Is there anything you want to take forward from this?
- Are there any specific criteria which would be most helpful to know about the various options?



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Climate Equity Indicators Report



- 52 socio-economic, demographic, geospatial, and institutional indicators to evaluate climate risk and adaptive capacity



42

Public meetings/
engagements

1,680+

Planning session attendees



175+

Priority community members
compensated for their
engagement

3,000+

Recommendations Received



1,000+

Survey Responses

600+

Public Comments

GCP Equity Framework

1. **Recognitional equity**—a commitment to identifying and acknowledging injustices affecting specific populations that institutions, including government, have created.

2. **Procedural equity**—a commitment to ensuring that priority community members have a voice in the process to develop and implement programs and policies in an effort to shift power, build trust, and drive accountability.

3. **Distributional equity**—a commitment to develop policies and programs that result in the distribution of benefits across all segments of a community, prioritizing those with the highest need.

4. **Restorational equity**—a commitment to correct past harms through repairing degraded relationships, communities, and other resources.

5. **Transformational equity** - a commitment to prioritize the needs and rights of priority communities by addressing the structural conditions that cause social and racial injustice



Green Cincinnati Plan
2023

Equity Framework





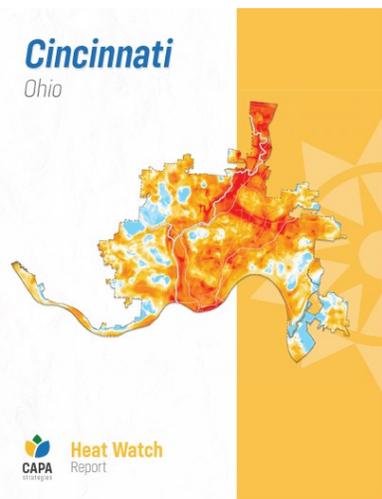
Priority Communities

Communities where climate mitigation and efforts to close gaps are likely to be most impactful due to historic and systematic discrimination, vulnerability to climate related events and disasters, and capacity to adapt to these challenges.



Prioritizing Data & Voice

- Dive in to better understand the inequities and what we can do to change the structures and the story
- Seats at decision-making tables for frontline community members for planning, implementation, & feedback
- An Equity Framework to guide all implementation partners
- Resources to support continued engagement like this and the Climate Safe Neighborhoods Program





