Climate Change Task Force Social Equity Subcommittee

Oct 2019 Meeting Notes

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Goals for meeting:

1. Review resource list and share example studies
2. Discuss methodologies and develop research questions
3. Share updates on community partners and outreach

Discussion:

- NREL study on Energy Burden could use more granularity.
- NRDC workshop in Atlanta last week on green infrastructure, workforce development, and reducing flood risk. Possible model for how to center conversation on people within the realm of infrastructure improvement and community resilience.
- Additional resources to consider: NAACP study, LEED ND resilience standards, Kresge community driven resilience planning framework, climate gentrification study by insurance industry, Miami redlining and heat vulnerability study.
- Staff participating in SCEN’s Climate Reality event Nov 5th, will report back on potential partnerships to assess climate vulnerability/ community engagement.
- SELF grant award announced 10/21, looking for local partners to build a S.FL. regional presence.
- Outreach to universities on hold until subcommittee narrows down research needs.
- Possible vulnerability criteria:
  1. Housing access and cost
  2. Exposure to inundation (elevation)
  3. Gentrification and/or climate gentrification
  4. Energy burden
  5. Heat vulnerability (loss of tree canopy, historic redlining)

Next Steps:

1. Staff will look for opportunities to engage CCTF Equity Subcommittee in upcoming NREL study.
2. Group agreed to contribute additional resources to the list and send notes to Jill on potential data layers to isolate, research questions to propose, etc. by Nov 1.
3. Co-chairs to share preliminary research questions during subcommittee updates at Nov 21 CCTF meeting.