

**PRESENTATION
TO
THE METROPOLITAN MAYORS CAUCUS
ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
10/17/23**





EJ COMMUNITIES and SSMMA CONTEXT: CHALLENGED WITH “BUILDING BACK BETTER”

Based on EJ Screen:

- SSMMA EJ Stats:
 - 30 of our 45 municipal members are federally-recognized EJ communities
 - 56 census tracts
 - > 600,000 residents impacted



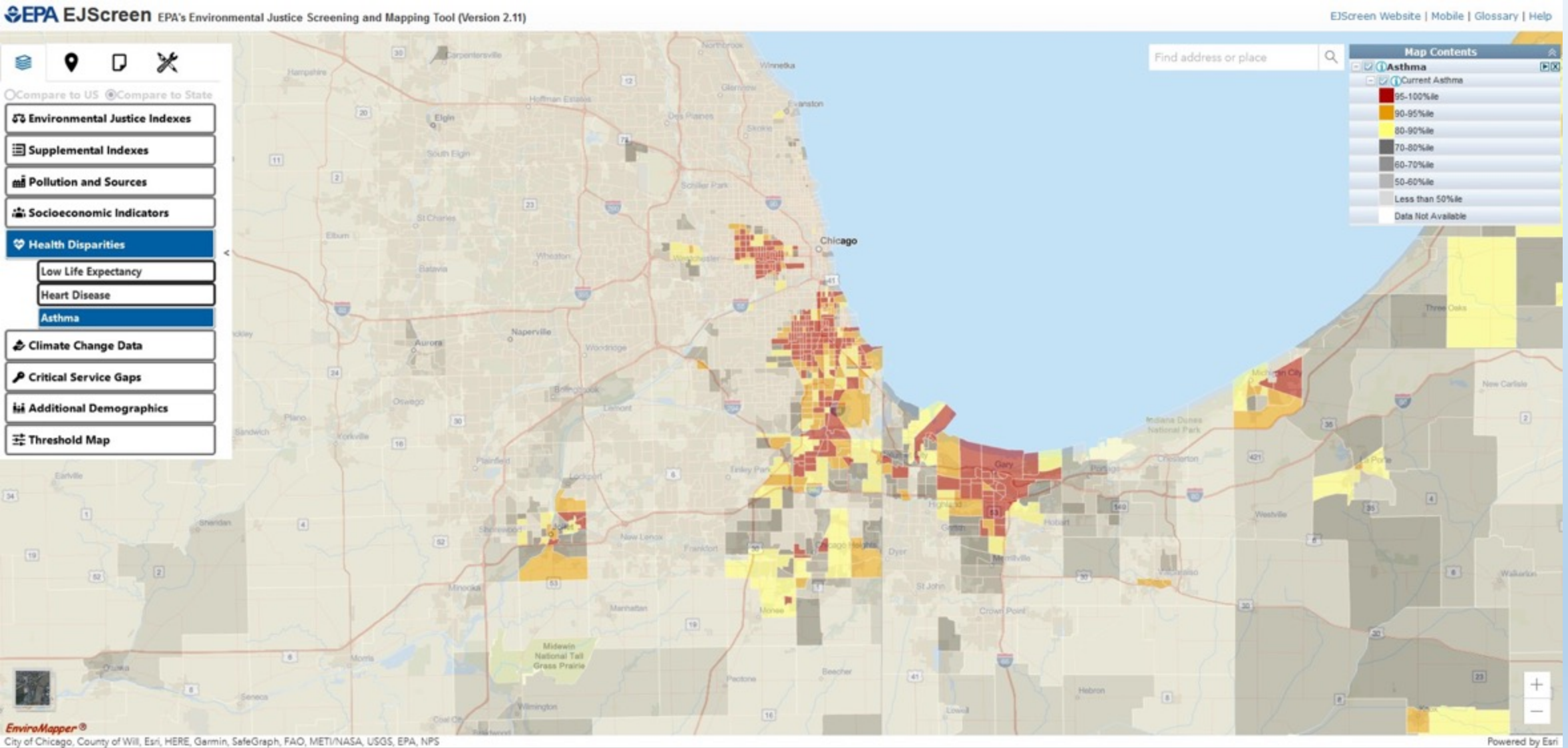
SSMMA- ADVANCING EJ POLICY DIRECTION

SSMMA EJ Priorities:

