# February Air Quality Health Monitoring Task Force Meeting

North Central Texas Council of Governments

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# Dallas Air Quality Initiatives

North Central Texas Council of Governments Task Force February 26, 2021

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## Overview

- Why it Matters?
- State of the Science
- Related CECAP Actions
- Air Quality Initiatives
  - TCEQ Regulatory Program
  - Breathe Easy Dallas
  - SW Medical District
  - SM Wright
  - Air North Texas
  - Emission Reductions









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### Why It Matters

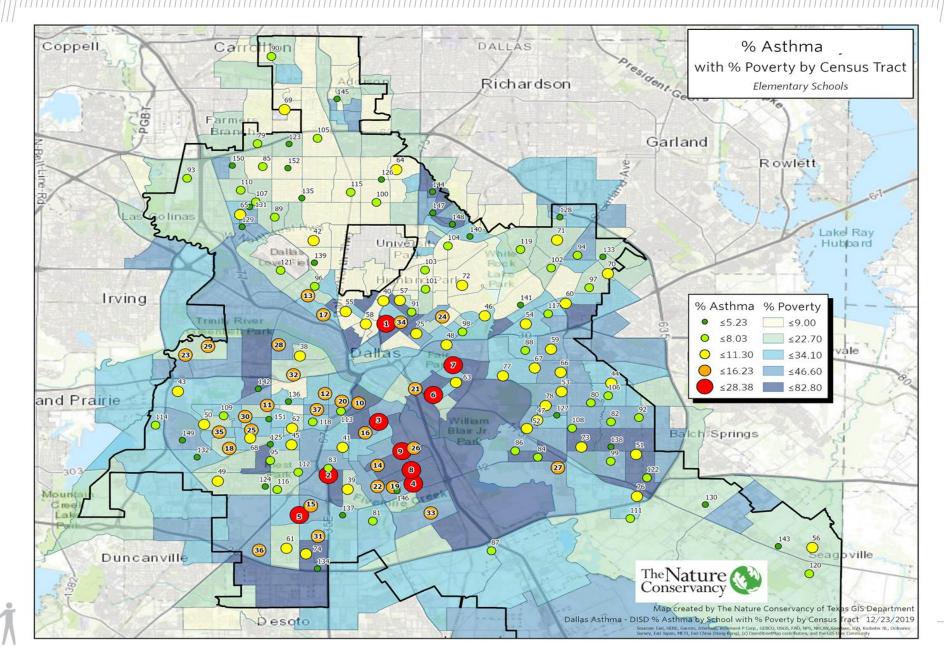
- While air quality in North Texas is generally improving, in north Texas, ten counties including Dallas consistently do not meet the 2008 Federal air quality criteria for ground-level ozone.
- Recent information from NCTCOG indicates region is moving from designation of "non-attainment" to "severe non-attainment" based on 2019-2020 data, supporting need for action NOW.
- In 2018, Dallas- Fort Worth was ranked 16th in the American Lung Association's 25 Most Ozone-Polluted Cities.
- The report estimates 159,749 cases of pediatric asthma, 432,736 cases of adult asthma, and 4,058 cases of cardiovascular diseases.



