Community ESJ Involvement: Planning thru Construction

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ESJ Ordinance # 16948 (2010)

Use County actions to <u>increase</u> access to equity determinants:

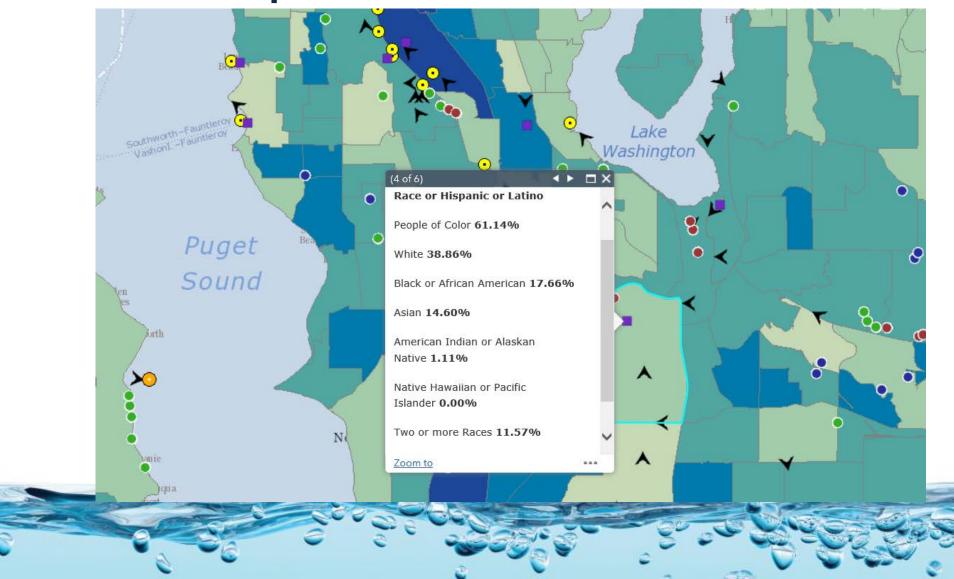
- Strategic decisions
- Operational and business plans
- Accountability/performance management
- Budgets

Prioritizes communities with:

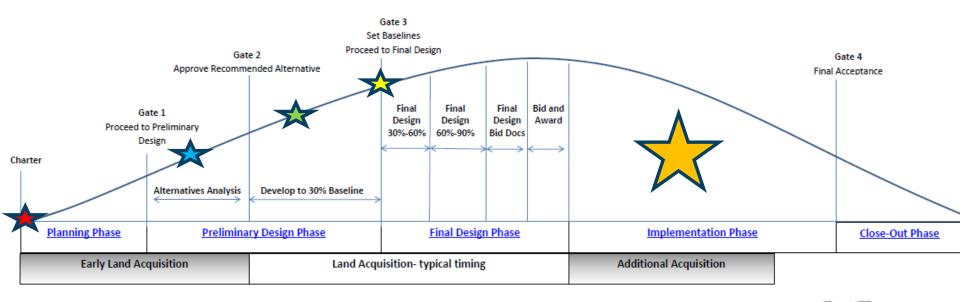
- Racial diversity
- Limited English spoken
- Low-income



ESJ & iMap



Community Services: Primary ESJ Resource





Gather and report on demographics



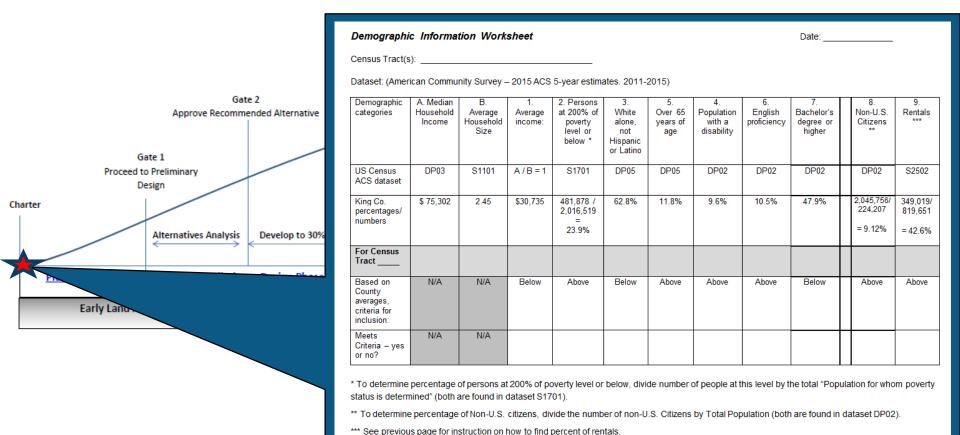
Promote collaboration towards an equitable design

