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REQUIREMENTS + CURRENT APPROACH

WHAT IS ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE?

Throughout our communities, some bear a disproportionate burden of pollution and associated health risks. Environmental justice seeks to correct this inequity by reducing pollution and increasing public investments in these communities, while also ensuring their input is considered in decisions that affect them.

Recent state law (SB 1000) requires all cities and counties to update public policies to address environmental justice.

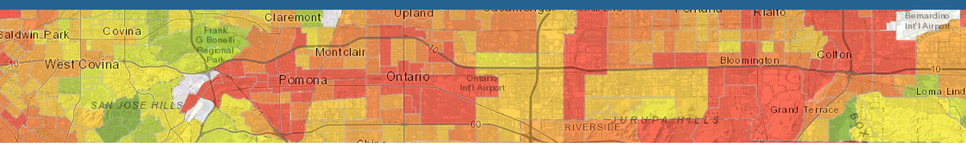
WHAT IS AN EJ COMMUNITY?

SB 1000's definition of an Environmental Justice (EJ) community include areas that:

- Are disproportionately affected by environmental pollution and other hazards that can lead to negative public health effects, exposure, or environmental degradation; and
- Have concentrations of people with low income, high unemployment, low levels of homeownership, high rent burden, sensitive populations, or low levels of educational attainment.

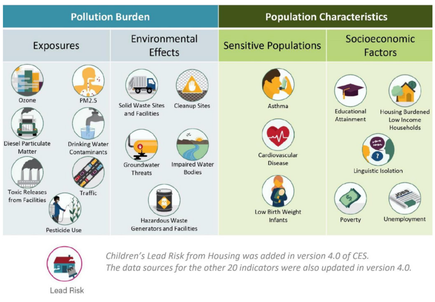
Note: The term "community" can be defined or understood as various geographic places, ranging from a neighborhood to a small unincorporated area or to a small region.

Check out our story map to learn more about environmental justice in Ontario



THE CURRENT APPROACH TO IDENTIFYING EJ COMMUNITIES

The City currently relies upon a tool maintained by the State of California (CalEnviroScreen) to help determine what neighborhoods and communities in Ontario should be considered disadvantaged in the context of environmental justice. In accordance with state law, the City's current Policy Plan prioritizes public improvements and other investments to improve health outcomes in these areas, particularly those arising from past pollution.



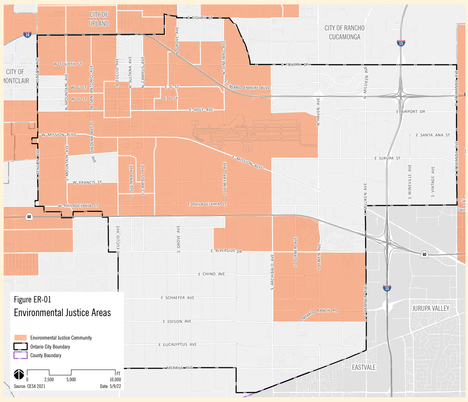
Children's Lead Risk from Housing was added in version 4.0 of CES. The data sources for the other 20 indicators were also updated in version 4.0.

CALENVIROSCREEN

CalEnviroscreen considers the 21 different indicators below to rank each census tract in the state in to help identify disproportionately burdened communities.

CURRENT EJ AREAS IN ONTARIO

The current map of EJ areas (right) shows the combined boundaries of 24 census tracts in Ontario that are currently identified as environmental justice communities based on CalEnviroScreen criteria.



LOCAL KNOWLEDGE

In addition to using CalEnviroScreen as a resource, State law allows Citys to apply additional local knowledge to further refine and define the extent of EJ communities under their jurisdiction.

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PROPOSED CHANGES

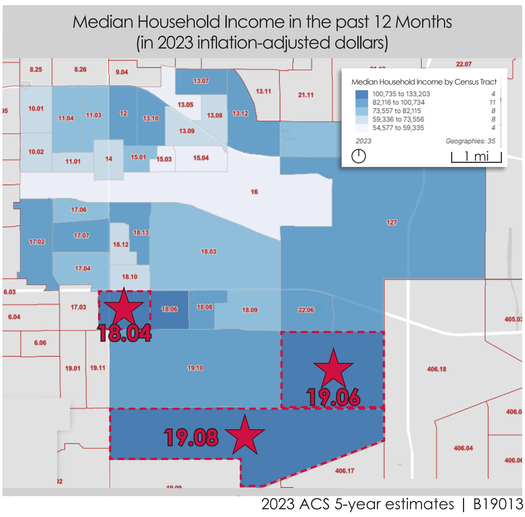
RE-EVALUATION OF EJ AREAS

As a part of this technical update, the City is reviewing the environmental justice policies to understand the implications of other draft changes and consider updated data to inform the City's approach to EJ Areas are identified.