GREEN CINCINNATI PLAN
Seeds of Change
Grant Program

YOUTH CLIMATE ACTION



YOUTH CLIMATE ACTION FUND

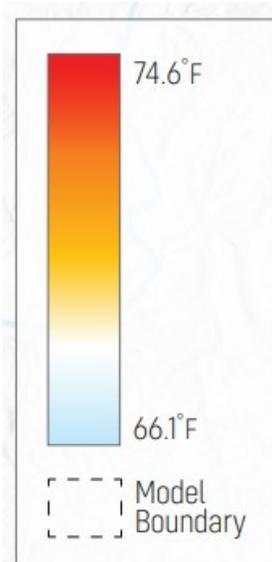
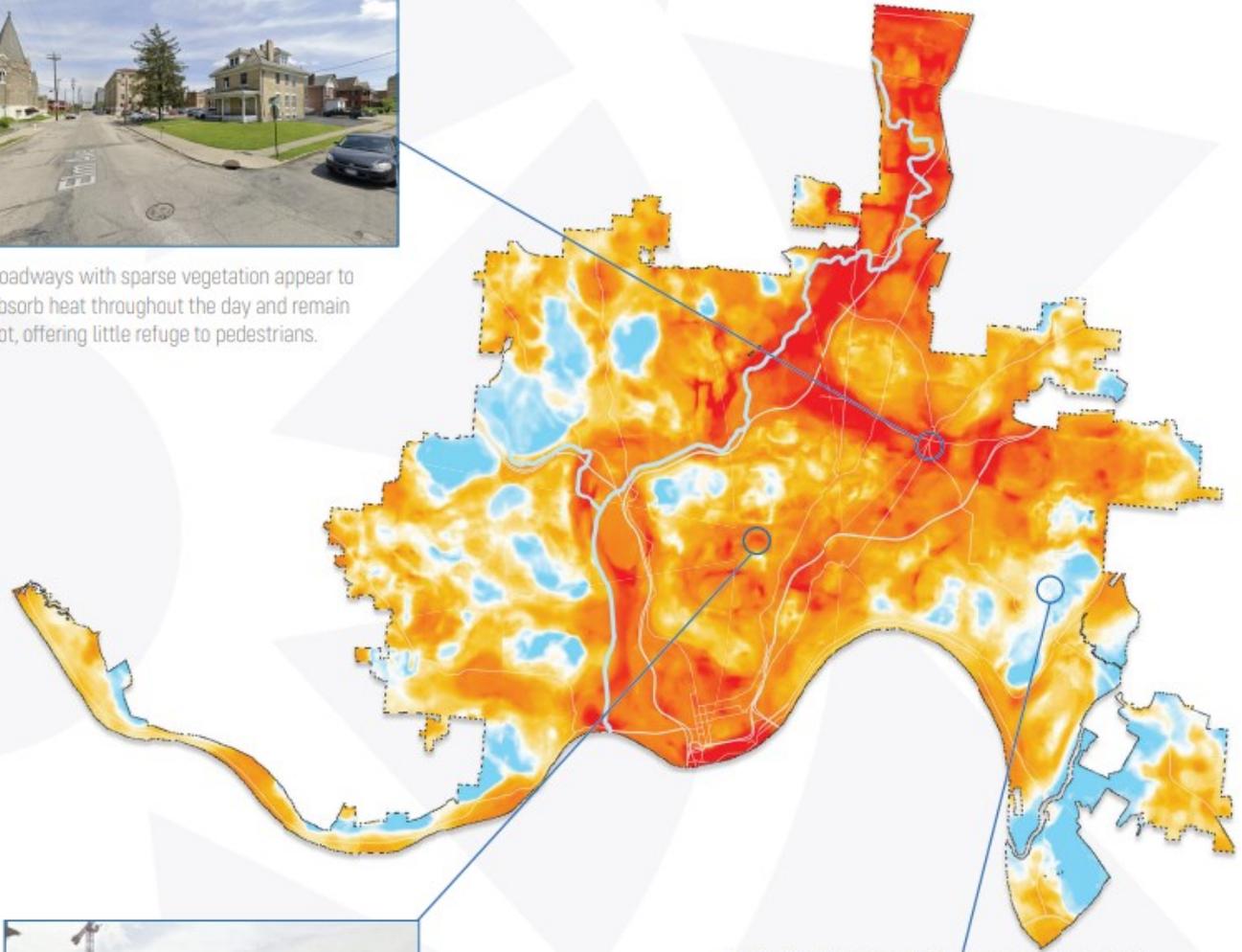
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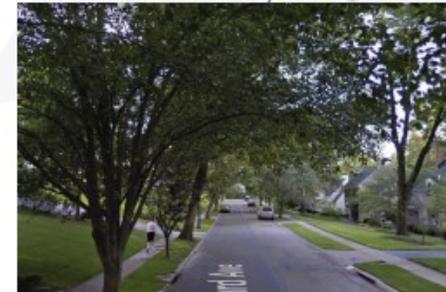
Urban Heat Island Effect



Roadways with sparse vegetation appear to absorb heat throughout the day and remain hot, offering little refuge to pedestrians.



Residences can be impacted by large neighboring developments that absorb and retain heat throughout the day.



Shaded residential areas keep neighborhoods cool during summer heat waves and lower the risk of heat-related illness for residents.



Pools & Spraygrounds



Energy Burden

Percentage of household income spent on utility costs



Low-income energy burden





100% Green Energy for the City

- 100 Megawatt solar farm under construction (Power Purchase Agreement)
- Energy Aggregation Program - Green energy delivered to ~80,000 homes and biz
- ~10% savings from conventional utility rate
- Workforce development program to grow solar sector employment





Housing

- Connected Communities: Zoning changes to accelerate housing development
- Density
- Affordable Housing Trust fund: \$50M fund to accelerate affordable housing development





