

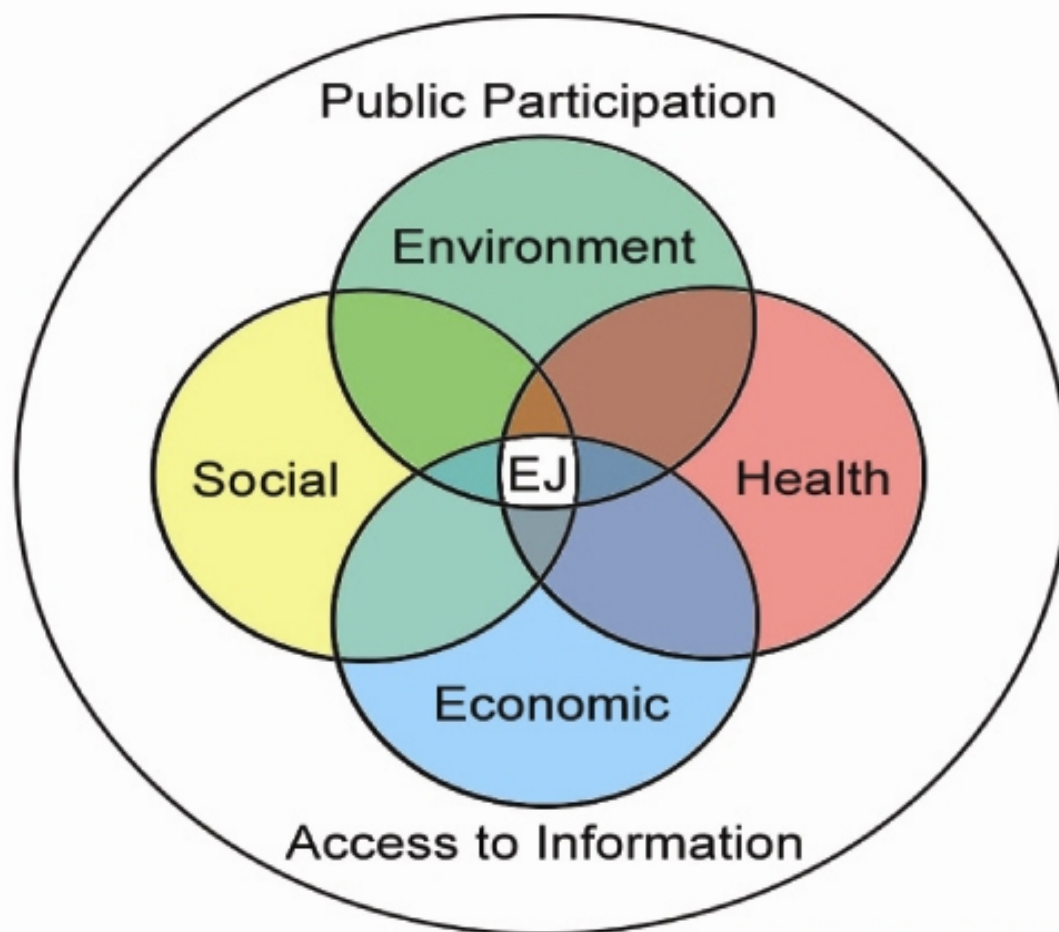
# EQUITABLE DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP

*HOW DO YOU GET 'EQUITABLE DEVELOPMENT'  
INTO THE PLAN*

*State Representative Harold Mitchell, Jr.  
ReGenesis Economic Development Organization*

February 12, 2014

## Indicators of Healthy and Sustainable Communities



# ISSUES

The 4 categories the  
ReGenesis Board  
wanted addressed

## Environmental:

Two Superfund Sites  
IMC Global  
Arkwright Dump  
Multiple Brownfield Sites

## Health:

Concerns of Abnormal/High  
Disease Incidence  
Lack of Health Care

## Economic:

Lack of Jobs  
Lack of Transportation Access  
Lack of Business Development  
Lack of Retail Establishments

## Social:

Crime  
Poor Housing  
Lack of Green Space  
Lack of Recreational Facilities  
Lack of Community Involvement