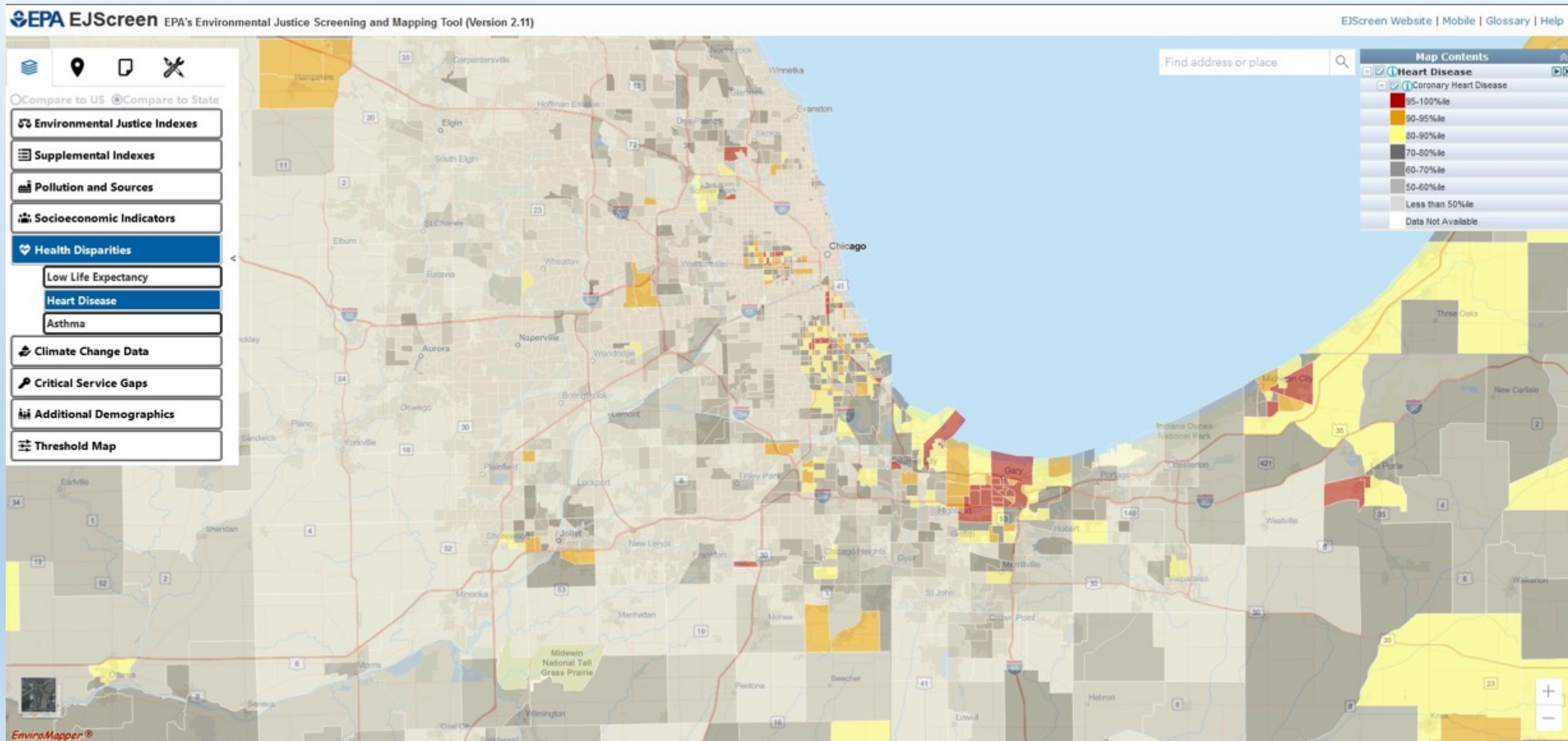
- Work collaboratively to transform disadvantaged neighborhoods within our region into thriving, healthy communities;
- Build capacity and leadership to resolve environmental issues;
- Engage constituents in environmental decisions;
- Guide investments;
- Advocate for programs and policies to achieve environmental justice;
- Collect data and measure outcomes; and
- Move the needle on long-standing environmental and social injustice.