Community Brownfield Remediation



***Former Lunkenheimer
Valve – South
Fairmount***



***Grain Silos –
Millvale***



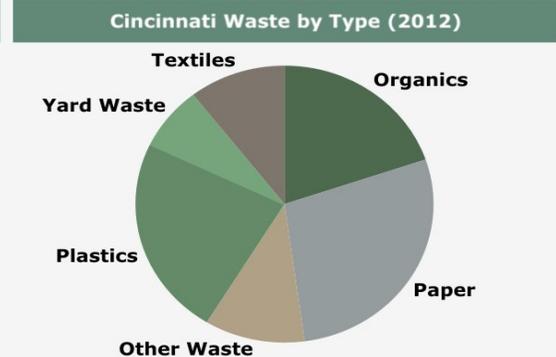
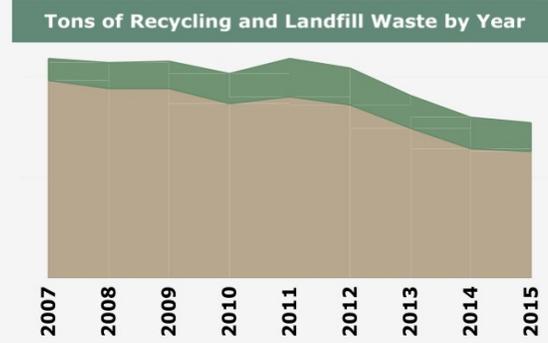
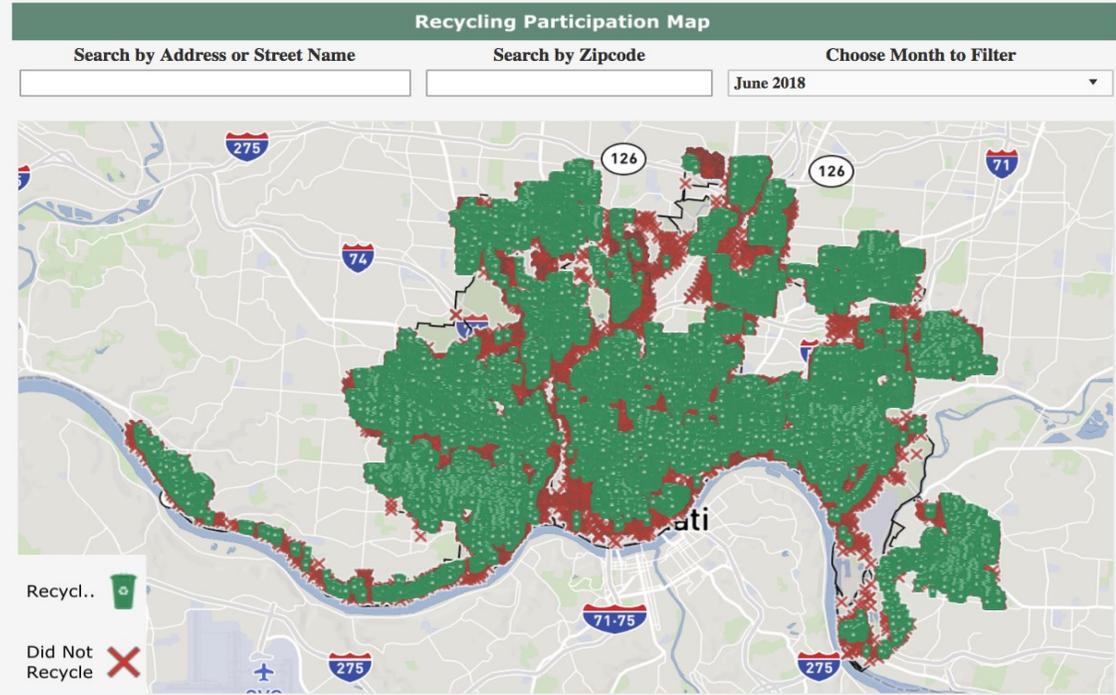
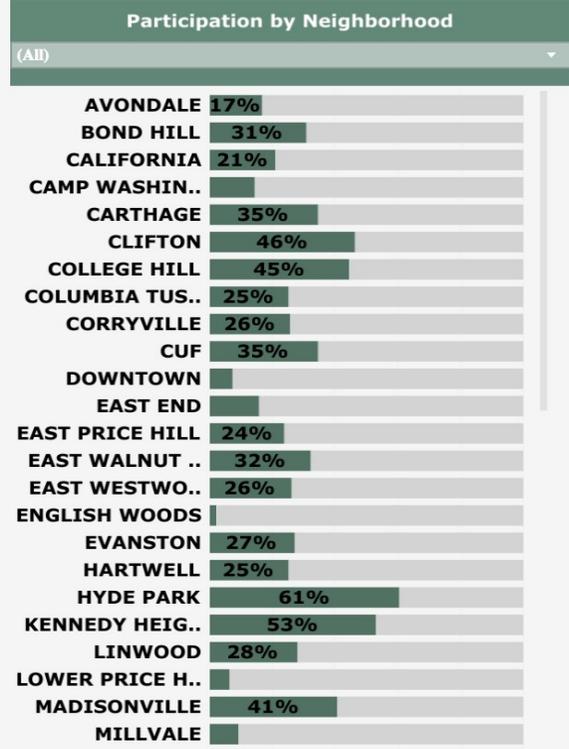
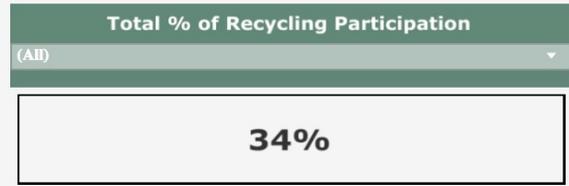
***Former Crosley Radio –
Camp Washington***