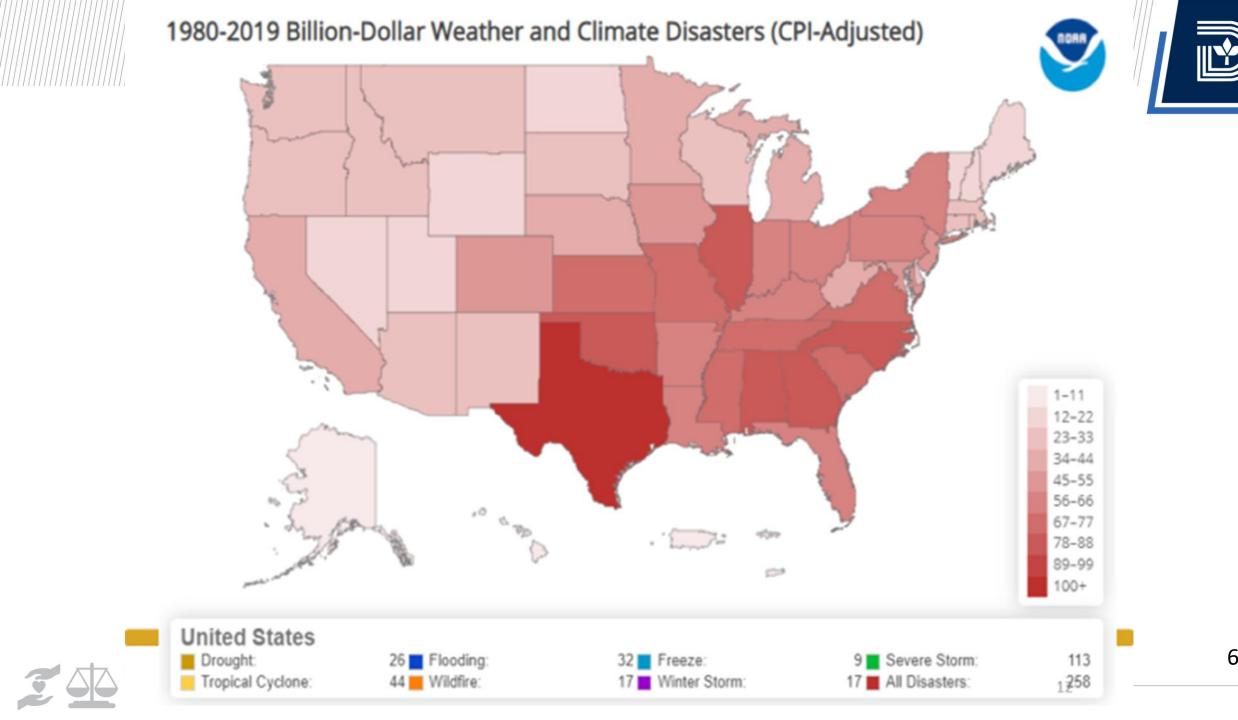


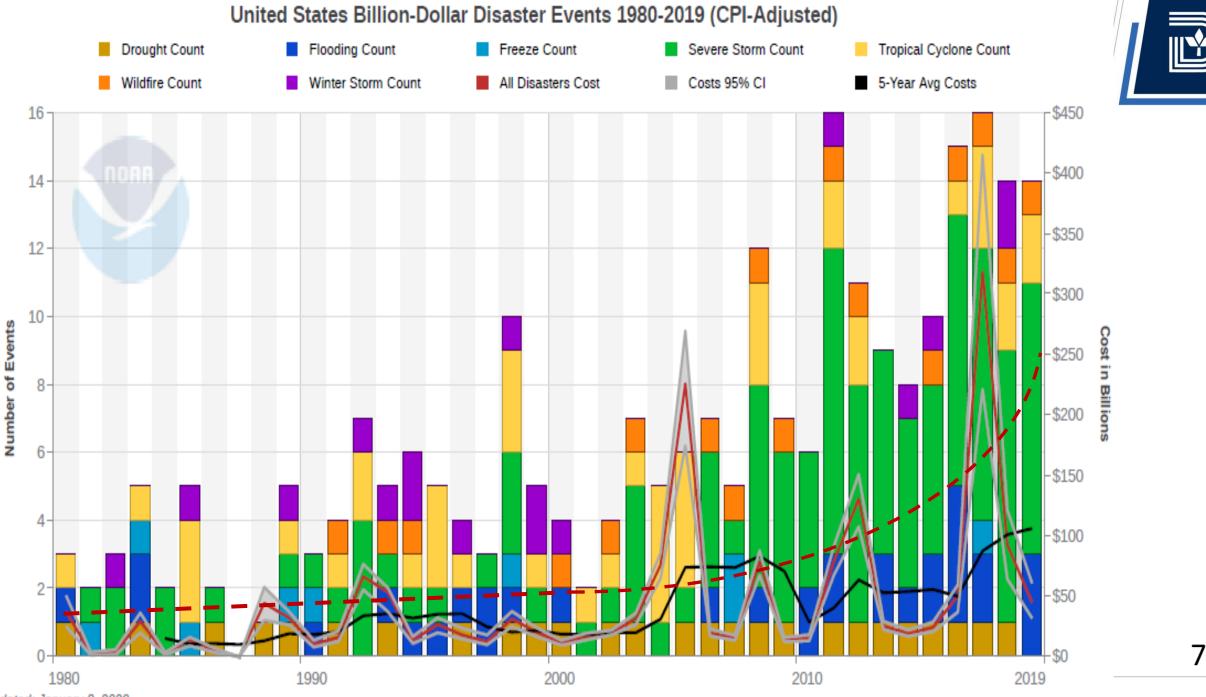
### Air Quality Equity Concerns





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Updated: January 8, 2020



### STATE OF THE SCIENCE......

"There is no value to any measurement or measured data unless you know by what measure"

– W. Edwards Deming





- There are major air pollutants that the EPA has designated as criterial pollutants
- Each of these pollutants is a health risk
- The EPA uses the latest research available to designate safe levels of these pollutants
- This safe level is called the National Ambient Air Quality Standard or NAAQS



NAAQS



Pollutant		Primary/ Secondary	Averaging Time	Level	Form		
Carbon		Primary	8 hours	9 ppm	Not to exceed more than <b>once per vear</b>		
Monoxide			1 hour	35 ppm	Not to exceed more than once per year		
Nitrogen Dioxide		Primary	1 hour	100 ppb	98th percentile of <b>1-hour daily maximum</b> concentrations, averaged over 3 years		
			Annual	53 ppb	Annual Mean		
Ozone		Primary	8 hours	70 ppb	Annual fourth-highest daily maximum 8-hour concentration, averaged over <b>3 years</b>		
Particulate	PM2.5	Primary	Annual	12 ug/m3	annual mean, averaged over 3 years		
		Secondary	Annual	15 ug/m3	annual mean, averaged over 3 years		
		Primary & Secondary	24 hour	35 ug/m3	98th percentile, averaged over 3 years		
	PM10	Primary & Secondary	24 hour	150 ug/m3	Not to be exceeded more than <b>once per year</b> on average over <b>3 years</b>		
Sulfur Dioxide		Primary	1 hour	75 ppb	99th percentile of <b>1-hour daily maximum</b> concentrations, averaged over <b>3 years</b>		
		Secondary	3 hour	0.5 ppm	Not to be exceeded more than once per year		

