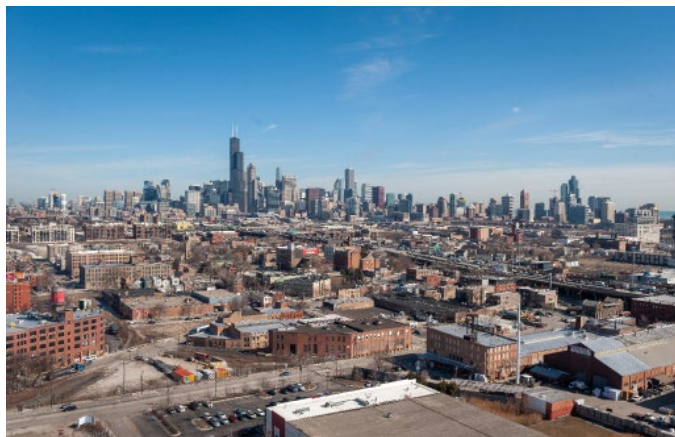


## WHAT ARE CUMULATIVE IMPACTS?

**Certain communities experience unequal exposure to multiple environmental, health, and social stressors.** These are referred to as cumulative impacts. Cumulative impacts add up over time to make communities more vulnerable to negative health outcomes.

When we make decisions about land use, transportation, business permitting, and enforcement, we need to consider cumulative impacts like:

- Which communities are most affected by intensive industry?
- Who experiences the greatest exposure to truck traffic?
- Where do people have less access to health-promoting resources and greater health risks?



## CHICAGO'S HISTORY

**Chicago has a rich history of community-led environmental justice advocacy.** For years, Chicago's environmental justice organizations and community members have voiced concerns about cumulative impacts. They have described how intensive industrial development and other environmental stressors affect health and quality of life in their neighborhoods, and called upon the City to recognize and remedy the harm caused by policies that compound cumulative burdens in certain parts of Chicago.

## CUMULATIVE IMPACT ASSESSMENT

**The City has set aside funding in the Chicago Recovery Plan** for CDPH and the Office of Climate & Environmental Equity to conduct a full Cumulative Impact Assessment, co-led and co-designed with people and organizations who live these issues every day. This is a citywide project to provide data on how environmental burdens and other stressors vary across Chicago.

The Assessment will help identify neighborhoods that experience the greatest cumulative impacts and then guide policy changes – critical steps toward promoting environmental justice in Chicago.

What will the assessment produce?

- Indicators and a map to identify environmental justice neighborhoods
- Action plan with City departments' commitments to change programs and processes
- Cumulative impact policy draft

## GET INVOLVED

**The Assessment is in progress and will continue through mid-2023.** Working groups focused on policy, communications and engagement, data and methodology, and project management are part of this effort. Each working group is co-chaired by community representatives and CDPH staff.



## RESOURCES

Sign up for environmental news from CDPH:  
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