RECYCLING: Expansion into Multi-family buildings



CINCY INSIGHTS Recycling Participation





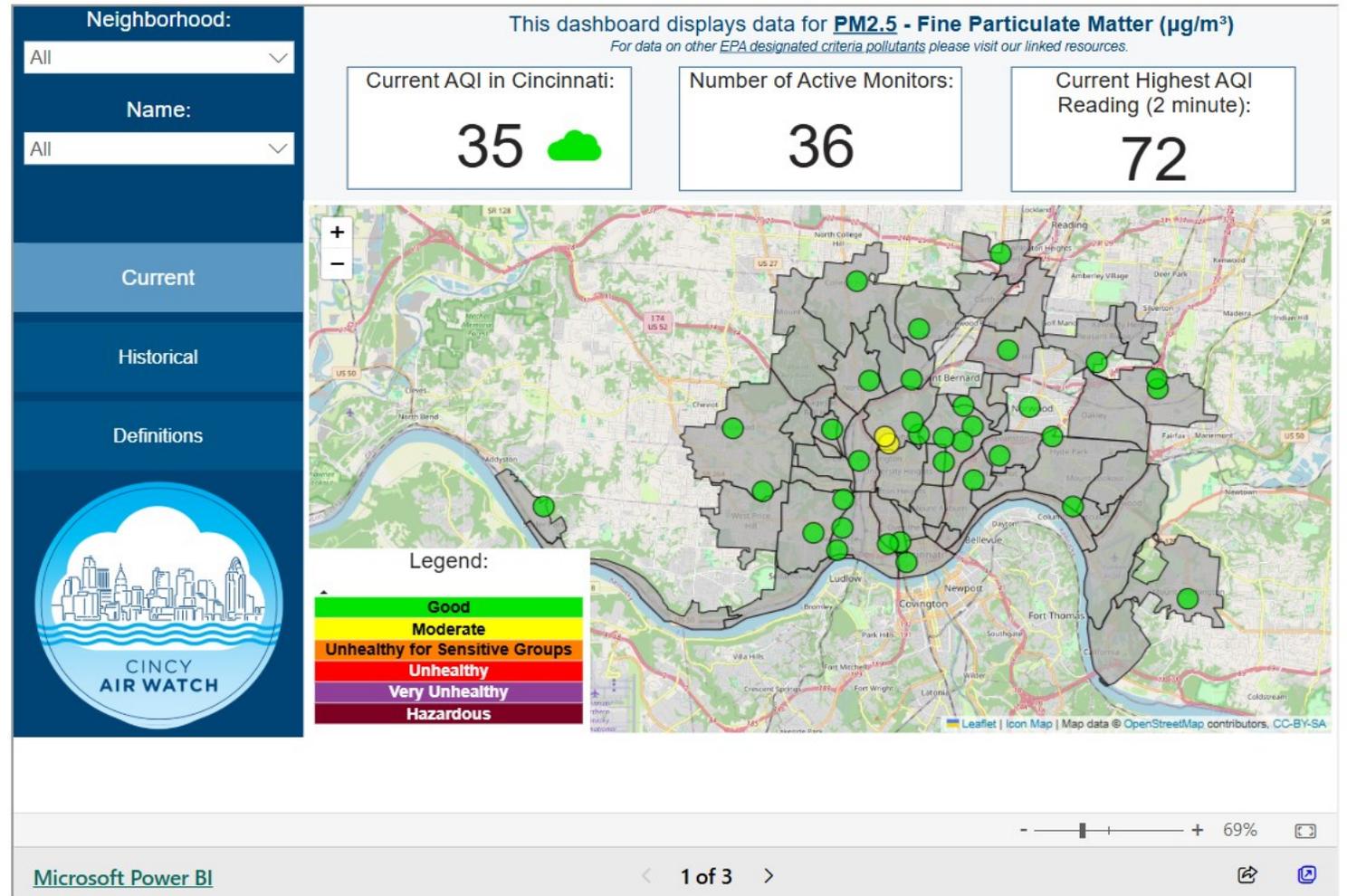
Cincy Air Watch – OES & CHD Partnership

Cincy Air Watch is a joint effort with the Office of Environment and Sustainability (OES) and the Cincinnati Health Department (CHD) to support the [2023 Green Cincinnati Plan](#) strategy to “increase air quality studies, education, and reduce pollution from air emissions in the city.”

