

Environmental Justice

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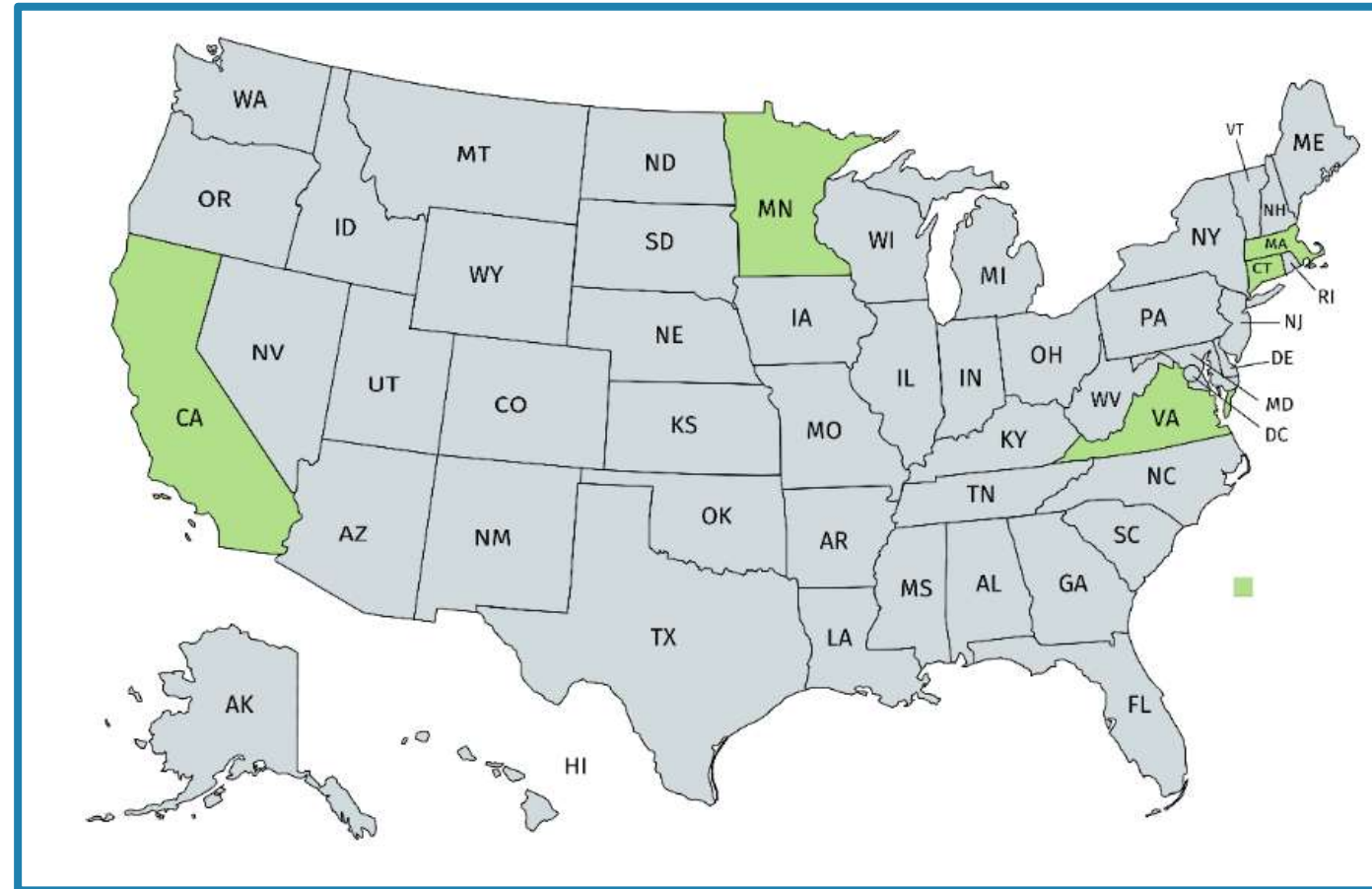


Agenda

- EJ at the State Level
- EJ in Private Practice
- What Can You Do?