DRAFT CHANGES UNDER CONSIDERATION

Since the City have experienced substantial growth since CalEnviroScreen was released, the population characteristics of some parts of the city have changed, and the City proposes updating the map of EJ communities based on the most recent census income data to ensure policies that prioritize City resources in disadvantaged areas direct those investments to the communities that need it the most.

LOCAL KNOWLEDGE: INCOME EVALUATION



2023 ACS 5-year estimates | B19013

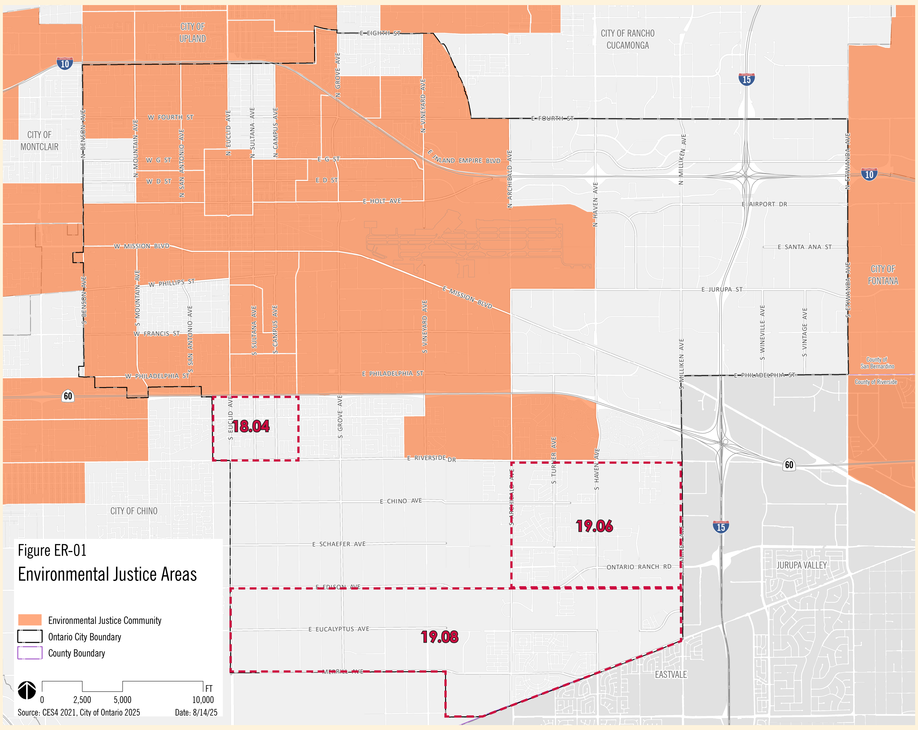
The City is proposing an option to remove the highest income areas from its map of Environmental Justice communities, which would affect the areas mapped in Figure ER-01, Environmental Justice Areas.

★ Census tract with a median household income in the top 10% citywide

Tract	Median Household Income
19.08	$133,203
19.06	$123,953
18.04	$121,845

PROPOSED CHANGES TO EJ AREAS IN ONTARIO

The map below shows the revised combined boundaries of 23 census tracts that would be identified as environmental justice communities.