# ABANDONED FERTILIZER PLANT







EXISTING HOUSING CONDITIONS IN ARKWRIGHT

# The Beginning of Partnerships

- ◆ Designated as a Federal Interagency EJ Demonstration Project in May 2000
- ◆ Major focus of the project:
  - ◆ Health
  - ◆ Economic Development
  - ◆ Cleaning the Environment
- ◆ Received a \$20,000 EJ Small Grant in June 2000



# The First IWG EJ Meeting

- ◆ Theme:  
*Building a Livable Community Forum*
- ◆ Two-days Meeting  
August 21-22, 2000
- ◆ 7 Federal agencies  
were in attendance



## FEDERAL INTERAGENCY ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE DEMONSTRATION PROJECT

*Cleanup and Revitalization through Collaborative Partnerships,  
Arkwright and Forest Park Community*

### *Building A Livable Community Forum*

August 21 - 22, 2000

The first "Building A Livable Community Forum" was held in Spartanburg, SC on August 21-22, 2000 and was attended by nearly 100 participants, including various federal, state and local government representatives as well as numerous community stakeholders. The excitement and enthusiasm of the many participants resulted in a vigorous plan to move forward with the many federal, state and local partnerships that have been initiated and will ultimately result in building a livable community.

Specific accomplishments of the Building A Livable Community Forum include:

- ◆ Charles Lee and Jewell Harper from the US Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA), introduced the Federal Interagency Environmental Justice Working Group and the expectations for the demonstration projects. It was emphasized that this project more clearly reflects the community-driven, multi-stakeholder, multi-faceted collaboration that was envisioned when these projects were initiated.
- ◆ Local Officials, including Mayor James Talley and County Administrator James Hartmann shared their vision and welcomed the assistance from the federal sector and others. They further acknowledged that this effort was initiated by the community and pledged their support to make redevelopment a reality.
- ◆ *Expanding Community Transportation Choices Initiative:* A Mile long connector is being proposed to open access to the 500 acre area. Federal and State DOT officials are working with local government and congressional interests to further develop plans. The lack of adequate transportation routes into the area considered an environmental justice concern. Wendell Stills, of the US DOT is the primary contact for this initiative.



# Community Capacity Building and Multi-Stakeholder Partnerships

Environmental  
Cleanup and  
Remediation

Transportation

Housing

Economic and  
Commercial  
Development



Health

Public Safety

Education, Jobs,  
Life Skills

Recreation and  
Green  
Infrastructure

# The Second IWG EJ Meeting

- ◆ Held a month later, on September 20, 2000
- ◆ In attendance 50 participants
  - ◆ Federal
  - ◆ State
  - ◆ Local
  - ◆ Residents
- ◆ Develop goals for the project

**Integrated Interagency  
Environmental Justice Demonstration Project  
Minutes  
Wednesday, September 20, 2000  
9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

The meeting of the Environmental Justice Demonstration Project was held at the Spartanburg Vision Center at 9:30 a.m. on September 20, 2000. The meeting began at approximately 9:40 a.m.

**Present:**  
Approximately fifty participants representing Federal and State Agencies, Spartanburg County & City, and residents of the Arkwright and Forest Park communities.

**Welcome & Introductions**

**Agency Updates/Several Agencies Participated via Conference Call**

- \$675,000 - Senator F. Hollings, via EPA, for promotion and revitalization. Vote for approval goes to Senate Floor today but is expected to pass. These funds do not include other grants that may be applied for. Harold Mitchell, Regenis, will forward proposal to the Ford Foundation for fund allocation.
- Ford Foundation, Inc. will provide Regenis, Inc. with funds.

**Project Maps**

- Maps distributed to the group.
- Project area was defined. Map will be edited and redistributed at the next meeting.
- Forest Park inside City line and Arkwright located within the County.

**Community Involvement**  
Regenis is a community-based organization in the Arkwright/Forest Park area whose primary members are community residents. After discussion it is agreed that the project will be known as the Regenis Project.