Through this project, 21 City-owned PurpleAir monitors are installed at public buildings in Cincinnati neighborhoods and the data is provided publicly in real-time.

Measures:

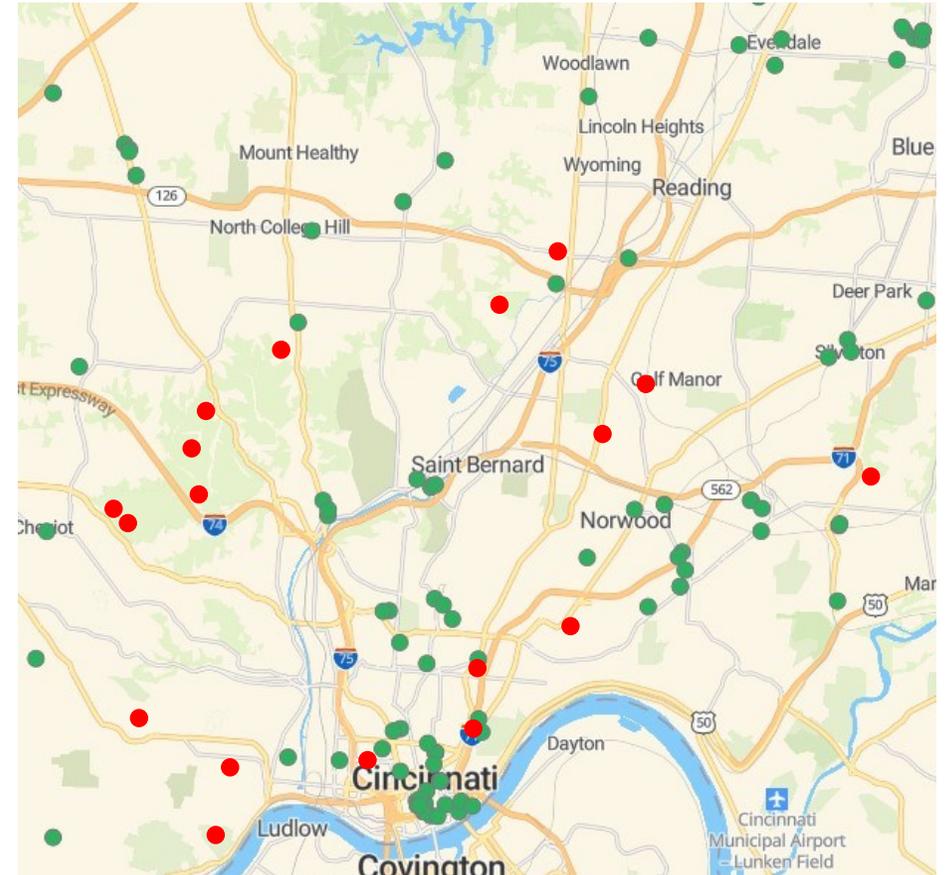
- PM2.5
- Temperature
- Humidity





Public EV Charging

- FHWA Charging & Fueling Infrastructure grant: \$850K
- Install two to four publicly accessible EV charging ports at 18 Parks & CRC locations in or adjacent to disadvantaged communities.