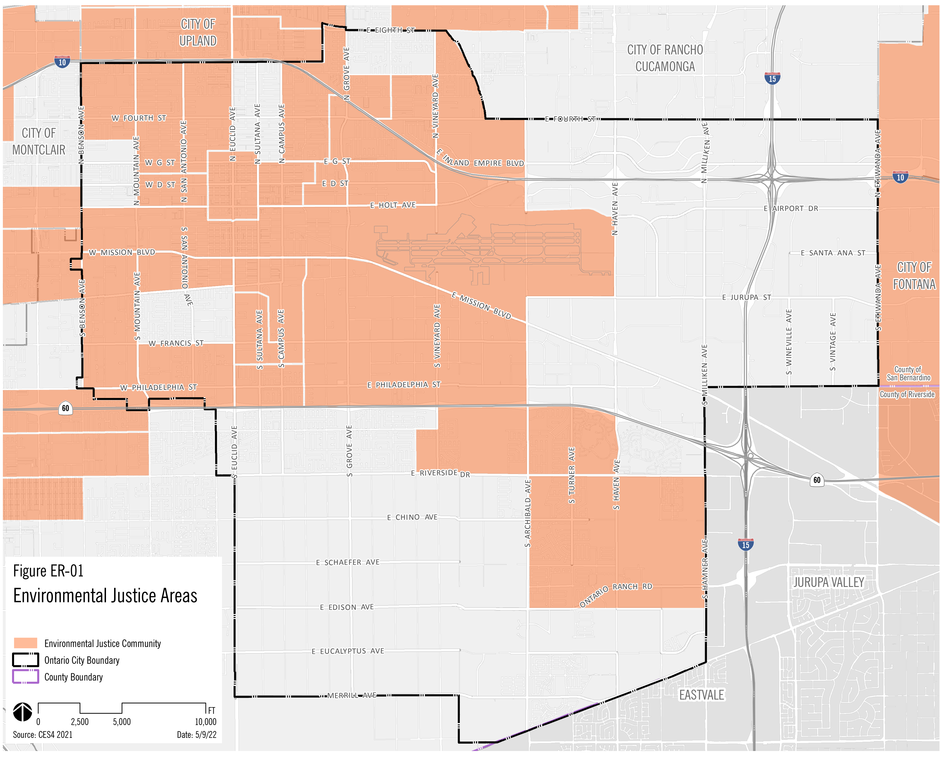
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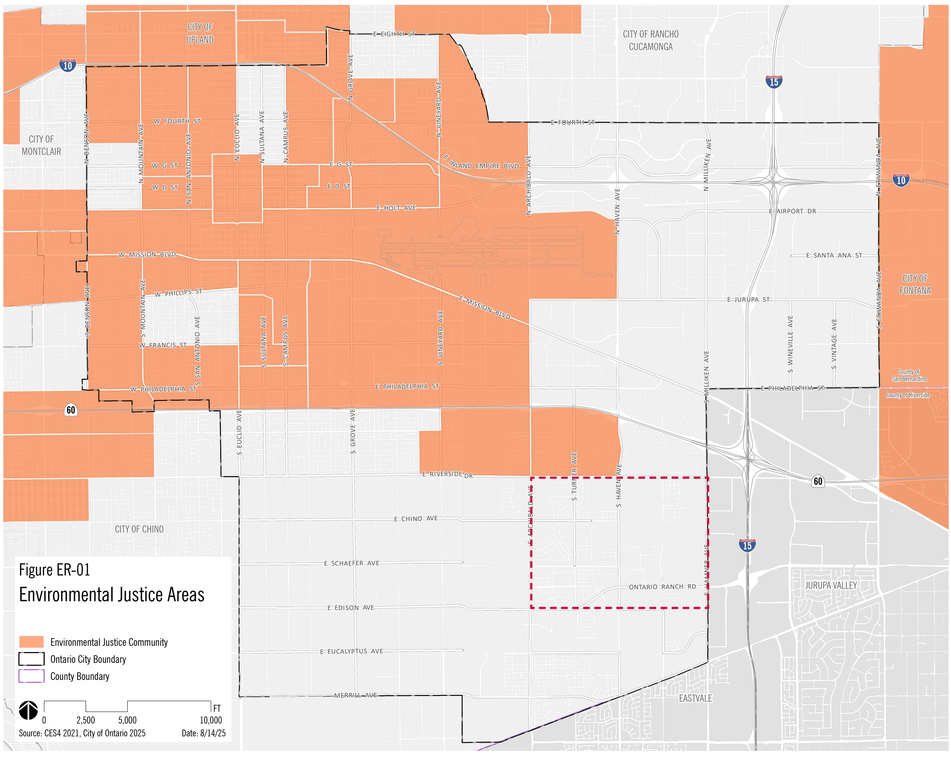
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CURRENT PLAN + PROPOSED CHANGES

CURRENT ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE AREAS



PROPOSED CHANGES TO ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE AREAS



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COMMUNITY INPUT / APORTACIONES DE LA COMUNIDAD

WHAT WE'VE HEARD SO FAR:

- Emphasis on ensuring resources reach communities most in need
- Support for maintaining environmental protections regardless of income changes
- Recognition that pollution affects all residents
- Interest in green infrastructure and tree planting programs

LO QUE HEMOS OÍDO HASTA AHORA::

- *Énfasis en garantizar que los recursos lleguen a las comunidades más necesitadas*
- *Apoyo al mantenimiento de la protección del medio ambiente con independencia de los cambios en los ingresos*
- *Reconocimiento de que la contaminación afecta a todos los residentes*
- *Interés por la infraestructura verde y los programas de plantación de árboles*

Please share any additional comments you have about the proposed changes to Environmental Justice Areas

Por favor, comparta cualquier comentario adicional que tenga sobre los cambios propuestos para Áreas de justicia medioambiental

Share your comments on a sticky note

Comparta sus comentarios en una nota adhesiva

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