

Environmental Racism: Exploring Green Justice Zones

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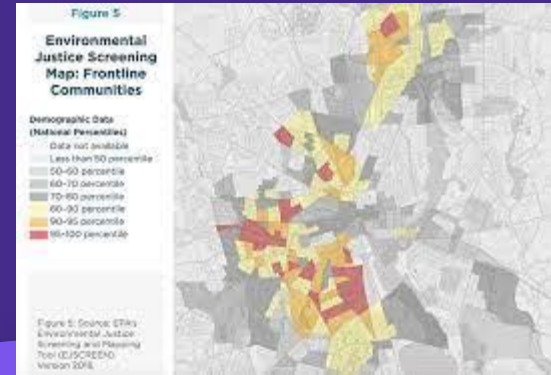
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WHAT ARE THE ISSUES?

1. Lack of awareness and education of Environmental Racism
2. Residents of Providence continue to live in Green Justice Zones





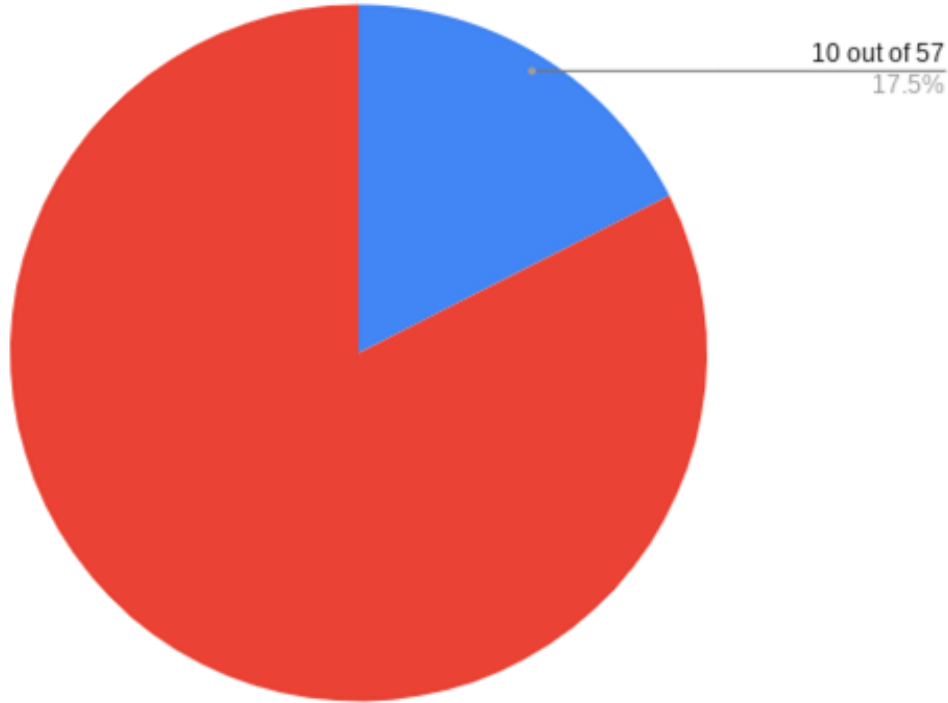
- **LACK OF AWARENESS
& EDUCATION**

We took a poll of students at our school in Grades 9-12.

Over half of the students did not know what environmental racism is.

TOTAL:

STUDENT POLLS BY RAISE OF HANDS



10th grade Advisory 1: 4/16
10th grade Advisory 2: 2/16
12th grade Advisory 1: 1/14
12th grade Advisory 2: 3/11

OUR UNDERSTANDING OF THIS ISSUE

We visited parks in these neighborhoods and saw the following themes:

- Lack of trash bins
- Lack of recycling bins
- Lack of compost bins
- Littering
- No community organizing around park cleanup