### **Air Quality Initiatives**

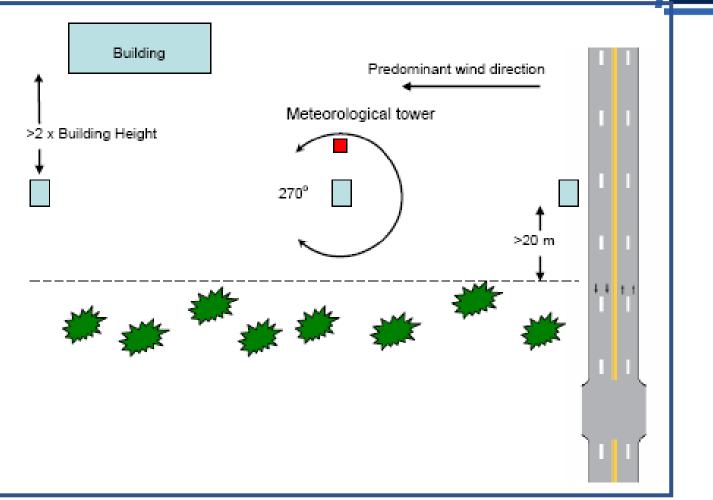


- A recent June 22, 2020, Memorandum concerning Air Quality Sensors prepared by Anne Isdale, the Principal Deputy Assistant Administrator of the EPA Office of Air and Radiation, discusses the use of air sensor data for National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) compliance.
- It describes steps the EPA is taking to better understand the data quality, interpretation, and management of these Air Quality sensor data, including QAPPs to allow data qualification.
- The memo indicates that the EPA remains committed to promoting innovation and advancing technology and will take an "agile approach" in working with partners to conduct the necessary research to ensure efforts support understanding of new measurement and information technologies.



# Air Quality Equipment Siting

- Topography
- Landuse
- Cover
- Prevailing Winds
- Potential Sources
- Potential for data anomalies



Source: FHWA. 2020.

https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/ENVIRonment/air\_quality/air\_toxics/research\_and\_analysis/near\_road\_s tudy/protocol/protocol03.cfm

# Calibration.....



Pollutant	Adjusted R <sup>2</sup> Range Between the Calibrated AQY1 vs. Reference Monitor Data (mean and median value)	Reference Monitor Mean vs. Calibrated AQY1 Mean Difference in % (actual value)
0,	0.56 to 0.97 (mean = 0.84, median = 0.90)	-19% (5.2 ppb)
NO <sub>2</sub>	0.00 to 0.58 (mean = 0.35, median = 0.37)	+23% (1.7 ppb)
PM <sub>2.5</sub>	0.20 to 0.39 (mean = 0.32, median = 0.33)	-24% (2.2 ug/m <sup>3</sup> )
PM <sub>10</sub>	0.36 to 0.54 (mean = 0.47, median = 0.49)	-11% (2.3 ug/m <sup>3</sup> )





### **CECAP Goal 8 - Air Quality**





### **GOAL 8: ALL DALLAS' COMMUNITIES BREATHE CLEAN AIR**



### Targets

### **Ground Level Ozone**

- Meet NAAQS attainment standard by 2030
- Maintain status through 2050

### **Air Pollutants**

Meet NAAQS attainment status through 2030\*

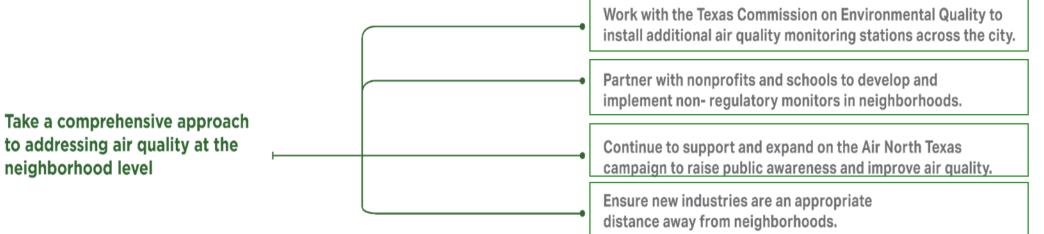
\* NAAQS = National Ambient Air Quality Standards Includes lead, carbon monoxide, nitrogen dioxide, particulate matter [PM10μm], particulate matter [PM 2.5μm], and sulfur dioxide



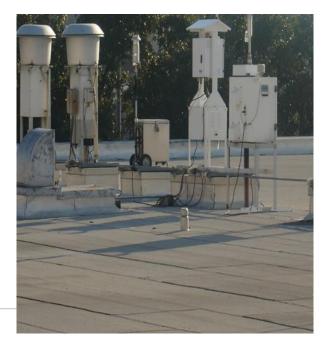


### GOAL 8: ALL DALLAS' COMMUNITIES BREATHE CLEAN AIR.





OEQS + External Partners: TCEQ, NCTCOG, The Nature Conservancy, Texas A&M University Transportation Institute, Center for Applied Research for Transportation, Emissions, and Health, Parkland, Children's Health and Many Others



# Actions Underway: Air Quality



#### Action

#### FY 20-21 Milestones

AQ1: Work with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality to install additional air quality monitoring stations across the city.

AQ2: Partner with nonprofits and schools to develop and implement non-regulatory monitors in neighborhoods.

AQ3: Continue to support and expand on the Air North Texas campaign to raise public awareness and improve air quality.

AQ4: Ensure new industries are an appropriate distance away from neighborhoods.