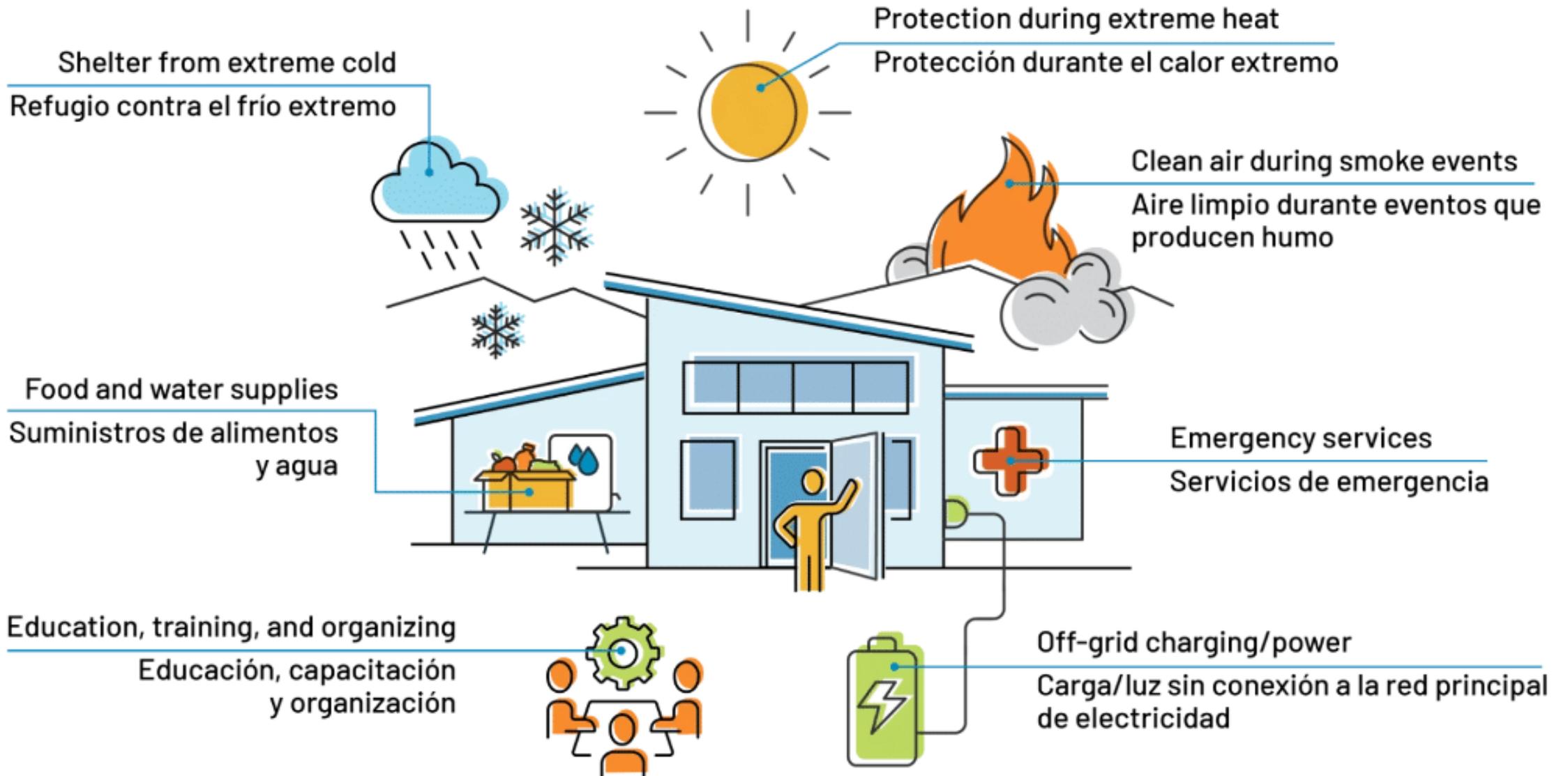
Legend

- Proposed EV Charging Sites
- Current Public EV Charging Sites



