

## Environmental Justice and Energy Equity Workgroup Approved Recommendations

Strategic Area	#	Recommendation
<b>Transportation</b>	EJ 1	Ensure that DelDOT, WILMPACO, and other transportation entities are communicating and collaborating to eliminate EJ and EQ issues for all forms of transportation projects. Review current DelDOT, WILMAPCO, and other planning agency transportation guidance to provide policy and regulatory changes that will address the elimination of EJ and EQ issues for all forms of transportation projects.
	EJ 2	Increase adoption of electric vehicles among low to moderate income (LMI) customers by identifying and reducing barriers, providing incentives, enhancing regulations, and increasing education.
	EJ 3	Develop strategies to support the transition to clean and renewable fuels for public transit vehicles.
<b>Reducing Impacts of Extreme Heat</b>	EJ 4	Identify Delaware heat islands and establish programs that will increase the heat resiliency of these neighborhoods.
<b>Workforce Development</b>	EJ 5	Create a clean energy workforce hub that focuses on training outreach, mitigation of training barriers, engagement with potential employers, training leads to clean energy jobs and employment transition support.
<b>Community Engagement</b>	EJ 6	Create a Community Engagement Plan that provides actionable guidance and roadmap on strategies to obtain meaningful, community-centered input on energy policy that supports community improvement requirements and goals.
	EJ 7	Create a Heat Resilience Leadership Plan that partners with neighborhood organizations, local influencers and elders, community centers, and hubs designed to inform and educate community members on energy plan subjects and issues, as well as facilitate access to available programs.
<b>Reducing Energy Burdens</b>	EJ 8	Develop a statewide framework for reporting of utility disconnections and related data and develop programs and policies that may have a positive impact on customer arrearages, disconnections, and affordability, including Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP), and other available resources.
<b>Weatherization/ Electrification</b>	EJ 9	Develop detailed policies with the appropriate legal review to limit rent increases for a specified period of time for landlords using grant-funded weatherization or electrification improvements.
	EJ 10	Develop a test program that would study a subset of homes where weatherization was completed (>5 years) to determine the need for and requirements for a program to update/repair installed measures.

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<b>Renewable Energy</b>	EJ 11	Develop policies and programs that will ensure equitable access to the benefits of renewable energy sources regardless of income, tenure (owner vs renter), or location (multifamily vs single-family and utility service territory).
<b>Indoor Air Quality</b>	EJ 12	Develop programs that bring together multiple programs and services to improve indoor air quality: energy efficiency/electrification (air sealing, ventilation, heat, stoves, hot water heaters), weatherization, indoor air pollutants assessments, and air conditioning installation. Healthcare providers, non-profit organizations, schools, medical providers, service providers, and other public and private agencies that work in or with LMI communities should work to identify buildings and families most at risk for exposure to indoor air pollutants.
<b>Energy Equity Framework, Target-Setting, and Evaluation</b>	EJ 13	Develop a robust energy equity framework based upon this workgroup’s recommendations by which policies and programs can be evaluated to track implementation in identified communities, monitor the performance of approved program implementation, and identify opportunities for implementation improvements.
<b>Collaboration</b>	EJ 14	Support meaningful and actionable collaboration across state agencies and between state, county, local governments, and nonprofits to leverage and coordinate related initiatives to advance EJ and EE objectives.
<b>Customer Protections</b>	EJ 15	Review how to eliminate current and potential future predatory practices relating to energy and energy services.
<b>Funding</b>	EJ 16	Develop fair long-term funding streams and leveraging opportunities to support current programs, expand the reach of current programs, and continue programs that will be funded from the IRA, BIL, or other funding sources to continue equity work well after the funds are exhausted.
	EJ 17	Develop an equity screening tool for publicly funded projects to evaluate potential impacts on the community.