- 1. Work with TCEQ to identify location for installation of **a new monitoring station**
- 2. Install new monitoring station at Dallas Pilgrim Drive as approved by TCEQ in FY 19-20
- 3. Continue to make data available to the public
- Work with The Nature Conservancy and Texas Trees
   Foundation to site and install non-regulatory monitors in
   neighborhoods based upon public health and other data
- 2. Select locations in coordination with stakeholders
- 3. Use resulting neighborhood level data to track progress for air quality improvement
- 1. Continue to support Air North Texas Campaign
- 2. Expand on Air North Texas Campaign
- 3. Tailor communication to suit needs of each community
- 1. Develop a **map of environmental data**, and known environmentally impacted parcels by performing analysis of residential and industrial properties, highlighting Racially and Ethnically Concentrated Areas of Poverty (RECAP) areas



### **AIR QUALITY INITIATIVES**

- TCEQ Regulatory Program
- Breathe Easy Dallas
- SW Medical District
- > SM Wright
- Air North Texas
- Emission Reductions

### Air Pollution Control: Local Air Programs

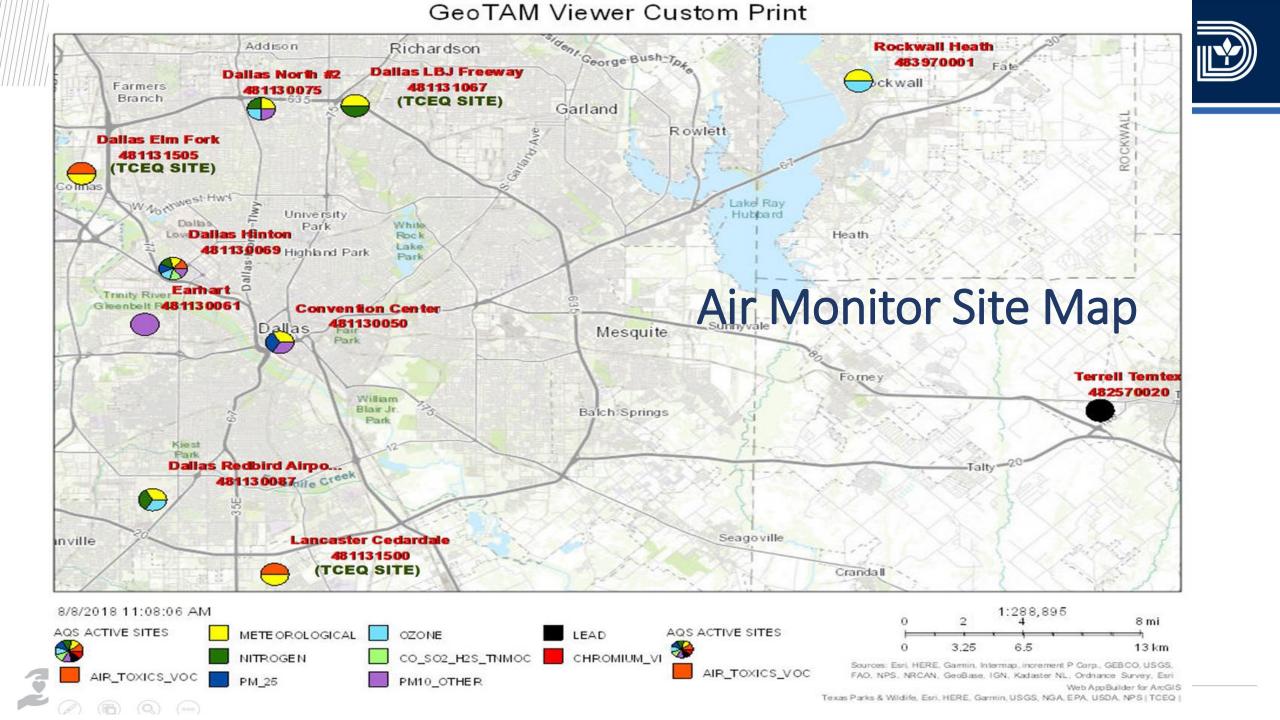
- City operates two dedicated local air programs: (1) Air Quality Compliance; and (2) Ambient Air Monitoring
- Both programs are in OEQS and funded in whole or in part by State of Texas with grants of ~\$500,000 for compliance and ~\$900,000 for air monitoring
- Over 25 years of local air monitoring and compliance in coordination with state and federal agencies



### OEQS Air Quality Compliance Program

- Cooperative arrangement operating with authority of TCEQ as approved by City Council annually
- Review air permit applications
- Respond to complaints
- Site inspections (>600 in FY19-20)
- ~2,300 active New Source Air Permits, Registrations or IDs currently within the City limits





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# **DHS Biowatch Program**

- OEQS also performs air monitoring under the Department of Homeland Security Biowatch program
- BioWatch was started in 2003 to provide early warning of bio-terrorist attack to more than 30 cities





# Ambient Air Monitoring Program (AAMP)

- Common criteria air pollutants monitored include:
  - Ozone
  - Particulate Matter
  - Carbon monoxide
  - Nitrogen Oxides
- Seven air monitors are strategically located throughout the City





### Ambient Air Monitoring Program Addition

- New South Dallas Site!
- The City has EPA and TCEQ approval to install PM10 and PM2.5 air monitors in the Southern Sector of Dallas near I-45 Industrial Corridor
- The location will help monitor particulate matter coming from concrete batch plants and other industrial businesses







- City has managed local air quality monitoring and compliance for over 25 years
- Office of Environmental Quality and Sustainability (EQS) manages programs under TCEQ Grants:
  - Ambient Air Monitoring Program (AAMP) (\$755,602)
  - Air Compliance Program (ACP) (\$505,117)





# Air Quality Initiatives







Advancing the scientific understanding and application of local air monitoring for improved public health outcomes among high-risk populations.