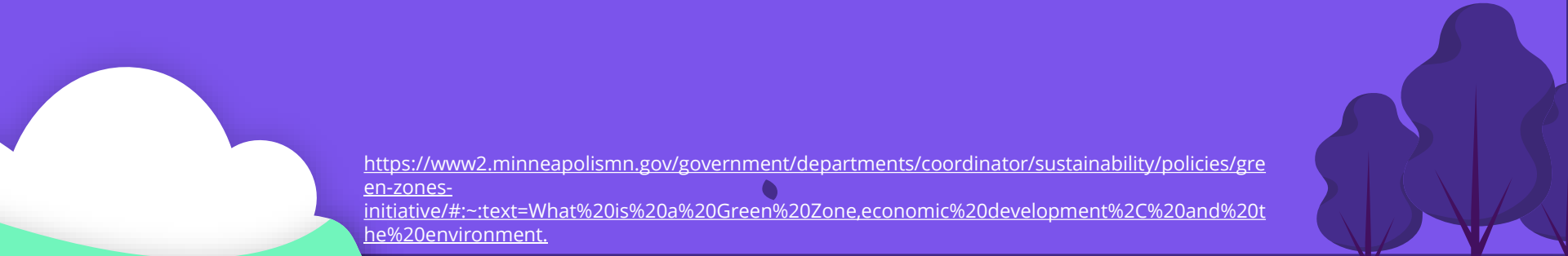


WHAT IS A GREEN JUSTICE ZONE?



A Green Justice Zone is a group of neighborhoods that faces the combined impacts of environmental pollution and racial, political, and economic marginalization.

<https://www2.minneapolismn.gov/government/departments/coordinator/sustainability/policies/green-zones-initiative/#:~:text=What%20is%20a%20Green%20Zone,economic%20development%2C%20and%20the%20environment.>







WHAT DO THE YOUTH KNOW ABOUT ENVIRONMENTAL RACISM?

We have completed research through...

- 1. Interviews**
- 2. Polls**



... on what the youth know about environmental racism. Our research shows that very little students know about the topic and don't understand how it affects them.



Student Voices



WHERE DOES THE ISSUE EXIST?



Park in a Green Justice Zone



Park on the East Side





Harriet & Sayles Park



George J. West Park



Lippitt Park



Park table

LOCATION	PARK NAME	PROS	CONS	IN A GREEN JUSTICE ZONE?
43 Harriet St, Providence, RI 02905	Harriet & Sayles Park	- Stuff to play on	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Dirty- Small- Barely any trees- Rusted playground equipment- Like 2 trash bins- Didn't feel safe	Yes



Park table

LOCATION	PARK NAME	PROS	CONS	IN A GREEN JUSTICE ZONE?
1015 Hope St, Providence, RI 02906	Lippitt Memorial Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- A lot of open space- A lot of trash bins and benches- Good equipment (not rusted)- Had bubbers and bathrooms- Clean looking bus stops- Newly planted trees- Felt more safe (not our words, a mother in the parks)	A couple pieces of trash	No

Park table

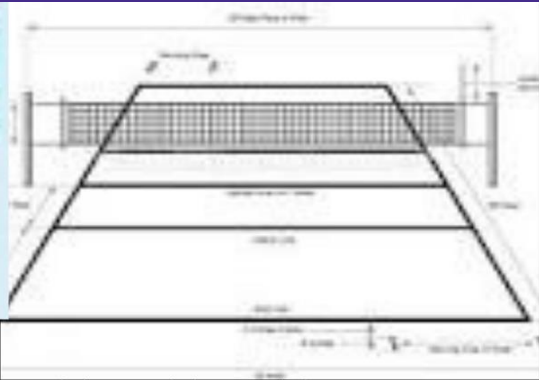
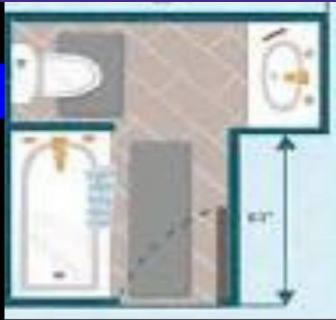
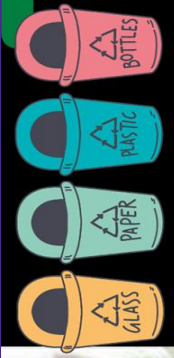


LOCATION	PARK NAME	PROS	CONS	IN A GREEN JUSTICE ZONE?
1276 Chalkstone Avenue, Providence, RI 02908	George J. West Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- pretty good but old play equipment- big field behind it- near a police station	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- not enough trash cans- dirty-could have more trees	Yes