State EJ Law and Policy

The majority of states have laws or policies that address EJ issues, though the extent varies widely.



■ States with mature EJ regimes

State EJ Law and Policy

- **Agencies**
 - EJ agency subgroups, departments, advisory groups etc.
 - Interpretive EJ guidance and policy documents
 - EJ data tools
- **Legislature**
- **Courts**
- **NGOs**



State EJ Law and Policy

New Legislation

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Increased Enforcement

New Jersey S. 232 (2020)

- Empowers NJDEP to restrict or deny permits for certain facilities based on EJ impacts.

Connecticut H.B. 7008 (2020)

- Requires towns with over 5 “affecting facilities” to work with new developers to lessen impacts

MD, NY, NC, VA (2018-2020)

- Recently established EJ advisory groups.



Private Practice

- **Compliance**
 - **EJ 101**
 - **Benchmarking**
 - **Policies**



Private Practice

- **Litigation**
 - **Complaints**
 - **Defense**



What can you do?

Articles

United Church of Christ, *Toxic Wastes and Race in the United States*

The First National People of Color Environmental Leadership Summit, "The Principles of Environmental Justice." (1991).

U.S. EPA, *Environmental Equity: Reducing Risk for All Communities* (1992).

Movies

Rise: Standing Rock [Parts I & II]

Come Hell or High Water: The Battle for Turkey Creek

Beyond Recognition

Books

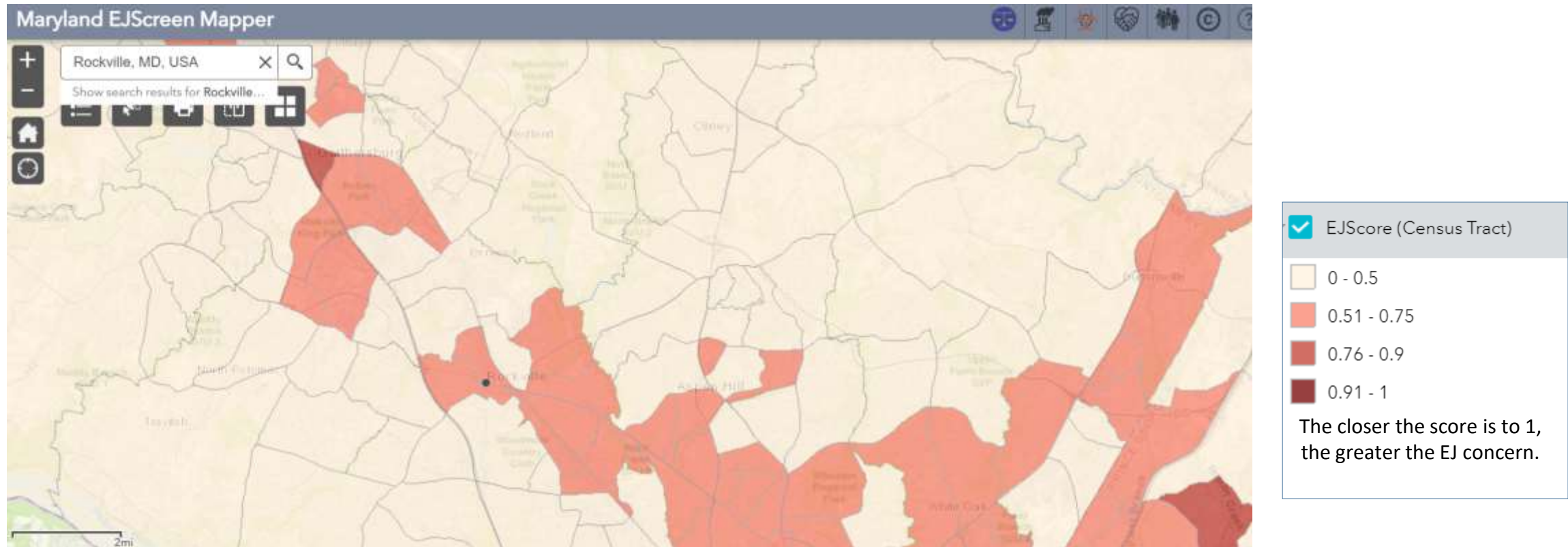
David Naguib Pellow, *Garbage Wars: The Struggles for Environmental Justice in Chicago*

