

Welcome

Detroit Community Air Quality Projects - Kickoff Meeting

Led by: Office of Sustainability **Date:** 12/10/2025
As part of the Community Data Health Initiative



Addressing Climate Change in Detroit

Detroit Climate Strategy

→ The City of Detroit's Climate Strategy is a framework for residents, businesses, city departments, and industry to achieve the City's emission goals and increase resilience as climate change impacts our daily lives. This website provides interactive navigation to explore 4 action strategies centered on reducing our greenhouse gas emissions, and adapting to the effects of climate change.

This strategy was developed collaboratively between the Office of Sustainability, City departments, consulting partners, input from community engagements and informed by the Climate Equity Advisory Council (CEAC). This work supports existing efforts, including the City's, and responds to the Sustainability Action Agenda which was published in 2019 and updated in 2021.



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Guiding Documents:

- Sustainability Action Agenda (SAA)
- Detroit Climate Strategy (DCS)

Four Strategies

1. Transitioning to Clean Energy
2. Increasing Sustainable Mobility
3. Accelerating Energy Efficiency and Reducing Waste
- ▶ 4. Prioritizing Vulnerable Residents & Adapting to Change

Data-Driven Approach to Improving Air Quality Efforts

Mission: The Detroit **Community Data Health Initiative (CDHI)** is a 2-year grant-funded collaborative that lives within the Office of Sustainability at the City of Detroit to expand capacity in local government with the goal of using data to inform decisions and implement projects to improve air quality and health outcomes through tailored, localized public health interventions.

Key Strategies

- 1 **Building Evidence to Understand AQ Exposures and Impacts**
- 2 **Cultivating and Strengthening Collaborative Capacity**
- 3 **Informing and Implementing Sustainable Interventions**

Timeline



Project Team



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Partners and Technical Assistance*

- African American Mayors Association
- Harvard Kennedy School (Cohort Initiative/Research Capacity)
- Environmental Defense Fund (TA Support)
- Kresge Foundation (Funder)
- Meharry Medical College (Research Capacity)

*List of partners is non-exhaustive**



Community Data Health Initiative

Agenda for Today

1. Overview of your answers to our questions
2. Background on convening this group
3. Activity: Intros and Sharing
4. Aspiration for 2026
5. Next Steps

Thank you for completing the interest form!



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Calling all Air Quality Professionals! We are launching an air quality working group comprised of leaders from organizations across Michigan. We will meet virtually on a regular basis, share project highlights, workshop ...more

AIR QUALITY WORKING GROUP

Calling all air quality institutions and organizations in Detroit

The Office of Sustainability is convening a quarterly working group

COMPLETE SHORT INTEREST FORM BY 9/26/25

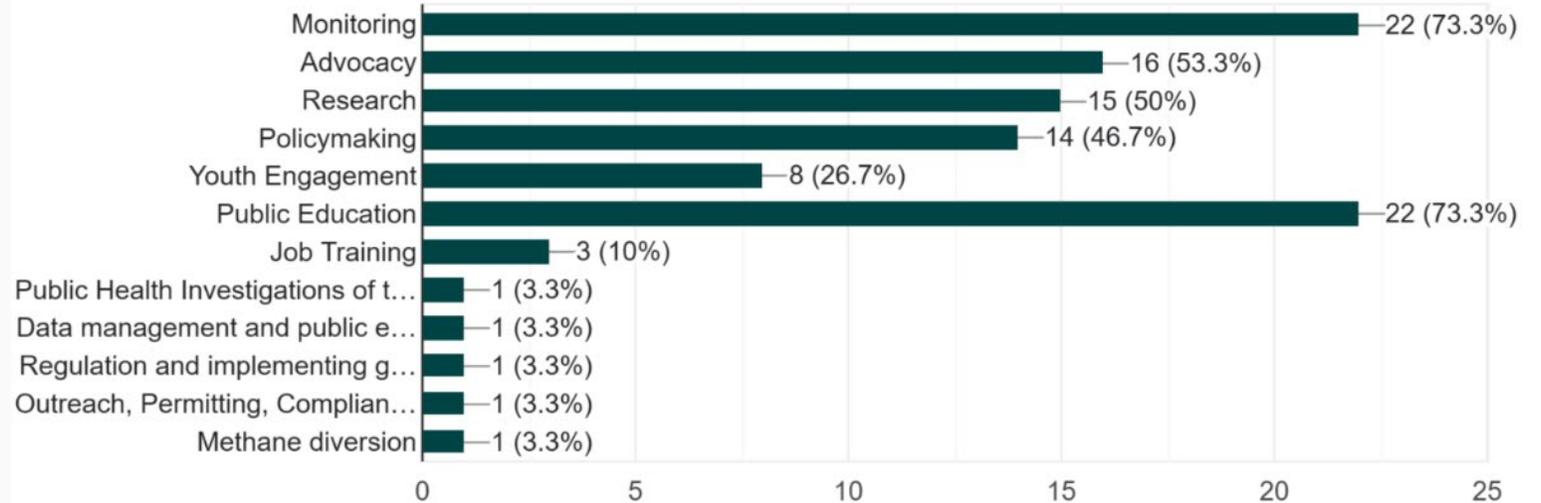
To sign-up, visit:

tinyurl.com/DetroitAirQuality



What are your organization's main areas of focus related to air quality or the environment? (Select all that apply)

30 responses



Convening a Community Working Group

- **Why?**
 - Office of Sustainability, through a Kresge grant, is part of a cohort of cities focusing on using data for decision making that move the needle towards improved air quality and health outcomes.
- **What are we working towards?**
 - Using data to inform decision making and improve Air Quality and Health Outcomes in Detroit
 - We want to work from existing momentum - we want to learn from you!



Convening a Community Working Group

- **Expectations:**

- Meetings every other month
- Presentation will be shared out to all who join and/or are in the e-mail list.
- Information about this working group will live in the OoS website - (look for it in January!)

- **The way we work together:**

- Step up or step back
- Assume positive intent
- *What would you like to see establish in the group?*

General themes: Sharing, Learning, Connecting



Introductions & Activity

December Meeting 2025 – Detroit Air Quality Community Projects

30
attendees

- Community Organizations
- Residents
- University Partners
- EGLE staff
- City staff

We asked:

Where and how are you doing your work in Detroit?

through projects:

You shared:

Education
Community Organizing / Coalition Building
Air Monitoring

through policy:

County Level Policy Solutions
Truck Restrictions
Port Decarbonization
Health Impacts

In the field by sector:

Non-profit Practitioners
Local Government (City of Detroit)
- Sustainability
- Health
- Env. Affairs
- Public Works
State Government (EGLE AQD)

Next Steps:

- If you don't see someone that should be here and isn't – send them this link to ensure they are on the list serv: tinyurl.com/DetroitAirQuality
- Recap of the meeting and presentation slides will be sent and posted after the meeting. Look for website info on this group in January.
- Our next meeting will be on the second Wednesday in February [02/11/2026]
- Contact us to support this work, provide feedback: makala.conner@detroitmi.gov



Thank you

If you have questions about the meetings, want to take an active role in convening, or want to share your feedback, please e-mail it to:

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