### Project Goals

The Nature



- To better understand performance of low-cost sensors and how to utilize this data for public health objectives, including improved outcomes for highrisk populations.
- To gather high quality local data characterizing air quality across multiple pollutants, and multiple locations.
- To contribute to local and regional datasets that support spatial analysis of air quality and public health measures, including relationships and variability.
- To better understand the role that local air quality may play in risk for pediatric asthma.
- **To contribute-** through convening, research, and capacity building- to local and regional initiatives focused on improving air quality and public health.

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### Phase I: Performance Analysis of the Low-cost sensors (Completed)



This study utilizes data gathered from the 12 AQY1 sensors co-located at the Hinton regulatory monitor for the past year and data reported from the Hinton regulatory monitors during the same time period, to

- Investigate how the AQY1 low-cost sensor readings compare against reference regulatory station readings in different conditions (e.g. temperature, relative humidity) and for different pollutants;
- Identity the optimal time needed for calibration to match reference regulatory station readings as closely as possible.

Pollutants measured include: Ozone ( $O_3$ ), Nitrogen Dioxide ( $NO_{2}$ ), Particulate Matter with 10 micrometers or less in diameter ( $PM_{10}$ ) and Particulate Matter with 2.5 micrometers or less in diameter ( $PM_{2.5}$ ).

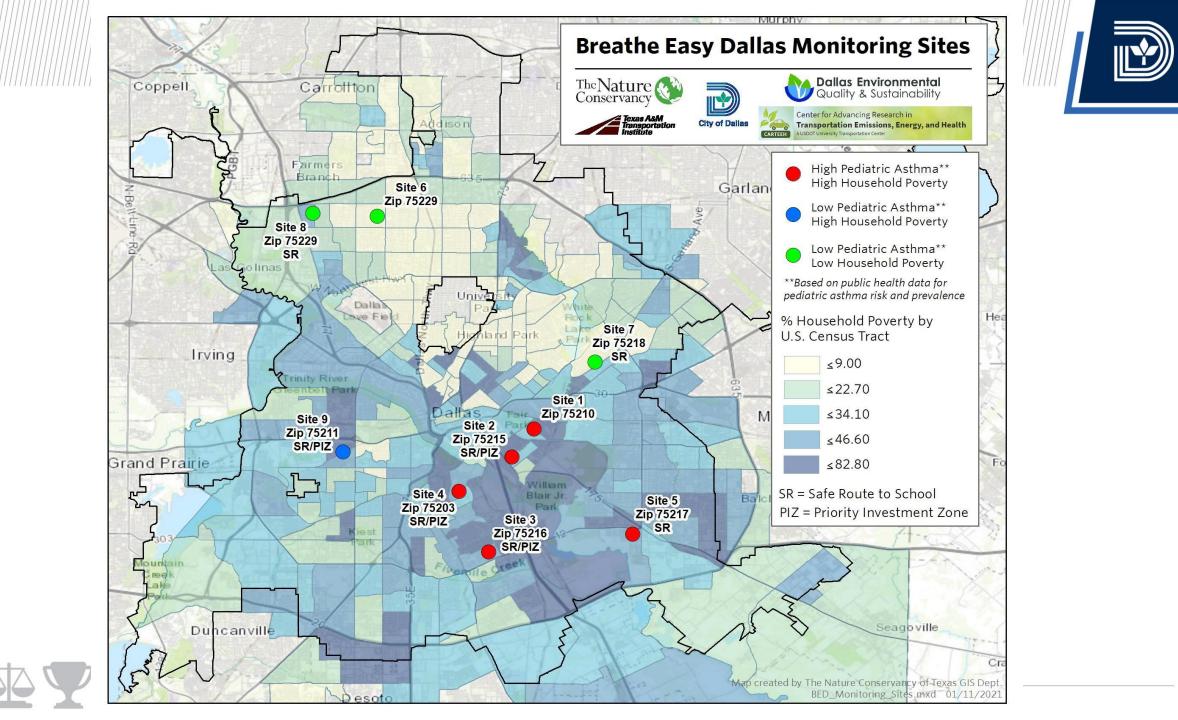


# Phase II: One Year Air Quality Characterization and Geospatial Comparison

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# **Breathe Easy Dallas Air Monitor Sites**



	Site	ZIP	Flasher location	SR	PIZ
High Pediatric Asthma ** High Poverty	1	75210	T.G. Terry Park		
High Pediatric Asthma** High Poverty	2	75215	Exline Recreation Center	Y	Y
High Pediatric Asthma** High Poverty	3	75216	Cummings Recreation Center	Y	Y
High Pediatric Asthma** High Poverty	4	75203	Bonnie View Rd.	Y	Y
High Pediatric Asthma** High Poverty	5	75217	Gayglen Dr	Y	
Low Pediatric Asthma ** Low Poverty	6	75229	Northaven Park & Greenbelt		
Low Pediatric Asthma** Low Poverty	7	75218	Warren Ferris Cemetery	Y	
Low Pediatric Asthma ** Low Poverty	8	75229	Marcus Park Recreation Center	Y	
Low Pediatric Asthma ** High Poverty	9	75211	Jacqueline Dr	Y	Y

\*\* Based on public health data for pediatric asthma risk and prevalence. SR= Safe Routes to School PIZ= Priority Investment Zone

#### An additional 3 monitoring sites will be installed at the at the Southwestern Medical District

as a part of the SWMD Streetscape Initiative with the Texas Trees Foundation (TTF).

