

Climate Plan Scope of Work

Village of Oak Park Board of Trustees

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Overview of Scope Adjustments

- Schedule lengthened (Board comment)
- Element 3 – Scenarios:
 - Incorporated discussion of renewable energy credits (RECs) (EEC comment)
 - Incorporated Science-Based Targets developed by ICLEI for VOP (Staff comment)
- Element 4 – Implementation Strategies:
 - Clarified ownership of GIS deliverables (Board comment)
 - Additional detail for strategy development, including focus on environmental, climate, food justice (Board, EEC, Staff comments)
 - Additional detail for **proposed** community engagement framework (Board comment)

Proposed Community Engagement Framework

Goals

- Center the voices of those most vulnerable to the impacts of climate change
- Engage Village's staff, Board, citizen commissions and local sustainability groups
- Understand the broader priorities of Oak Park community members

Enable the creation of an equity-focused climate plan

Proposed Community Engagement Framework Tools

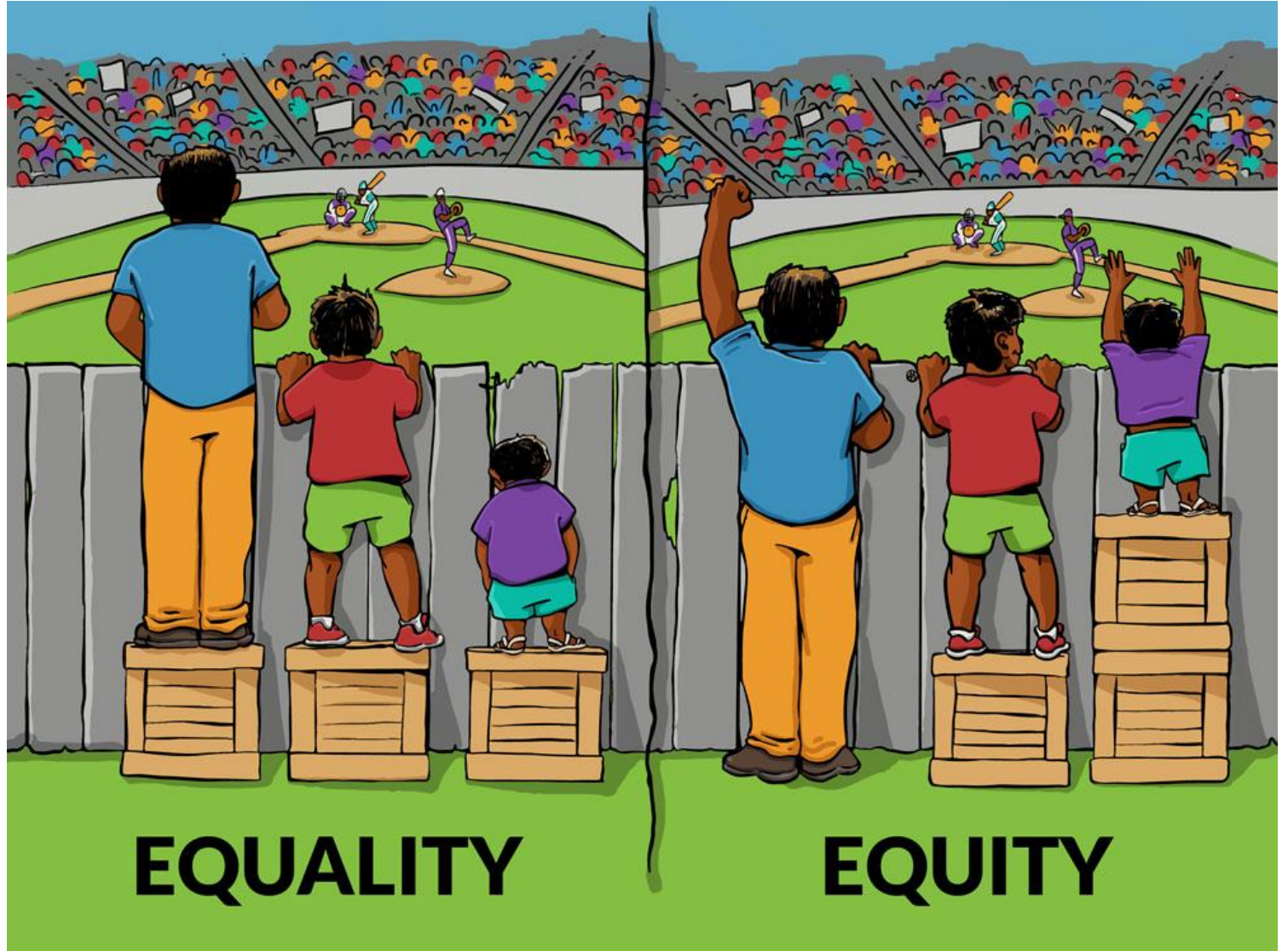
- Center the voices of those most vulnerable to climate change impacts
 - Affinity groups
 - Human-Centered Design
 - Household surveys
- Engage Village's staff, Board, citizen commissions, and local sustainability groups
 - Facilitated discussions with Trustees, Commissioners, staff, and other invited Village partners, to seek input on plan content and process, and review plan deliverables
 - Climate Plan Ambassador with community input kit
- Understand the broader priorities of Oak Park community members
 - Community input kit
 - School climate education and engagement
 - Website engagement and surveys
 - Activities at community events

Enable the creation of an equity-focused climate plan

Defining Equity

Equity is both an outcome and a process.

Equity:
Life **outcomes** can no longer be predicted by demographics.



