Key Terms

- **Equity**: Full and equal access to opportunities, power and resources so all people may achieve their full potential.

- **Social Justice**: Legal, political, economic and environmental; requiring the fair distribution of and access to public goods, institutional resources and life opportunities for all people.

- **Determinants of Equity**: Social, economic, geographic, political and physical environments and conditions in which people live.

- **Cultural Competence**: A set of congruent behaviors, attitudes, and policies that come together in a system, agency or among professionals and enable that system, agency or those professions to work effectively in cross-cultural situations.

Ways to Think About Equity

- **Process equity**: An inclusive, fair and open process?

- **Distributional equity**: Distribution of assets, access to the determinants of equity?

- **Cross-generational equity**: Breaking the cycle of inequities?

*From King County “ESJ Terms & Definitions” Presentation*
Ongoing Work

King County

• Equity & Social Justice Strategic Plan (2016-2022)

Seattle

• Equity & Environment Agenda (2016)

Bellevue

• Diversity Advantage (2014)

Many cities are working locally and regionally on equity issues.

Many non-governmental organizations have equity as primary focus, or as an integral focus of their mission.
Open Space Equity Analysis: Process

• Identify priority areas for open space equity work
  – where areas of limited open space access overlay with health and demographic indicators

• Help identify open space acquisition opportunities within priority areas
  – interactive web application with relevant environmental, social, and land use data layers

• Test how potential acquisitions improve open space access and/or open space equity values
Developing the Open Space Equity Score

Open Space Access Score

Access to parks and open space

50%

25%

Where people are experiencing three environmentally influenced chronic health conditions:
- Asthma
- Diabetes
- Heart disease

25%

Household income

percentages may be adjusted as model is refined
# Understanding “Priority” in Open Space Equity Scoring

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Additional Steps

Opportunity Mapping Resource

- Environmental Factors
- Land Use Factors
- Social Factors

Acquisition Impact Tool

Open Space Equity Score
- Very Low Priority
- Low Priority
- Medium Priority
- High Priority
- Very High Priority

Ongoing Improvement of Analysis/Model