Ensure fair, accessible outreach

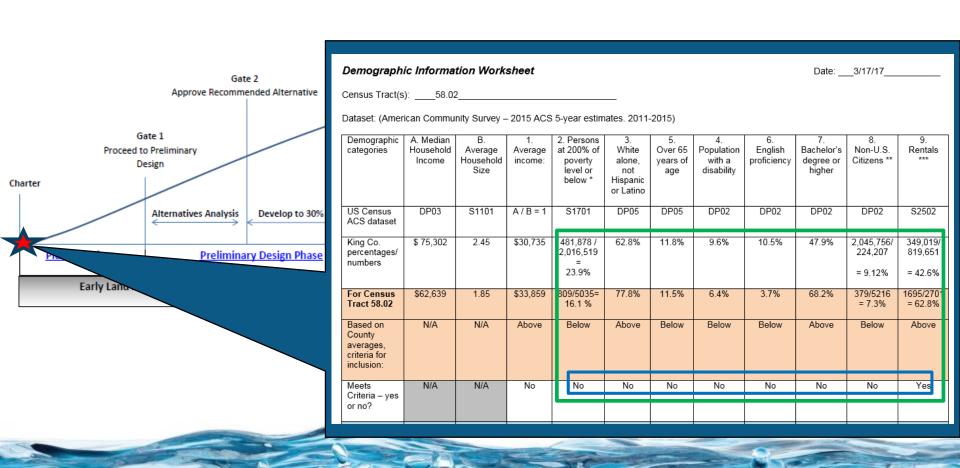


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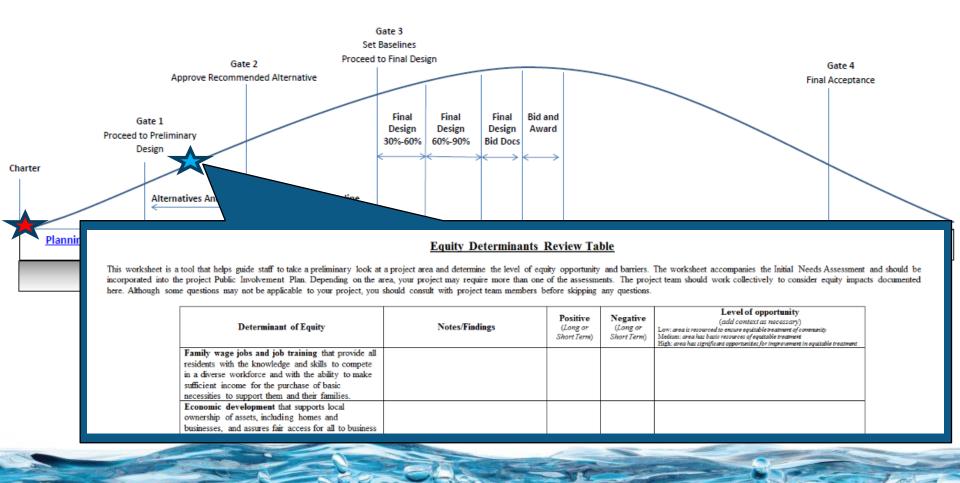
Pre-Charter Demographic Assessment



