

MORPC's Commitment to Justice40

What is Justice40?

On January 27, 2021, Presidential Executive Order (E.O. 14008) – Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad was issued.

E.O. 14008, known as Justice40 (J40), mandates at least 40 percent of the overall benefits of certain Federal investments must go to disadvantaged communities that are marginalized, underserved, and overburdened by pollution.

This initiative aims to confront decades of underinvestment by channeling resources into communities that are overburdened by pollution and environmental hazards.



What kinds of investments fall within the Justice 40 initiative?



Climate change, clean energy, and energy efficiency



Sustainable, clean transit options



Affordable and sustainable housing



Training and workforce development



Remediation and reduction of legacy pollution



Development of critical clean water and wastewater infrastructure.

In February 2024, MORPC, COTA, and the Columbus Partnership hosted the Columbus Regional Justice40 Training session for local nonprofit, higher education, and government leaders. This training provided attendees with information about J40, the Regional Equity Strategy, and tools and techniques to take back to their organizations to help them better incorporate the initiative into principles and practices.

Central Ohio Regional Equity Strategy

MORPC and its regional partners are committed to addressing the barriers that impact many historically marginalized, disadvantaged, and underserved communities face across the region.



Through the development of the Central Ohio Regional Equity Strategy, this partnership is empowering local organizations with the necessary tools to identify and engage with communities that Justice40 intends to support. It aims to foster meaningful relationships and channel federal investments into these communities to address historical and ongoing inequities.



For additional resources and information about Justice40 and MORPC's commitment to building a more equitable Central Ohio, visit

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