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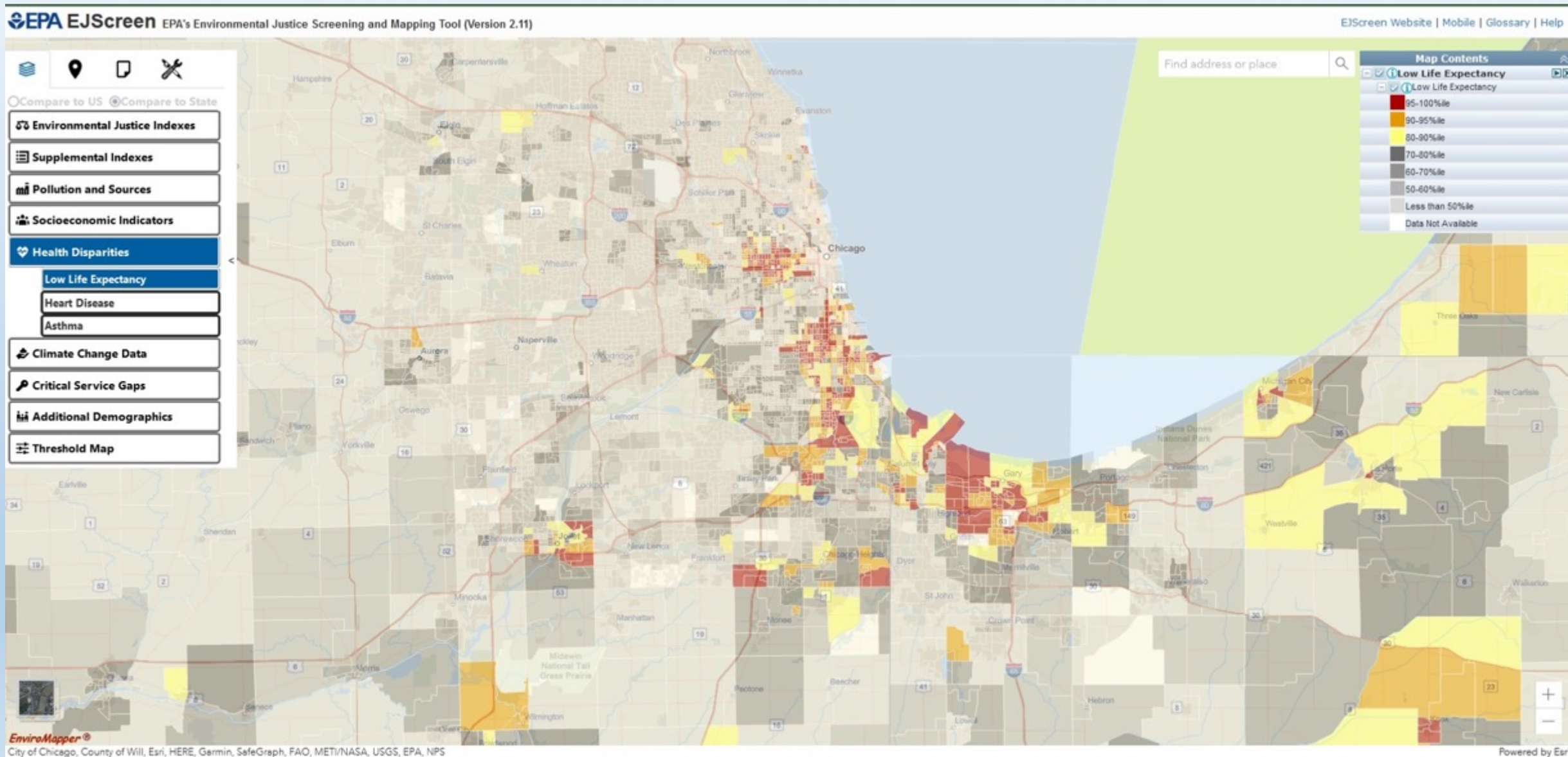
EJ HEALTH IMPACT: ASTHMA