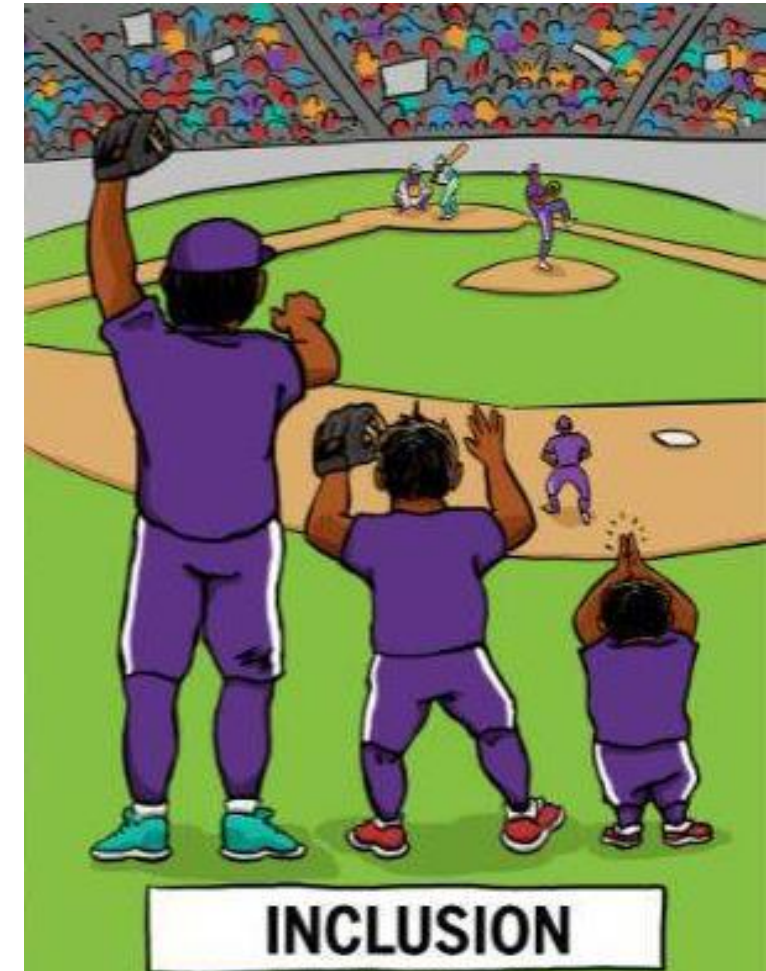
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Achieving Equity

Acknowledging historic and ongoing inequities

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Shifting influence to groups historically excluded from decision-making



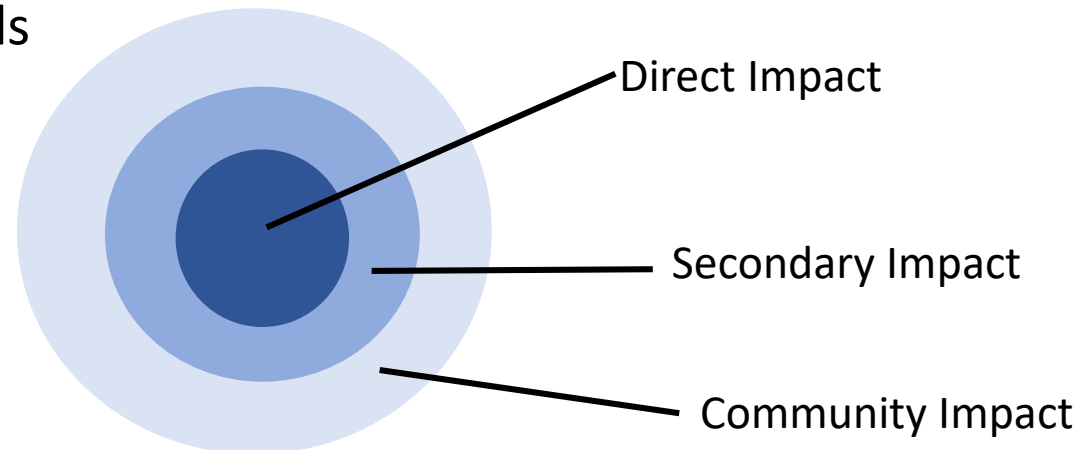
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- Centering the voices of those **most vulnerable** to the impacts climate change

National research demonstrates that people of color, lower income households, limited English-proficiency individuals, elders, youth, and disabled individuals are among those most vulnerable to climate change impacts like flooding and extreme heat.



Photo: California AfterSchool Network/ Youthprise



Proposed Community Engagement Framework Tools: Centering Most Impacted

- Outreach Partnership with Community-Based Service Agencies
 - Service agencies have existing meaningful relationships with community members impacted by housing, utility, and food issues, which are inextricable from climate resiliency and environmental justice.
 - Service agency staff can identify participants for Affinity Groups & Human-Centered Design (HCD), and vet and participate in HCD activities.
- Human-Centered Design
 - Combines ethnographic research with innovation design, to understand the individuals who will be the focus of a solution, such as climate plan strategies.
 - Methods might include interviews, storytelling, arts activities, or home/provider tours with individuals with a particular life experience.
 - HCD can provide a deeper understanding of the activities, behaviors, needs, and assets of individuals, in relation to climate resiliency.

Proposed Community Engagement Framework Tools: Centering Most Impacted

- Affinity Groups
 - Affinity groups will meet regularly with the planning team to evaluate, develop, and modify plan content & process.
 - Affinity groups will seek membership from communities who are most impacted by climate change and have been historically underrepresented.
- Household Surveys
 - Targeted surveying for households identified by Village data, such as the CDBG map

Questions?