

HEARTLAND

environmental justice center

a thriving communities technical assistance center

The Heartland Environmental Justice Center is a Thriving Communities Technical Assistance Center for disadvantaged communities in Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, and adjoining Indigenous Nations. The Heartland EJ Center is a “first-stop” resource for communities seeking help on pressing environmental and energy equity challenges, known for providing support with an objective, inclusive, and collaborative approach at no cost to the communities it serves.

How We Can Help

HEJC operates first as a **listener** to communities that have historically and systematically been disproportionately impacted by environmental, energy, climate, and public health adversities. After learning from communities about their burdens, barriers, priorities, and opportunities, our team responds by identifying unique community needs and linking communities with appropriate resources.

Our support varies in scope and scale depending on community need:

- From light-touch guidance, like navigating communities to existing resources;
- Medium-touch support, such as preparation for grant applications or facilitating a community needs assessment;
- Intensive assistance, like policy analysis or technical and engineering expertise.

How Do We Do It?

The Heartland EJ Center seeks to listen and engage in ways that are tailored to the community we are working with, ensuring that the people most affected by environmental justice issues have a strong voice and seat at the discussion table. We tap into our established network of partners to provide the most up-to-date and relevant information, contacts, and resources to our communities.

Our Partners

- Center for Rural Affairs
- Climate + Energy Project
- Community Engineering Corps
- Environmental Protection Network
- Iowa Environmental Council
- Kansas Rural Center
- Kansas State University Engineering Extension
- Metropolitan Congregations United
- Wichita State University Environmental Finance Center

Contact Heartland EJ Center to learn more about how we can help.

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