EJ HEALTH IMPACT: HEART DISEASE











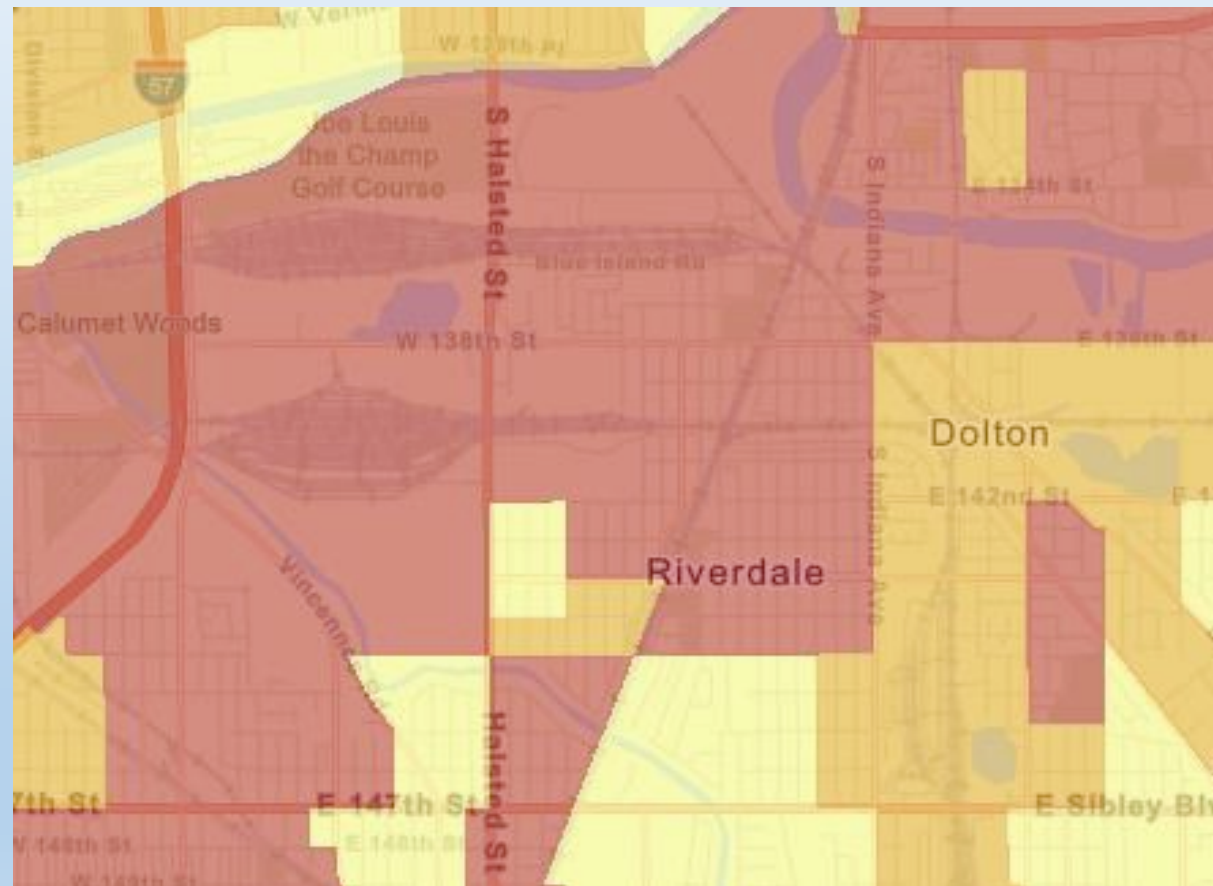
EJ HEALTH IMPACT: LOW LIFE EXPECTANCY



EJ HEALTH IMPACT: PARTICULATE MATTER









Particulate Matter 2.5 (State Percentiles)