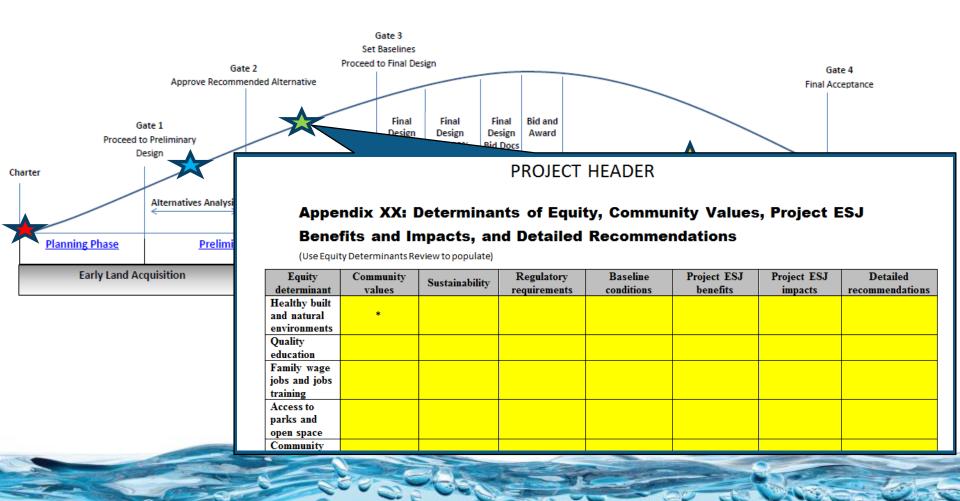
Demographics Guide the Process



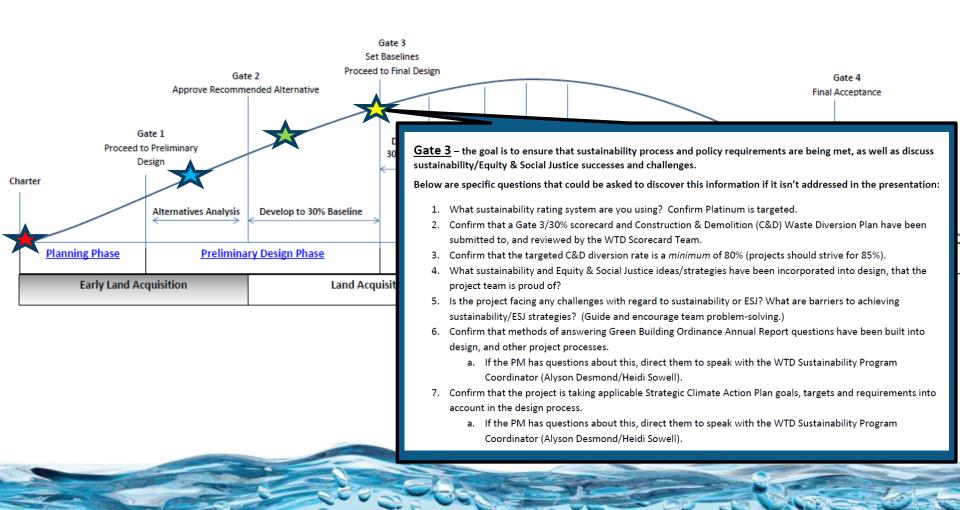
Build Off Equity Determinants



ESJ Plans: Provide Direction for High Opportunity Projects

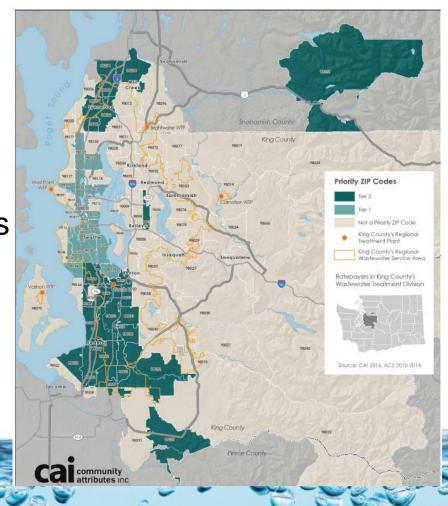


Report ESJ Opportunities to WTD Mgmt

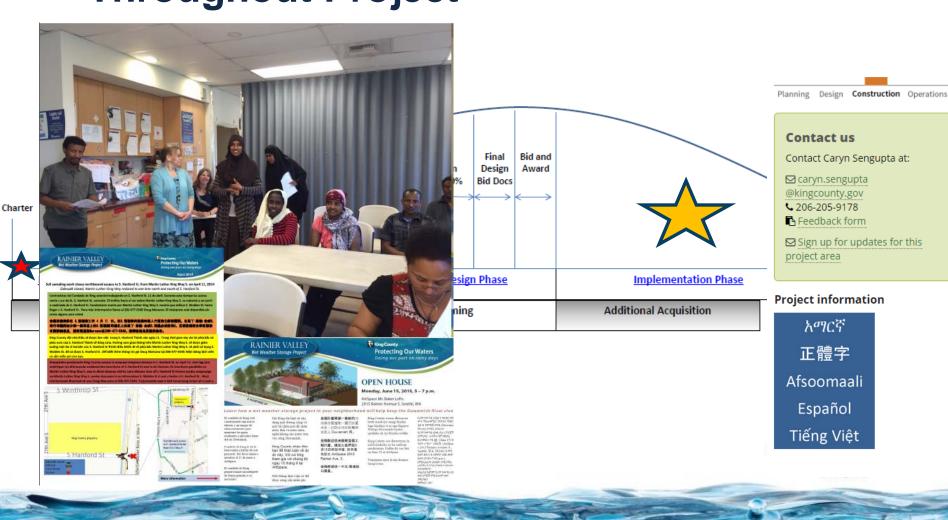


Implement ESJ via Construction Contract

- Determine share & density for each metric
 - Unemployed
 - 200% under Federal Poverty Line
 - +25 yrs w/out a college degree
- 2. Determine which metrics are in the top 30% of all ZIP codes
- 3. If Density (or Share) is in top 30% of all ZIP codes for at least 2 of 3 metrics it's a priority ZIP code



Ensure Equitable Participation Throughout Project



Integrating ESJ into Alternatives Rating for the Combined Sewer Overflow Long-term Control Plan

Northwest Construction Consumer Council

September 18, 2018

Faon O'Connor Combined Sewer Overflow Program



Rethinking Criteria Development

- Opportunity in long-term planning
- Challenge ourselves to look through an ESJ lens as early as possible
- Identify opportunities to address determinants of equity far in advance of project delivery
- Incorporate ESJ considerations throughout criteria categories

What Informed LTCP Criteria Development?

