Mission
To reduce the public health impacts from air pollution through applied research, education and advocacy.

Vision
We envision healthy communities with clean air every day, for everyone.

Belief
Everyone has a right to breathe clean air and where you live, work, learn, and play should not determine your health.

Core Values & Principles
- Knowledgeable
- Accessible
- Equitable
- Progressive
- Community-Driven
- Human

Our Approach

Equity-Centered Research
Prioritizing research that examines environmental inequities and cumulative impacts to illuminate patterns of disadvantage and the root causes of health inequities.

Diffusion of Information
Diffusion in this context is the action of spreading - both widely and quickly - data, information, ideas, and calls for residents to mobilize.

Collaborative Advocacy
Communities are stronger when they can advocate for themselves. Building an Environmental Justice Advocacy Leadership Lab will strengthen the advancement of environmental justice.

Commitment to Environmental Justice
The Greater Houston area faces unique air quality challenges. Environmentally hazardous facilities are concentrated in and near communities of color and low-income neighborhoods, and these facilities emit millions of pounds of toxic air pollution associated with a variety of health risks. The disproportionate presence of these facilities is an indicator of and a contributor to racial and economic inequities in health and other life outcomes.
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Supporting Sustainable & Equitable Transportation

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Monitoring Our Air

Our goal is to create a community air monitoring network that will help to address neighborhood level air quality concerns. We will prioritize establishing networks in communities of color and low-income neighborhoods where residents are faced with disproportionate exposure to air pollution and impacts to their health.

Mobilizing Action

Strengthening community participation in various decision-making processes is at the heart of what we do. We have worked to help residents whose voices have historically been excluded to influence the decisions that impact their communities.

Measuring Our Success

Building Healthy Communities
- By 2025, unauthorized emissions in the greater Houston area will decrease by 50%.
- By 2025, the adoption of policies and practices that reduce exposure to air pollution will increase.

Supporting Sustainable And Equitable Transportation
- By 2025, vehicle miles traveled (VMT) will decrease by 3% per capita.
- By 2025, 25% of school bus fleets will be electrified.

Protecting Against Chemical Disasters
- By 2025, a toxic chemical alert system will be implemented to rapidly notify communities about threats to their health and safety during chemical disasters.

Monitoring Our Air
- By 2021, a regional plan to establish a sustainable community air monitoring network program will be developed and implemented.
- By 2025, community air monitoring networks will be implemented in all environmental justice communities.

Mobilizing Action
- By 2025, engage and mobilize communities to advocate for the implementation of equitable policies and practices to improve air quality and advance environmental justice.