#### **Neighborhood Installation- City owned flashers**

Schematic: Breathe Easy Dallas Air Monitor Installation on School Flasher Pole





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# SWMD Installations- City owned intersection

poles

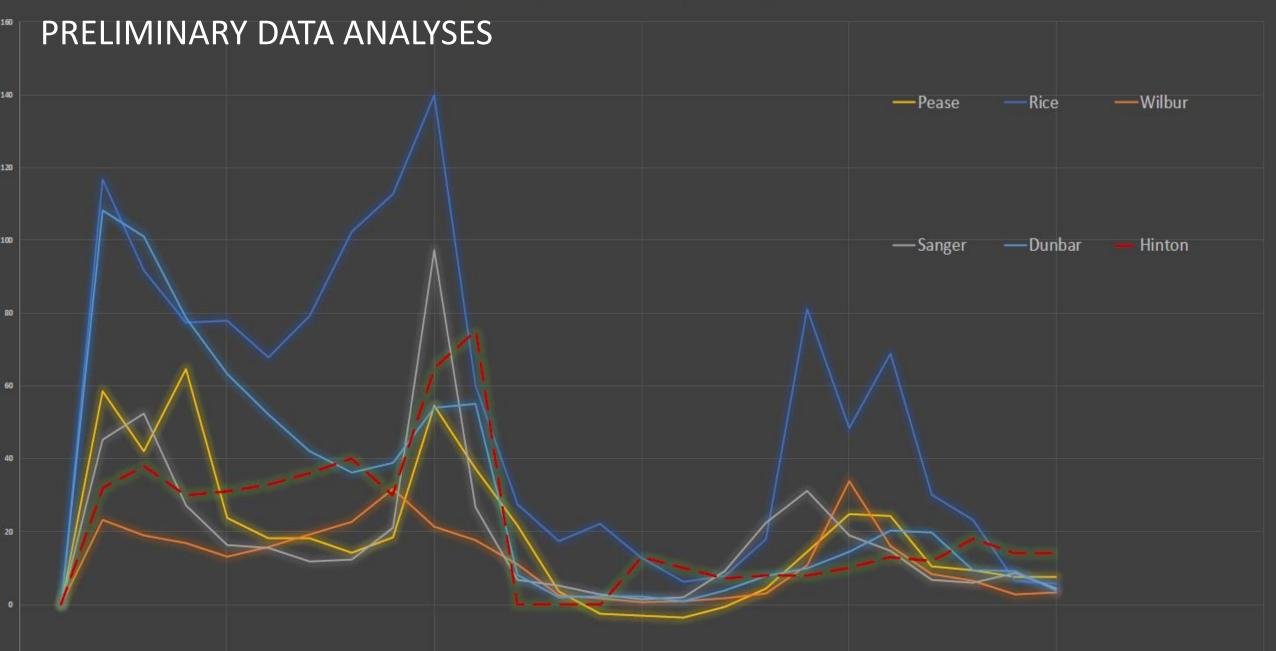




- Medical District Drive/Harry Hines
- Inwood Road/Harry Hines
- Mockingbird/Harry Hines

Figure 7: AQY and Solar Power Installation

Particulate less than 10  $\mu$ m (PM10)



# Blue Star Recycling - Dashboard



- Created to provide transparency and accountability of the site cleanup to neighbors and the public: visit <u>https://bit.ly/bluestardashboard</u>
- Dashboard Includes:
  - Background Information
  - Agreed Final Judgment
  - Timeline
  - Removal Progress
  - Air Quality Monitoring
  - Stormwater Management Info



## "Blue Star Recycling"



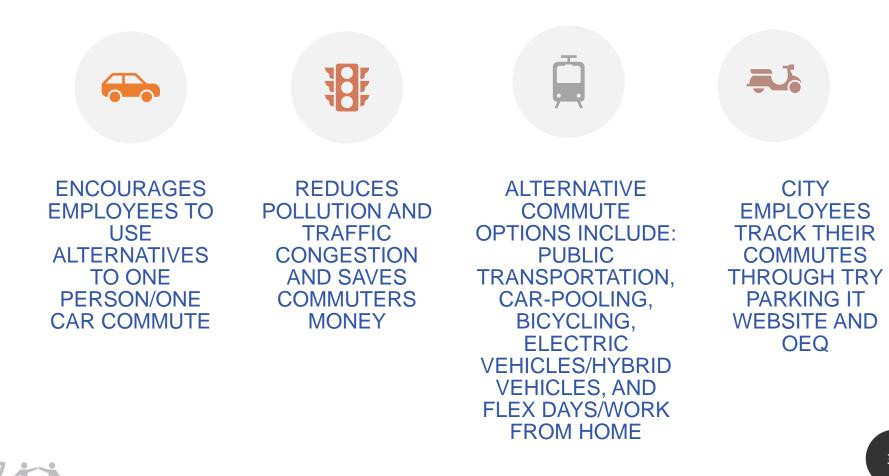






# Alternative Commute Program

### **Or, Try Parking It**





- Online Desktop or mobile app
- Alternative Commutes Earn points that can be redeemed for rewards
- Safe NCTCOG will NOT sell your information to a third party
- Data collected through Try Parking It helps NCTCOG estimate transportation emissions







