

# Twin Cities Environmental Justice Mapping Tool



## What is the Environmental Justice Mapping Tool?

The Environmental Justice (EJ) Mapping Tool provides information about pollution and toxic risks in the Twin Cities community. It provides you with information about what pollution exists in your neighborhood, where they are located and how they impact our air, water, and land. The EJ Mapping Tool also provides you with a way to see comparisons of environmental risks across communities based on race and income.

## Who developed the EJ Mapping Tool?

The Center for Earth, Energy and Democracy (CEED) developed the EJ Mapping Tool in partnership with the Center for Urban and Regional Affairs at the University of Minnesota (CURA) and the West Side Community Organization (WSCO) and with input from community members in the Twin Cities, and allied environmental justice organizations across the country.

## Why was the EJ Mapping Tool Developed?

Communities have a right to know about pollution, toxics and other environmental risks in their neighborhoods and workplaces. The EJ Map allows you to access information so you can advocate for yourself and your family; and so you and other community members can know about environmental and health risks they may face.

## What is GIS?

“GIS” stands for “Geographic Information Systems” – and is a way of showing information geographically through easy to understand maps and reports. It presents information and patterns in ways that people can easily understand and interpret.

## How can the mapping tool be used to organize for environmental justice?

The EJ Mapping Tool provides information and data on the range of different environmental risks in the Twin Cities. It is one tool, among many, that can be used by community members and organizations to build safe, sustainable, and resilient communities. ***Community members decide for themselves how they may want to use the EJ Mapping Tool to organize for healthy environments and climate resilient communities.***

Communities may use the EJ Mapping Tool in several ways: (1) understand their environmental risks, (2) organize for clean air, land, and water, (3) address environmental health disparities, and (4) build climate resilient neighborhoods. The EJ Mapping Tool is user friendly - training is not needed.

## How can I access the EJ Mapping Tool?

Information about the EJ Mapping Tool is available on CEED’s website: [www.ceed.org](http://www.ceed.org).

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