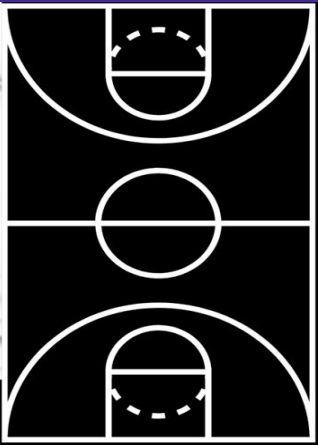


Water bottle filling station

OUR DREAM PARK

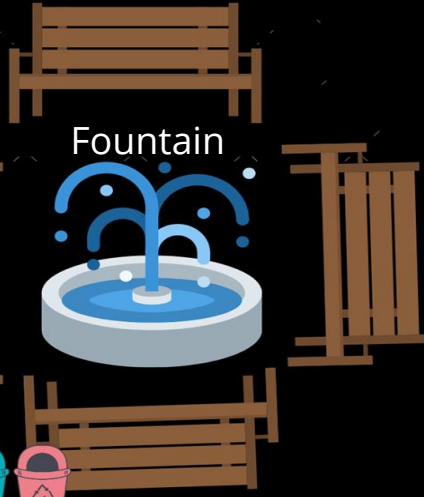
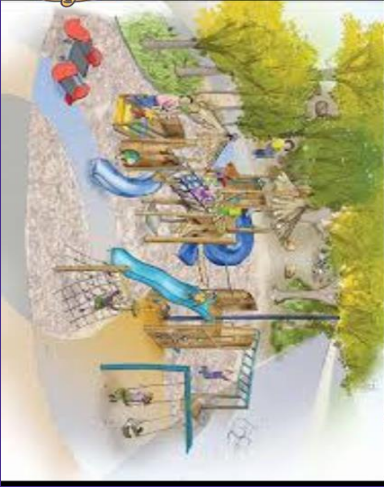


Sanded volleyball court

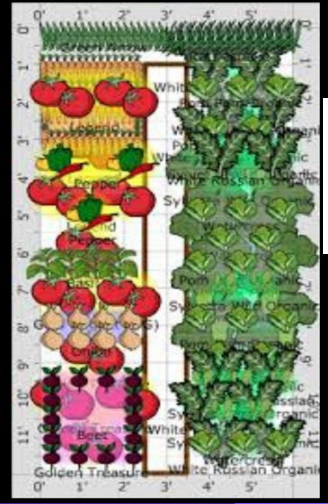


Basketball court

Playground



Fountain



Garden





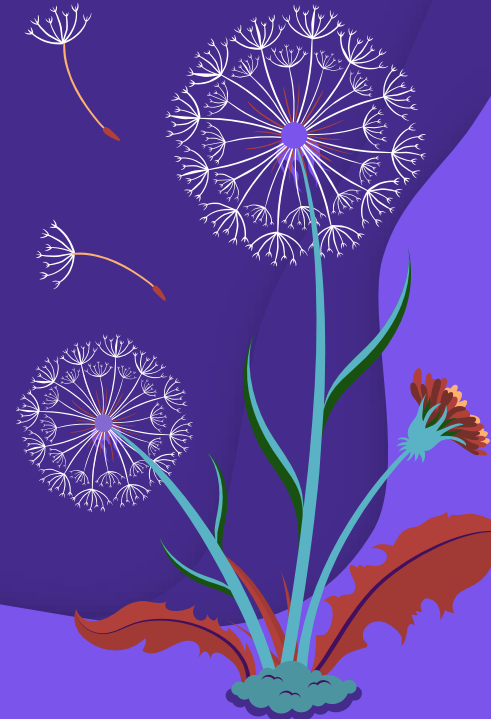
HOW IS YOUTH SPREADING THE WORD? IS IT ENOUGH?

We don't see many people our age advocating, but when they are they do it by...

- **Posting/re-posting on social media**
- **Signing petitions**

Although helpful, our team agrees that it is not enough to have an impact and make a change.







ADDRESSING THE ISSUE

Environmental racism causing harm into green justice zones for residents






Not enough people know about this especially youth



This leading to some of our ideas and our plan to address the issue...



OUR PLAN

- Provide more recycling, compost, and trash bins in parks, shops, around the city, ect.
 - Host lessons, articles, talks, and pick me ups in school to educate more youth
 - Organize a community youth group to clean-up their neighborhoods and help other youth connect to the environment
 - Provide incentives such as community service hours, college credits, gift cards, food/beverage, etc.
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