- Past success and feedback in WTD alternatives analysis
- Other agencies' alternative analysis
- WTD mission, values, and goals
- Drive to reflect ESJ & Executive Priorities throughout
 - Best Run Government
 - Equity and Social Justice
 - Confronting Climate Change
 - Regional Mobility



HOW CRITERIA ADDRESS KING COUNTY'S 14 DETERMINANTS OF EQUITY	N/A OR UNKNOWN	INDIRECTLY	DIRECTLY
ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE, HEALTHY, LOCAL FOOD			
ACCESS TO HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	S-AM		SAM.
ACCESS TO PARKS AND NATURAL RESOURCES	•	•	
ACCESS TO SAFE AND EFFICIENT TRANSPORTATION			
AFFORDABLE, SAFE, QUALITY HOUSING			
COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC SAFETY	ZYZ	***	M.
EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT	AB	AB	AB
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	\$	\$	\$
EQUITABLE LAW AND JUSTICE SYSTEM	<u> </u>	ΔΔ	ΔΙΔ
EQUITY IN COUNTY PRACTICES	,		
FAMILY WAGE JOBS AND JOB TRAINING			
HEALTHY BUILT AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENTS			
QUALITY EDUCATION			
STRONG, VIBRANT NEIGHBORHOODS	1	1	1





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Category	Criteria
Healthy environment	Climate change adaptation
	Planning beyond 2030 for system flexibility
	Overflow volume reduction
	Sensitivity of receiving waters
	Wetland/stream impacts
	Shoreline impacts
	Energy/greenhouse gas emissions
Healthy, vibrant communities	Land use adjacency
	Construction impacts to community
	Coordination with other projects
	Surface flood reduction
	Sanitary sewer related backups
	Community mobility and safety
	Access to green/open space and natural resources
Healthy economy	Family wage jobs and job training
	Local business and economic development
Operations	Employee safety
	Facility operational complexity
	Operation and maintenance staffing
	Distance upstream from a control structure
	Impact to system facilities
	Number of facilities
Permitting and Property	Permitting complexity
	New outfall
	Zoning
	Fit within NPDES permit
	Property siting
	Property relocation

Criteria Development & Priorities Crosswalk

- Criteria identification and definition
- Walkthrough alignment with ESJ and other Executive Priorities
- Criteria refinement
- Application in Alternatives Rating process

Community Mobility and Safety ₩ **1**

Opportunity to directly support Community and Public Safety (improved lighting, crosswalks, sidewalks, etc.), Strong, Vibrant Neighborhoods (improved amenities and infrastructure), and indirectly support Access to Safe and Efficient Transportation (improved lighting, sidewalks, crosswalks for pedestrian transit access).

Opportunity to directly support efforts to engage with local community around community improvement needs and amenities.

Healthy environment Climate change adaptation Planning beyond 2030 for system flexibility Overflow volume reduction Sensitivity of receiving waters Wetland/stream impacts Shoreline impacts Energy/greenhouse gas emissions Healthy, vibrant community Land use adjacency Construction impacts to community Coordination with other projects Surface flood reduction Sanitary sewer related backups Community mobility and safety Green/Open Space and Natural Resources Healthy economy Local business and economic development Family Wage Jobs and Job Training **Employee Safety** Operational complexity Facility operational complexity Operation and maintenance staffing Distance upstream from a regulator station Impact to system facilities Number of facilities **Permitting Complexity** Permitting complexity New outfall Zoning Fit within NPDES Permit

Rating Process

- Each criteria defines a negative to positive array
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- Workshops to discuss alternatives and apply rating
- ESJ determinants throughout
- Rating scores factor into ranking results

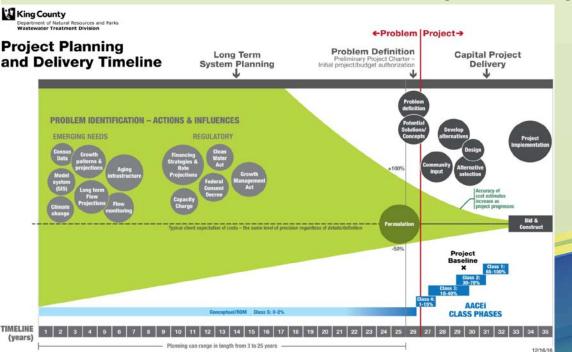
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Protecting Our Waters

Doing our part on rainy days

Planning to Capital Delivery

- Early consideration of ESJ opportunities creates more opportunities to address determinants in Problem Definition and Project Delivery
- Flexibility through future community engagement to refine crosswalk, adapt to be project & site specific





QUESTIONS?



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