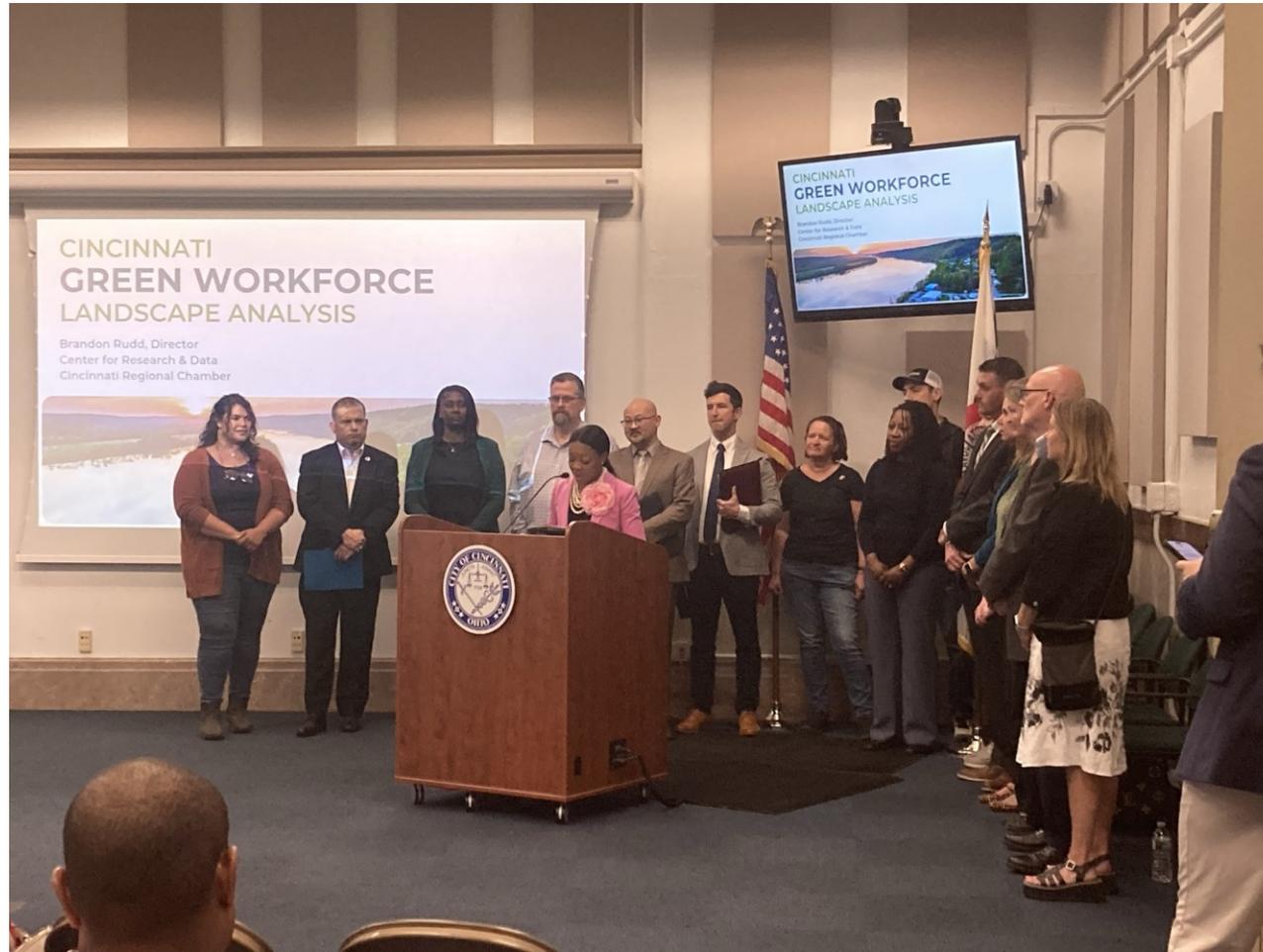


Resilience hubs





Jobs!



CINCINNATI GREEN WORKFORCE LANDSCAPE ANALYSIS