The group formed through a beautification project when an alarming amount of similar serious illnesses began to affect the area. Board Members were selected to represent both communities. Collaboration efforts with existing organizations include representatives of the County and City, Federal and State, and Regenis – contact person: Rosalind Brown. Monthly meetings are held and the group is developing Focus Groups to:

- Identify cleanup
- Create an Arkwright model project

**Goals**  
The participants were divided into sub-groups to develop goals from Community, County/City, and Federal/State agency perspectives.

COMMUNITY	COUNTY/CITY	FEDERAL/STATE AGENCIES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Affordable Housing Improvement Programs</li> <li>&gt; Banks</li> <li>&gt; Clean the Land</li> <li>&gt; Crime Management</li> <li>&gt; Cultural Center &amp; Programs</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>COUNTY GOALS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Community Cleanup</li> <li>&gt; Community Health (Others)</li> <li>&gt; Environmental Cleanup</li> <li>&gt; Improved Infrastructure</li> <li>&gt; Long Term Sustainability</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>DOE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Brightfields – Attract New Clean Industries to the Site</li> <li>&gt; Efficient Use of Energy</li> <li>&gt; Integration of High Tech i.e. solar, wind, ground source heat pumps</li> </ul>

# VISIONING &



# CHARETTES

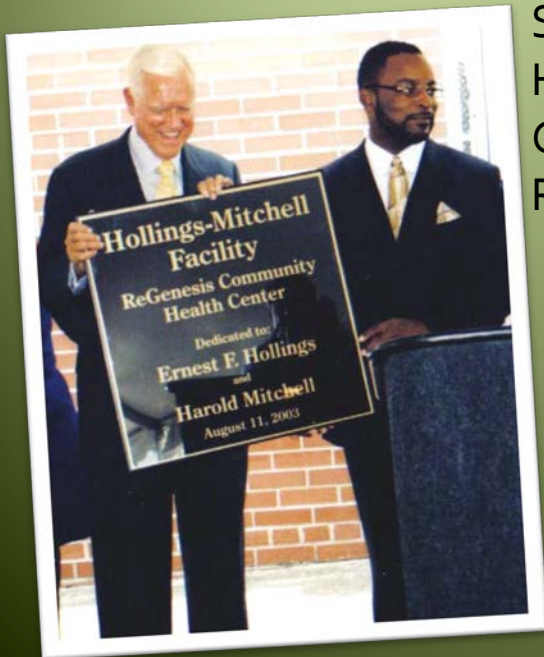
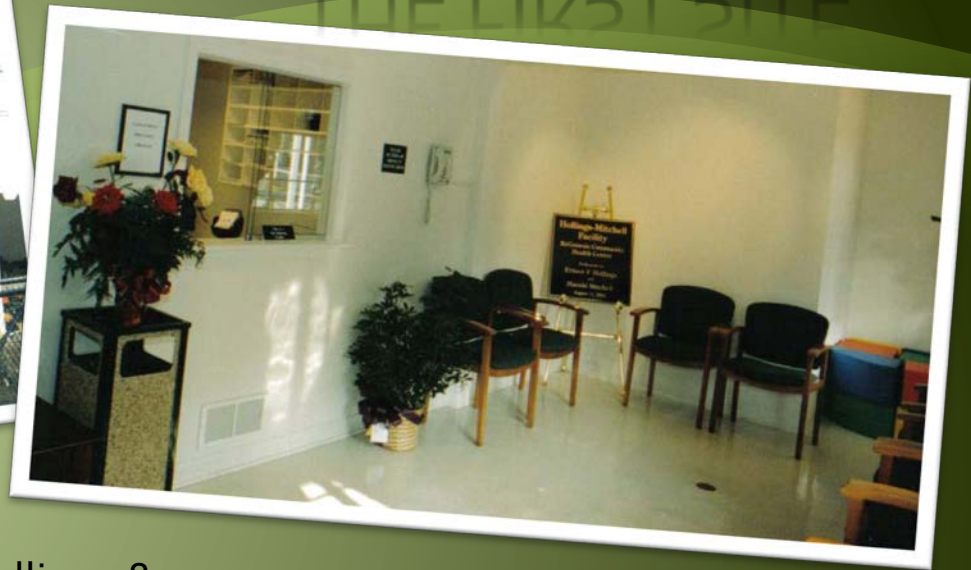
# Overall Outline

