



2013 Highlights

Regional Equity Atlas 2.0

This June, CLF released the Regional Equity Atlas 2.0, a groundbreaking research and education project that promotes widespread opportunity. By mapping and analyzing which neighborhoods and communities do - and do not - have the resources that make up a healthy community, the Equity Atlas supports a stronger, more prosperous Portland metro region.

What makes the new Equity Atlas so powerful is that anyone can use the online tool to make maps to figure out how to help their neighborhoods, cities, and counties address disparities. It shines a light on issues like access to healthy food, air quality, and convenient public transportation options. Four years in the making, the new Equity Atlas is a major update and expansion of the original Equity Atlas, incorporating extensive data and input from hundreds of people throughout the region. It is available at www.equityatlas.org.

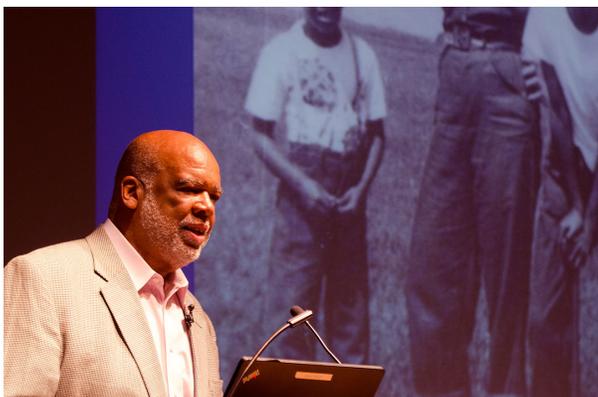


Outreach and Education

The Equity Atlas is already making a difference. CLF has shared the mapping tool and findings at 65 workshops and trainings across the region. More than 1,150 people, including elected officials, government agencies, advocacy groups, non-profits, health systems, and community-based organizations have learned about the Equity Atlas. Dozens of organizations are already using the Equity Atlas to locate services, target programs, train staff, and make the case for funding critical needs.

Regional Livability Summit

With over 400 people in attendance, this year's Regional Livability Summit in October was CLF's most well attended event ever. Keynote speaker Dr. Adewale Troutman, Director of the American Public Health Association, spoke about how the Equity Atlas propels our region into a national leadership position and how we need to use this momentum to take action for change.



Dr. Adewale Troutman - Regional Livability Summit Keynote Speaker

CLF received overwhelmingly positive feedback on the Summit, which included breakout sessions led by member and partner organizations on issues including gentrification and displacement, food projects that empower local communities, using an equity lens to evaluate programs, leadership development, and wages and employment. The Summit continues to draw increasingly diverse attendees with experience in a wide range of fields.

Equity Atlas Storytelling Project

The soon-to-be-released Equity Atlas Storytelling Project uses photography, video, interviews, and personal narratives to share the stories of people throughout the region whose lives are affected by inequities. We worked with 11 community organizations on the project, and photos from the Storytelling Project and an [inspiring video](#) highlighting community stories were shown at the Regional Livability Summit.

Institutionalizing Equity

CLF serves as a partner in the development of tools and initiatives geared toward institutionalizing equity in government policy, process and practice. For example, CLF helped shape Metro's Equity Strategy, which is being developed to guide agency-wide policy and decision-making. CLF was also recently appointed to Metro's Equity Baseline Workgroup to inform strategies that measure progress toward equitable outcomes. CLF has also facilitated equity discussions for governmental agencies and organizations using the Equity Atlas, prompting institutions to reassess service allocation, programming, and internal policies.

Transportation

CLF continues to take a leading role in opposing the Columbia River Crossing highway mega-project because it would weaken the urban fabric and exacerbate dangerous levels of air pollution. When the Oregon legislature considered funding a risky new Oregon-only plan in a special legislative session this fall, CLF worked with partners and engaged legislators to help prevent CRC from coming up for a vote. We are also plaintiffs in litigation to stop the CRC from violating the federal environmental laws that protect clean water, clean air, and endangered salmon.

CLF has become a resource on transportation equity, helping address inequality in the long term. We influenced the region's first Active Transportation Plan as well as Metro's Climate Smart Communities program, a regional program to integrate land use and transportation planning to develop vibrant communities while meeting climate goals.



CLF Equity Atlas Storytelling Project: Community Alliance of Tenants