



US EPA Environmental Justice Programs

US EPA EJ Programs & Resources

- Justice 40 and the IRA
- Existing EJ Grant Programs
- EJ Screening and Analytical Tools
- Engagement & Policy-making



Justice 40

Federal government's goal to direct 40 percent of the overall benefits of certain climate, clean energy, affordable and sustainable housing, and other investments to disadvantaged communities that are marginalized by underinvestment and overburdened by pollution.

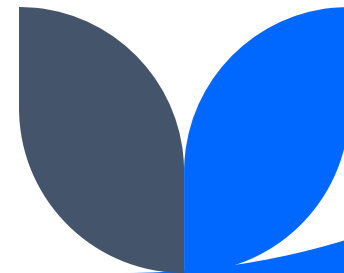
President Biden made this commitment through two Executive Orders to establish the **Justice 40 Initiative**

- Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad and
- Our Nation's Commitment to Environmental Justice for All



New EPA EJ Programs under IRA

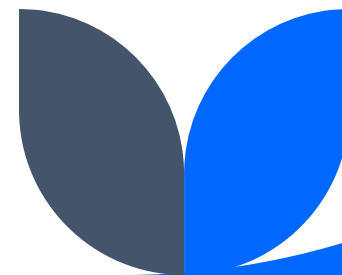
- **Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund**
 - \$27 Billion
- **Environmental & Climate Justice Program**
- \$2.8 Billion grants
 - **Community Change Grants**
 - **EJ Thriving Communities Grantmakers**
- \$ 200 Million technical assistance
- Must be awarded by September 2026
- **EJ Thriving Communities Technical Assistance Centers**
 - National TCTAC
 - In each EPA Region



Other EPA EJ Programs

- The Environmental Justice Small Grants Program
- **EJ Government to Government Grants***
- The Environmental Justice Collaborative Problem-Solving Cooperative Agreement Program
- And more

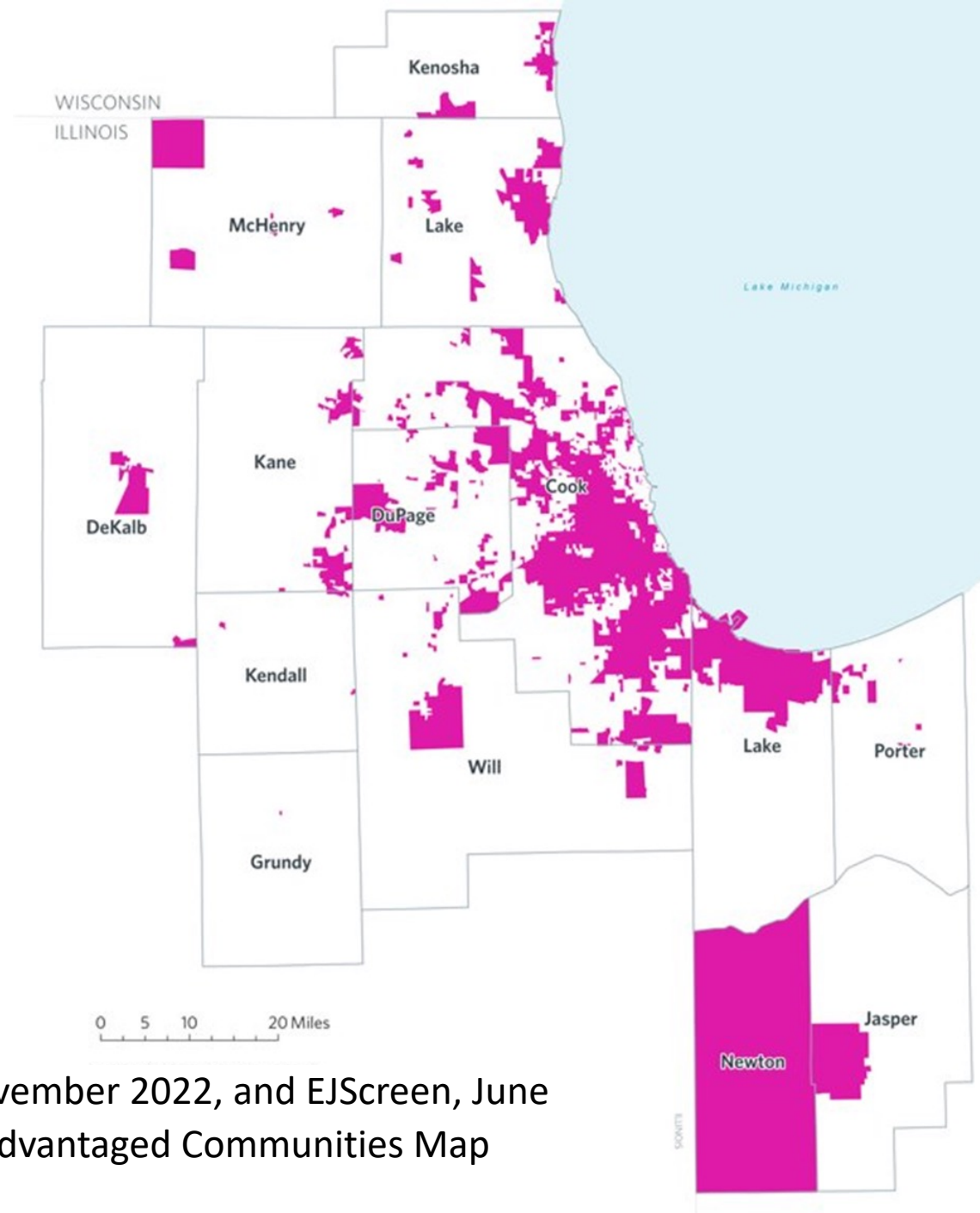
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EJ Analytical Tools

- Climate & Economic Justice Screening Tool (CEJST)
- Environmental Justice Screening Tool (EJ Screen)
- Low income and disadvantaged communities (LIDAC) in Chicago MSA*
- 180 municipal members of MMC have LIDAC census tracts

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Source: CEJST, November 2022, and EJScreen, June 2023, via IRA Disadvantaged Communities Map

Engagement with EPA

- EJ White House Environmental Justice Advisory Council*
- Great Lakes Regional Advisory Committee*

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Goal: Help MMC LIDAC communities access grants & technical assistance to implement GRC & CAP consensus goals

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