



**Historic Data:**  
How did drainage look before development occurred?  
- Has new residential impacted drainage - filled in ditches?  
- illegal driveways?  
- Subsidies

Community comes first, but invite federal officials/public officials to listen in

**Make the Data Visual!**

It's not a data question, it's a political question.

3rd party evaluation vs federal findings

panel-level role + drainage projections

urban flooding, not just FEMA  
consider all the agencies party in flood risk mapping

what we doing  
Disparity in risk  
How bad do we need  
Bob Cool

What climate science do we need?  
Urban - Flood damage projections (8)  
- Parcel level info by sector w/ flood risk overlaid w/ low income communities/POC

**Projected Risk & Costs**  
Parcel Level Data  
↓  
Low Use Type

Replicate the way Transportation dollars are deployed at the state & local level for water.

**Urban Systems Lab**  
- what do we need?  
Not making the assumption that the data is well intentioned - but that the data is inaccurate + false.  
1-2 concrete things to move the needle  
- pay residents to participate  
- a diverse council of leadership  
What do we need in order to be effective  
- relationship building  
- joint events

**Katherine A. + Lisa**  
- Similarities in awkwardness of being a white woman trying to address racial injustice - language intent  
- Waterways include people  
**Alexis + Jessica**  
- It hits home  
- Real stories, Real people  
- Policy-makers control the narrative  
- Courage + anger in the mothers  
- Political Propaganda for raising fees  
- One mother can about change because of her connectivity

Connect federal resources to frontline communities  
Constrained by Trump administration - Congress more receptive  
Federal requirements for public engagement

Engage Senators to cut through red tape to advance  
Elections - lobby - harvest coalition

**Which first - Community or officials?**  
Go to the community first - Government will insist that they already  
No power unless community is engaged  
Need to trust community  
If Co to elect first, they may misrepresent you  
Government programs may have high barriers to entry

**Community first - page 2**  
At least to officials as well to test the water - identify feedback + how to overcome it.

**What Kind of Information Do we Need?**  
Have maps overlaying flood + sea level rise  
Need: Financials + infrastructure to determine - budget means vs elevation + GIS in equitable way  
How to Based on race + income so outcomes is equitable  
- could objective standards be applied uniformly to further inequality?  
Intergovernmental coordination on racial impact studies

**Info page 2**  
So each agency communicates + all agencies use the mapping (agencies don't coordinate)  
Example - transportation department  
Example - GIS plans  
Examples of where all agencies communicate + share data is used for all important decisions

Pushing back on...  
Catherine - Rally raised parcel  
Getting paid - comm. members

**Jessica + Alexis S.**  
- Powerful stories to personal  
- Young to fully place story in stretched framework  
- Fightback in order for respect to do env. work

**Foster question =**  
Request series of field hearings where front line NGOs can show up for Congressional committees  
- Make use of Congressional recess for visits

**Times**  
Need data same as NYC for other communities:  
- flood risk by tied to flooding anticipated rainfall  
- Overlay demographic data  
- Overlay modeling of what green infrastructure projects + what is needed to absorb expected stormwater  
Cities are not taking action -> comm. members need that data  
Data on efficacy of existing GSI. Data on economic benefits.

**Needed data**  
Cool, connect, absorb, protect  
Cool: Urban heat  
Connect: Active transportation  
Absorb: Stormwater Management  
Protect: coastal and river flooding

**Reaction to 157 speakers**  
- Similar experiences shared  
- need to see yourself in field  
- "us" vs "them" rural + urban  
- ability to promote more enviro education (nose park interesting)  
- access to parks... nature  
- workforce development + training

**What can do?**  
- Mentorships - through relevant associations  
- APP  
- APB  
- ACOEL etc.  
- Transportation Risk Bd.  
- Field building  
- Find internships

**What is needed?**  
Training in equity offered to Kresge grantees has been helpful - along with access to their advisors to renew materials + content

Mentorship programs and funded internships/apprenticeships to build capacity + field

**Rhonda's?**  
- accountability in fed proposal for deal benchmarking  
- Remap timelines for equitable adaptation experienced by leads in federal policy proposals  
- Land + grade conservation funds - beneficiaries come to DC to discuss has addressing equity issues

Be willing to be vulnerable... it's ok to go out and listen early. At the neighborhood level

**Be the BRIDGE!**  
Build community power + go to elections  
Critical need for civic engagement  
Election top priority  
Be heard on issue, not person  
How do we elect who are going to hold the power?

**Shape Fed Policy + Resources for Community**  
- Milwaukee = "red area of concern"  
- How get community input?  
- Bust open ways of doing business  
- Lack of room for earmarks  
- Utilities on hill talking to lawmakers but also need community voices on water issues  
- Mtgs in Great Lakes => let people know happening, get them there  
- Hearing in middle of day = white, middle class input  
BUILD better ways for input

**Info needed for CC driven water issues:**  
- Unfair to ask what do you need? CC is complicated...  
- Work with community - Here's what we know - Build comm knowledge - Make accessible  
- Emergency management + prioritize projects w/ most impact  
=> map w/ if manage this water, how? + Emergency flood line => updated

"no decision about us, without us"  
How to continue dismantling racism in environmental work?  
-> Follow-up, Follow-through, require accountability of public utilities, public servants, and policy makers  
"The Power of People is stronger than the power in profits."

(stories)  
• Representation  
- not as present  
• Time to make connections for impactfulness

(stories)  
• stories are powerful  
• stories are factual  
• shake things up!

Both Base on  
Your Org.  
Capacity

(stories)  
• Spoken more publicly w/ first hand experience

(stories)  
• Emotional level connects to intellectual level  
• Knows language to connect

What info <sup>& the values</sup>  
do we need  
for the lay person/  
people need to  
Fight for Environment  
Racial Equity,

(Stories)  
Emotional connection

(stories)  
Vancouver:  
• helpful; in Vancouver just starting  
• inspirational

(stories)  
"lack of information is a form of poverty"  
• ? pathways = workforce dev. may be the "easy" pathway

(stories)  
• In office: discussion on what are we offering = no quick solutions; access to information  
- opening pathways to resources  
- helpful to hear

(stories)  
• need to go beyond workforce development  
• what does "access to information" mean? ← GAPS  
↳ communicate VALUE

(stories)  
• Why: need to connect to reality  
- share reality = talk about it openly