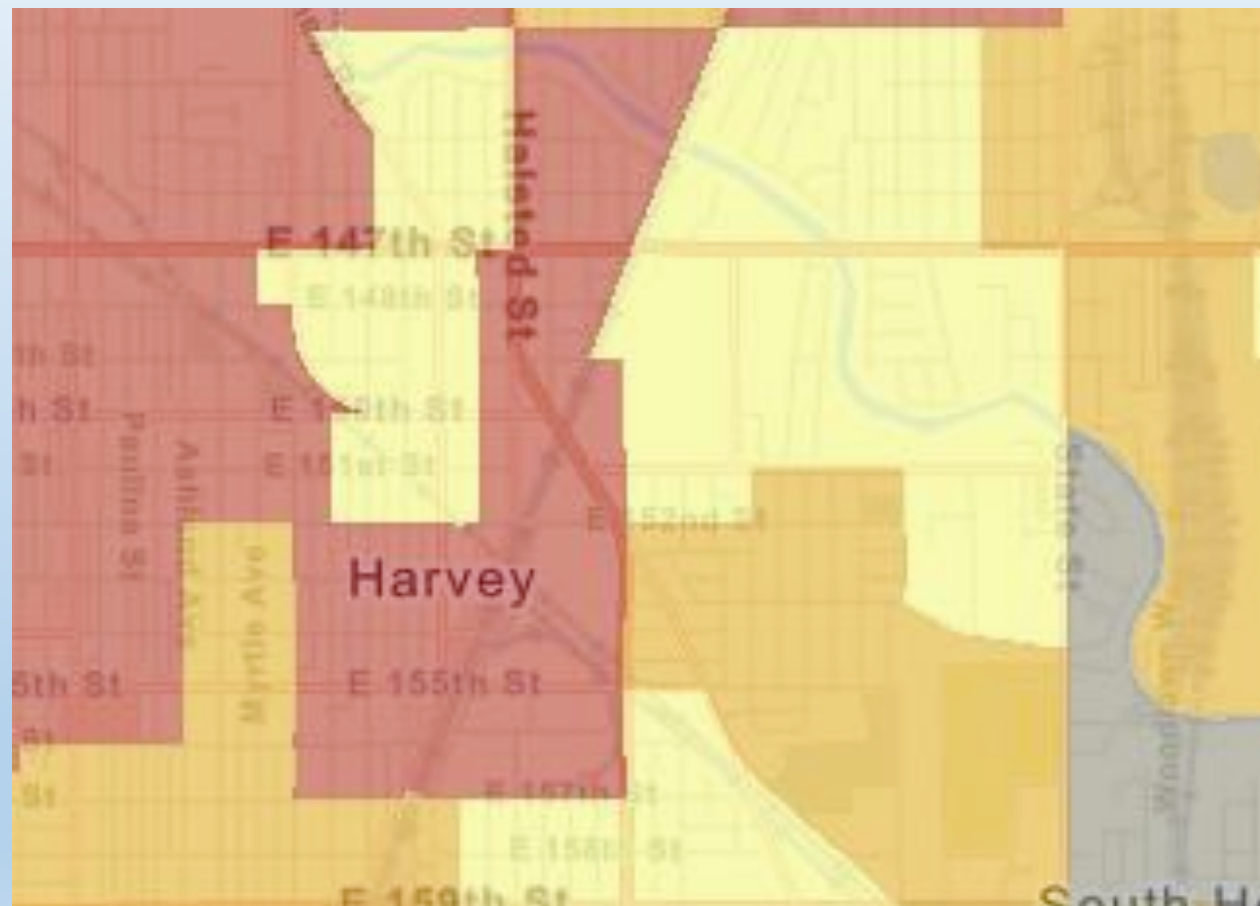
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SSMMA – IMPLEMENT RESTORATIVE JUSTICE, MEASURE OUTCOMES

SSMMA EJ Priorities:

- Bring about environmental justice through intentional policy implementation
- Measure outcomes:
 - State and federal resources secured within the region by an EJ community
 - Reduction in number of lead service line
 - Number of remediated brownfields
 - Broadband investment and improved high speed internet access
 - Units of affordable housing
 - Reduction in air toxics particulate matter
 - Generational wealth building
 - Household income/educational attainment