



# Local Action and Energy Equity

Envirothon Key Topic #5

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# Environmental Justice

## ❖ Environmental Justice

- The fair treatment and meaningful involvement of all people, regardless of race, color, national origin or income, with respect to the development, implementation, and enforcement of environmental laws, regulation and policies.
- The equitable access to green spaces, climate resilience, public recreation opportunities and information and data on potential exposures to environmental hazards.



# Justice40 Initiative

## ❖ What is Justice40 ?

- Executive Order 14008, Tacking the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad
  - Section 223 of EO 14008 established the Justice40 Initiative, directing over 40% of the overall benefits of certain federal investments to flow to disadvantaged communities (DACs)
    - Clean Energy & Energy Efficiency
    - Clean Transits
    - Affordable and Sustainable Housing
    - Training and Workforce Developments
    - Remediation and Reduction of Legacy Pollutions
    - Development of Clean Water Infrastructure



# Implementation of Justice40

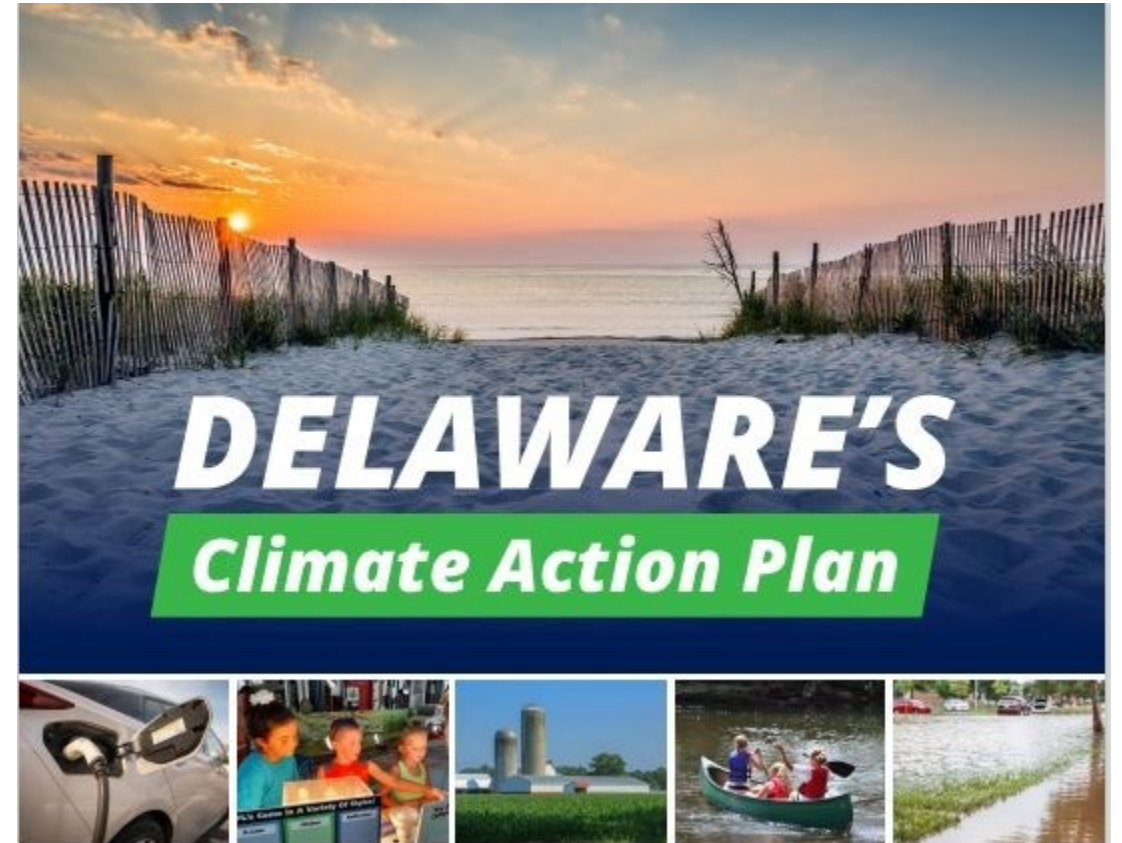
## ❖ Policy Priorities for Justice40

- Decrease energy burden in disadvantaged communities (DACs).
- Decrease environmental exposure and burdens for DACs
- Increase parity in clean energy technology (e.g., solar, storage) access and adoption in DACs.
- Increase access to low-cost capital in DACs.
- Increase clean energy enterprise creation and contracting (MBE/DBE) in DACs.
- Increase clean energy jobs, job pipeline, and job training for individuals from DACs.
- Increase energy resiliency in DACs.
- Increase energy democracy in DACs.

# Delaware's Climate Action Plan

## ❖ Climate Action Plan

- Provides strategies and actions Delaware can use to reduce harmful greenhouse gas emissions and prepare for the impacts of climate change



# Questions ?