Alternative Fueled Vehicles (AFV)

- Includes vehicles that pollute less, or in some cases do not pollute
- Hybrid vehicles, electric vehicles, natural gas fueled vehicles, and E-85 vehicles are in the City fleet

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• AFVs help reduce mobile source emissions and meet emission reduction targets



City Green Building Program & Energy Efficiency Retrofit Program

- Since 2003, the City has built 32 LEED Silver standard or better
- Each LEED building uses significantly less energy than a standard building resulting in less pollution from power plants
- The City is also retrofitting older buildings with energy efficient lighting/HVAC



# Renewable Energy Policy

- In April 2019 the City Council adopted a Green Energy Policy
- This policy requires:
  - The purchase of 100% renewable energy for municipal operations
  - The City will "seek and sustain" on and offsite renewable energy projects
  - The City will seek to sustain and promote renewable energy projects and partnerships



### **QUESTIONS?**

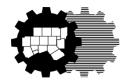




### Freight Land-Use Compatibility Analysis Update

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### WORKSCOPE

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#### **Literature Review**

- FHWA Freight and Land-Use Handbook
- TRB Publications
- Comprehensive Plan Review

#### **Data Collection**

- Site Visits
- Freight Facility and FTZ Inventory
- Potential Freight Land-Use Identification

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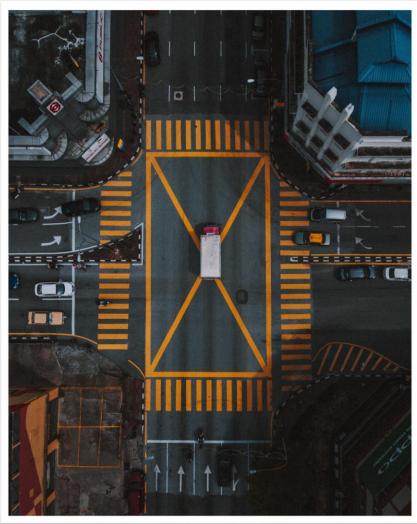
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#### **Freight Land-Use Analysis**

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#### **Example of Land-Use Conflict**

#### **Conflicts:**

- Residential and freight on same street
- DC bays facing neighborhood

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- Driveways of both empty onto the same street
- Inadequate fencing



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#### **Example of a Successful Mitigation Strategy**

#### **Design Features:**

- Residential and freight on same street
- Freight activity obscured by fencing and vegetation
- Freight facility does not empty onto residential street

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- Open greenspace and raised berm act as a buffer
- Arrayed trees and a sidewalk with plenty of space on either side

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### **DATA COLLECTION**

#### **Additional Data Collection Activities**

Land-use policy and regulatory review of regional municipalities (complete)

Regional freight facility inventory (complete)

Team collaboration & input (in progress)

- Sustainable Development
- Safety

Workscope

- Air Quality
- Modeling/Roadway
- Environmental Justice

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GIS land-use and zoning review (complete)

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Developing a localized toolkit for the praxis of sustainable logistics as it pertains to land use (in progress)

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### **ANALYSIS**

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#### **Conduct Analysis of Regional FODs**

Identify additional relevant information/considerations through team collaboration

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# Identify Potential Incompatible Land Uses in and Near Regional FODs

Identify City Ordinances Governing Land-Use Types and Build Policy Toolkit

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#### **Restrictions on:**

- Lighting
- Noise

Workscope

• Vibration



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### FREIGHT- RELATED ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ISSUES

#### Environmental Justice in the context of Freight and Land Use-

Analysis

"the geographically equitable distribution of the benefits and burdens of government policies, programs, and investments, and to ensure the full and fair participation by all potentially affected communities in the transportation decision-making process." *Freight and Land Use Handbook*, Federal Highway Administration, 2012, pg. 1-4

#### Purpose-

Identify locations in the region where there is a potential for a disproportionate negative impact to occur as a result of freight land use or land development near populations protected by Environmental Justice laws & policies.

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### FREIGHT- RELATED ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ISSUES

This analysis addresses the following-

- Prevalence of freight facilities in EJ areas
- Proximity of freight facilities to schools
- Presence of freight railroads in EJ areas
- Rail crossing grade separation efforts in EJ areas
- Spatial distribution of freight land use conflict sites in EJ areas
- Proximity of freight facilities to historical and cultural assets
- Proximity of freight facilities to sensitive ecological features

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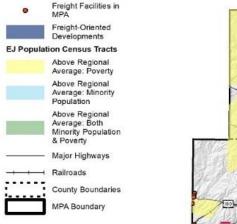
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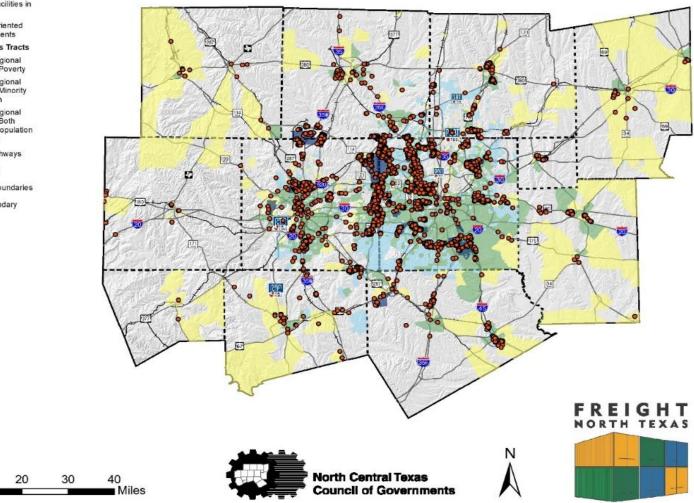
### **FREIGHT- RELATED ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ANALYSIS**

#### **Freight Development And EJ Areas**

#### Legend

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### FREIGHT- RELATED ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ISSUES

#### Findings-

- Freight facilities are on average 1.66 miles closer to schools in EJ areas compared to non-EJ areas.
- 43.99% of all regional freight rail miles run through EJ communities.
- 73% of regional distribution, manufacturing and warehousing facilities are in EJ areas.

