

## Environmental Justice Reading Materials

### *for XPRIZE Carbon Removal Applicants*

The following resources provide information to help ground XPRIZE Carbon Removal project proposals in environmental justice.

#### Removing Forward – Executive Summary

This **2021** report from **Carbon180** provides policy recommendations for stronger dialogue and action on carbon removal and EJ. The report advocates for implementing justice-oriented policies that support the wide, safe, and fair development and deployment of carbon removal solutions that improve the well-being of communities. [Full report here.](#)

#### Environmental justice, explained

This **2016** video from **Grist** provides an overview of the inequitable harms caused and persisted by pollution and climate change.

#### Environmental Justice: A Changing Landscape for Virginia Developers

This **2020** article by **Woods Rogers**, a Virginia law firm, discusses how Virginia is changing the legal and regulatory landscape as it pertains to environmental justice. It specifically proposes ways real estate developers can prioritize EJ in their projects.

#### Environmental Justice, Just Transition, and a Low-Carbon Future for California

This **2020** article in the **Environmental Law Reporter** analyzes the challenges and opportunities of rapid decarbonization as surveyed through a community-informed research project. Interviews, case studies, and original data analysis establish a framework for just transition policy development separated into four pillars: strong governmental support, dedicated funding streams, diverse and strong coalitions, and economic diversification.

#### Carbon removal can and must be part of the climate justice agenda

This **2021** op-ed in **The Hill** from Carbon180 policy advisor Vanessa Suarez discusses environmental justice concerns around carbon removal and how to integrate them into the scale-up of solutions.