- ◆ Created on October 19, 2001
- ◆ 4th Revision
- ◆ Identify 7 Project Elements
  - ◆ Identify lead partners and resources

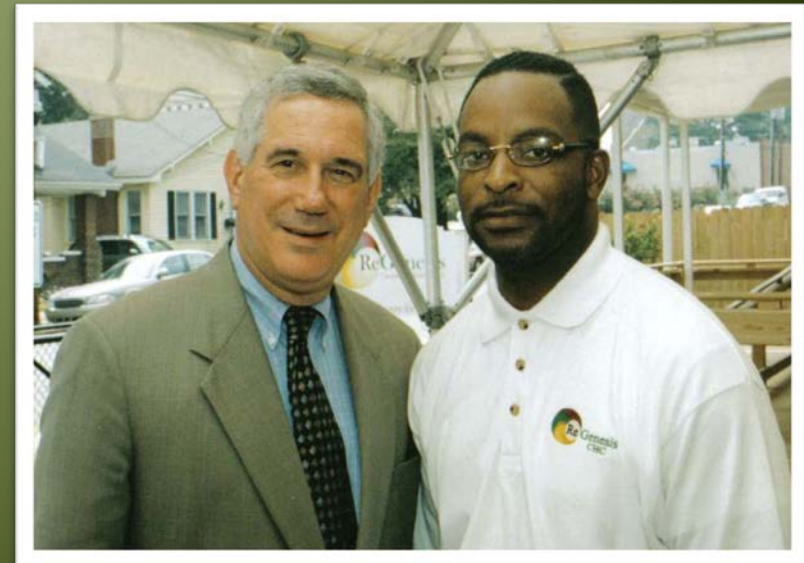
1. Redevelopment Design & Brownfields
2. Remediation
3. Public Safety, Education, Life Skills
4. Health
5. Transportation
6. Greenway Infrastructure
7. Housing



## THE FIRST SITE



Senator Fritz Hollings & Harold Mitchell at the Grand Opening of ReGenesis CHC



Mayor Barnett & Harold Mitchell



AFFORDABLE

NEW

HOMES



FORMER PHYLLIS GOINS



COLLINS PARK







SPARTANBURG HOUSING AUTHORITY REDEVELOPMENT PROJECTS



# HOME OWNERSHIP!!!!





Liberty Square  
Apartments



# SENIOR HOUSING



# THE NEW C.C. WOODSON RECREATIONAL CENTER



DREAMS DO BECOME  
REALITY!!!!!!

# CONSTRUCTION TRADE CLASS





# *Rhodia/ReGenesis Dialogue*





# *Lessons Learned*

- ◆ Achieving Environmental Justice requires a holistic approach; follow equitable development principles
- ◆ Build entire communities, with emphasis on health, education, housing, job creation and training, housing, quality of life, while addressing environmental issues
- ◆ Communities must empower themselves
  - ◆ Organizational Structure
  - ◆ Capacity Building; Environmental Education
  - ◆ Shared Vision
  - ◆ Understand History of Environmental Justice

# *Lessons Learned*

- ◆ Form Key Partnerships
  - ◆ Who do you need to work with to make your vision a reality? Important to engage Industry
- ◆ Acquire and leverage resources
  - ◆ Interagency Working Group (IWG)
  - ◆ Public Private Partnerships
  - ◆ Elected Officials
  - ◆ Other Communities with Similar Challenges
- ◆ Utilize Collaborative Problem Solving

# *Realizing the Vision in the Future*

- ◆ Enact National Environmental Justice Legislation
- ◆ Expand Federal/State/Local Resources
  - ◆ Capacity Building for Communities
  - ◆ Increase Funding for Community Grant Programs
  - ◆ Share Success Stories
- ◆ Implement Effective EJ Programs in All Federal Agencies, Regional Offices, States
- ◆ Have a True Champion within EPA

# *Realizing the Vision in the Future*

- ◆ Greater Input to the National Environmental Justice Advisory Committee
- ◆ Address Cumulative Risks in EJ Communities
- ◆ Strengthen Environmental Laws
- ◆ Civic Engagement
- ◆ Environmental Awareness