Bullard, Robert D., *Dumping in Dixie: Race, Class, and Environmental Quality*.

Dorceta Taylor, *Toxic Communities: Environmental Racism, Industrial Pollution, and Residential Mobility*

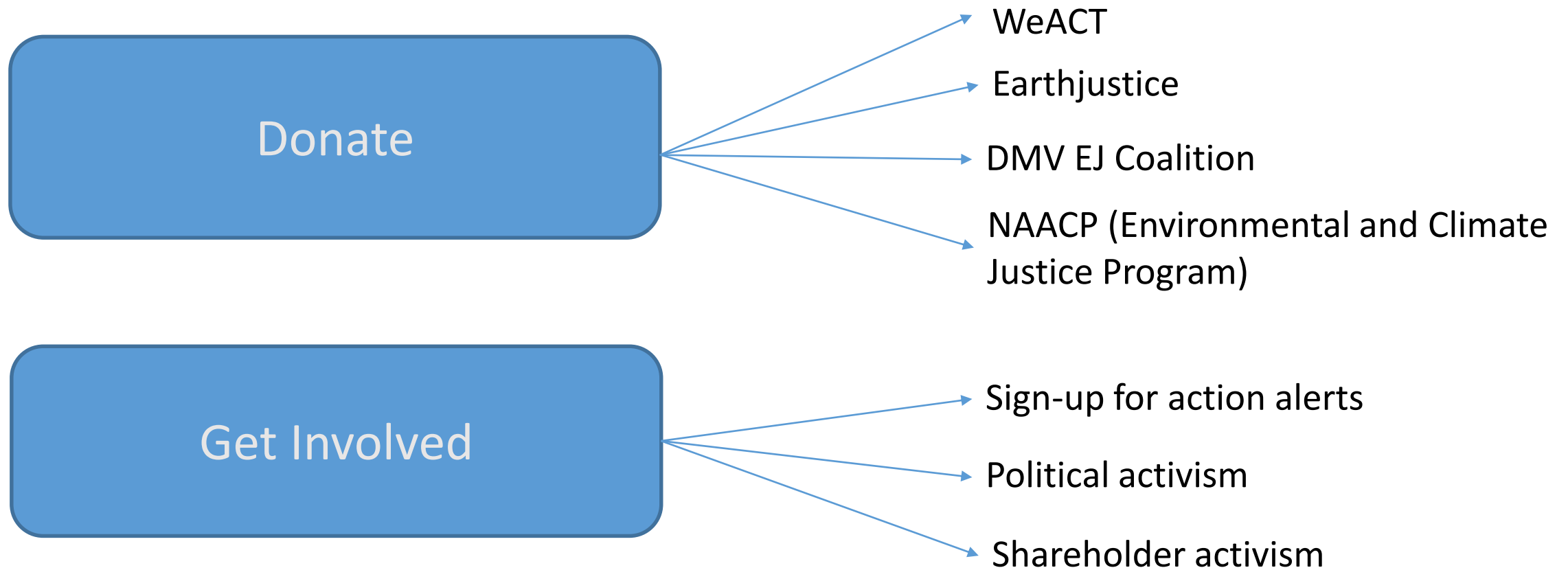
What can you do?

→ Increasing numbers of states have EJ mapping tools that can help regulators, business, and the public identify potential overburdened communities



<https://www.ceejhlabs.org/mapping-tools>

What can you do?



Thank you!



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