#### Recommendations of areas to emphasize-

- School Proximity to freight facilities and railroad infrastructure.
- Freight infrastructure proximity to historical, social and cultural assets.

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• Proximity and interaction with nearby ecological features.

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Municipalities are encouraged to utilize the strategies outlined in the **Freight Planning Policy Toolkit** in order to mitigate negative externalities and ensure that vulnerable populations are not negatively affected by land use conflicts.

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Environmental Justice Policy

Toolkit



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### **POLICY TOOL-KIT**

<u>**Purpose</u>** - Identify key policies for municipalities to consider when seeking to improve the quality of freight land uses within their jurisdiction.</u>

#### Four-step freight policy process - local level

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<u>Step 1</u> - Develop a **community** vision for freight and industrial land use

<u>Step 2</u> - Comprehensive strategy of freight facility site selection and evaluation of existing and planned transportation infrastructure

<u>Step 3</u> - Site design regulations in accordance with the previous two steps

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<u>Step 4</u> - Communities codify the desired ordinances, initiate needed planning programs and execute relevant freight infrastructure development strategies

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### **USING THIS TOOL-KIT**

- Designed to be easily referenced on an as-needed basis
- To assist local governments in evaluating these policies, a rating description was developed that addresses the cost, time and level of impact that policy implementation would have on freight network conditions
- This rating tool can be used at any time during the four-step process



### **POLICY RATING DETAILS**

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#### **Three Sections**

- 1. Cost
- 2. Time Required
- 3. Impact

Ranked low, medium or high based on specific guidelines

#### **Examples**

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1. Freight Inclusion in Community Outreach Programs

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- Cost: Low
- Time Required: Low
- Impact: Medium
- 2. Address Local Truck Parking Availability
  - Cost: Medium-High

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- Time Required: Medium
- Impact: Medium



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#### The Output of this Study will Include:

- Regional inventory of warehousing, distribution, and shipping centers
- Urban freight land-use preservation assessment
- Regional FOD designation criteria

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• List of potential sites for future freight activities

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- Best land-use practices for the region's FODs Includes environmental and air quality improvement strategies
- Ordinance recommendations for FOD land use and design criteria

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• Factsheets/educational materials illustrating the importance of compatible land uses

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To be completed:

- Policy Toolkit
- Final Report

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### **QUESTIONS & DISCUSSION**

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### **Health Data**

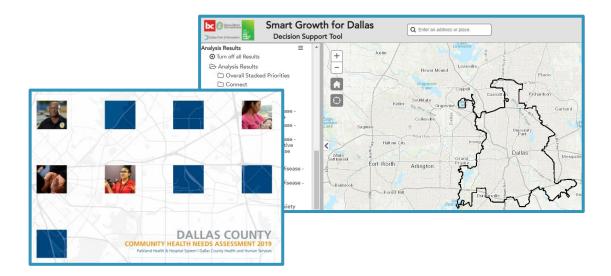
NCTCOG Known Data Sources:

★ Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) Asthma Hospitalization and Outpatient Data – Annual Data by County

Smart Growth for Dallas Tool – Annual Data for City of Dallas

https://web.tplgis.org/smart\_growth\_dallas/

Dallas County Community Health
 Needs Assessment – Annual Data for
 Dallas County (at a Zip Code Level)
 https://www.parklandhospital.com/Uploads/Public/Documents/PDFs
 /Health-Dashboard/CHNA%202019.pdf



#### We are looking for Daily (or weekly) Health Data!

Asthma occurrence/outpatient visits and/or COPD Hospital Discharges data by county/city or smaller geographic scale





# Air Quality Monitoring Strategies and Modeling of Chronic Health Risks Related to Traffic-Related Air Pollution

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# Overview

- Develop Sketch Planning Methodology for Project Level Emissions
- Meteorological Data
- Meteorological Analysis strategy
- Access to CDC Data
- Future Steps

# Sketch Planning Methodology for Project Level Emissions Analysis

- Use operating mode profiles based on facility type and congestion level
- Determine emissions by vehicle type
- Develop model to determine vehicle mix by link for network
- Determine average daily emissions based on AADT for each link

## Meteorological Data

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- AERMET
- AERSURFACE
- Need Hexagon ERDAS IMAGINE
  - UTA ineffective license knowledge and communication
- Develop dispersion profiles by season or more temporally disaggregate

## **Future Steps**

- A Mivestry of TIEXAS AREINGTON
- Integrate MOVES emission rates with network links, link volumes, and vehicle mixes to generate transportation emissions network-wide for major arterials and freeways.
- Use R-LINE w/Emissions and Meteorological data to develop exposure plumes for transportation network
- Estimate background AQ exposure data
- Finalize chronic exposure data and send to CDC for fusion to NHIS data
- Finalize requirements for using restricted data center