

Environmental Justice in North Carolina



Overview

- Birth of Modern Environmental Justice Movement
- Define Environmental Justice
- Issues of Environmental Injustice
- What is Environmental Justice
- Policy responses to Environmental Justice



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EPA Definition:

Environmental Justice is the **fair treatment** and **meaningful involvement** of all people regardless of race, color, national origin, or income with respect to the development, implementation and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations, and policies.



Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations

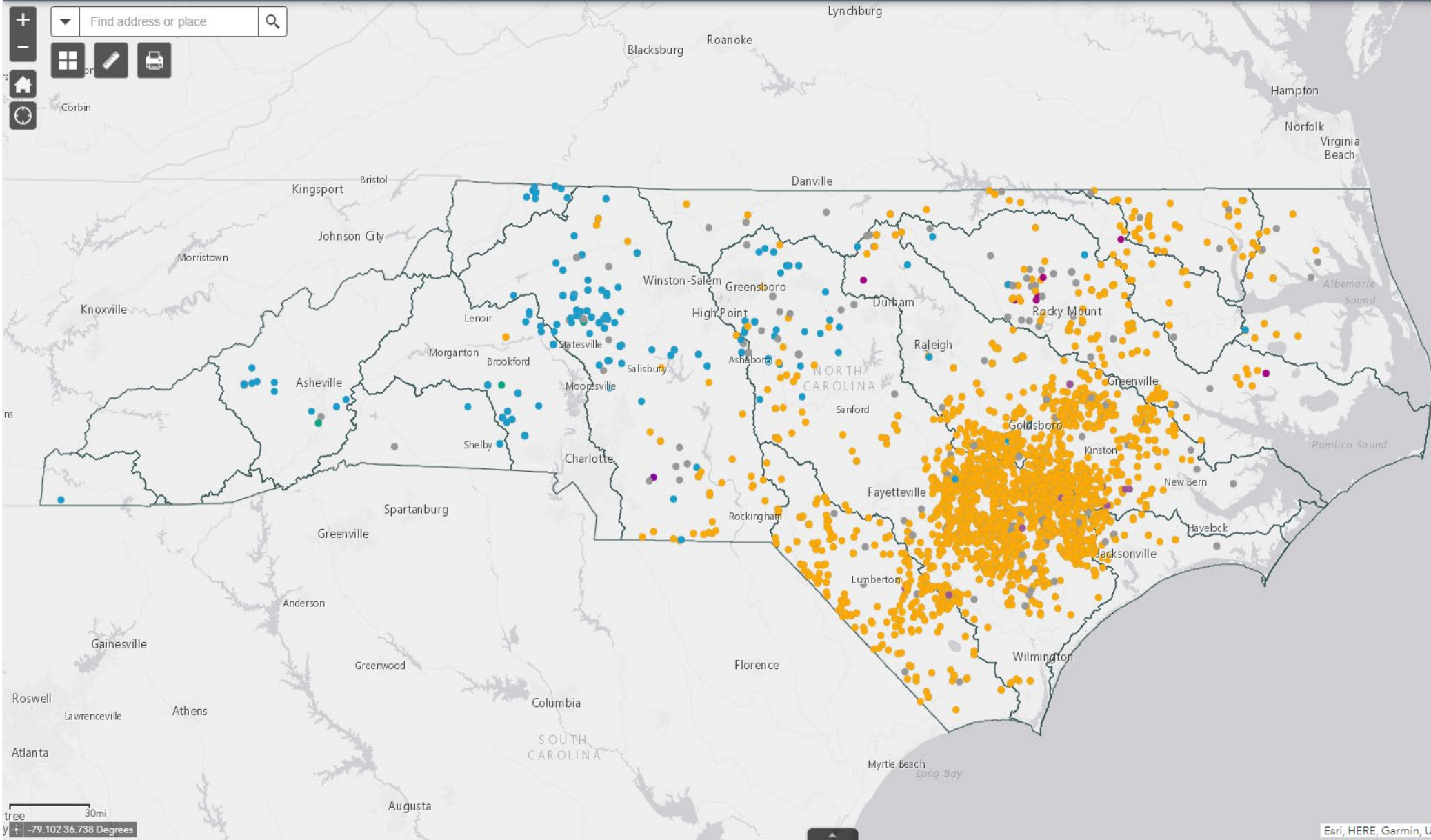
CAFOs







DWR Animal Operation Permits



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Wood Pellet Facilities







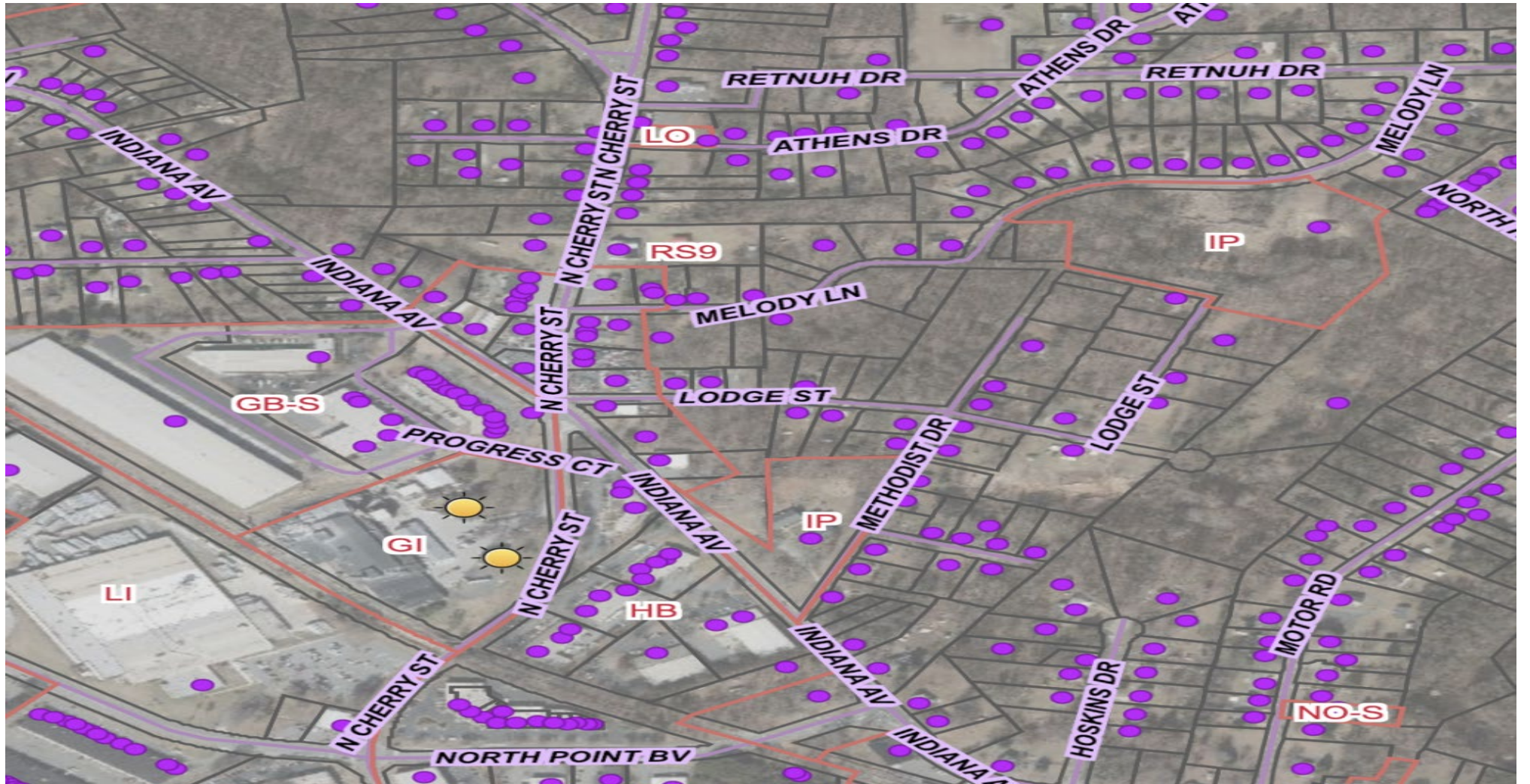




Winston Salem Weaver Fertilizer Plant Fire









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EPA Definitions

- **Fair treatment** means no group of people should bear a disproportionate share of the negative environmental consequences resulting from industrial, governmental, and commercial operations or policies.
- **Meaningful involvement** means:
 - People have opportunity to participate in decisions that affect their environment and/or health;
 - Public input can influence the regulatory agency's decision;
 - Community concerns will be considered in decision making process; and
 - Decision makers will seek involvement of those potentially affected.



Biden Administration

- Executive Order 14008 “Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad”
- Justice 40 Initiative
- Bipartisan Infrastructure Law



NC's Transformation to a Clean Equitable, Economy

Executive Order No. 246

- Climate and Environmental Justice
- All-of-government approach to climate and environmental justice
- Additional to EO 80 (climate and clean energy), EO 143 (Andrea Harris), EO 218 (offshore wind)
- Decarbonize our economy while creating jobs and economic opportunity

Economywide Goals

- 50% reduction in statewide greenhouse gas emissions by 2030
- Net-zero emissions as soon as possible, no later than 2050

Transportation Goals

- 1.25M zero-emission vehicles registered in NC by 2030
- 50% of new vehicle sales in 2030 Zero Emission Vehicles



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EJ and Equity Consideration

- Agencies shall incorporate EJ and equity considerations and benefits in implementing this EO.

EJ Leads

- Will serve as agency point person and raise awareness for environmental justice and equity considerations across agencies.

Public Participation Plans (PPP)

- Each agency will develop a PPP by June 1, 2022, to enhance community engagement and promote meaningful dialogue with public.

Stakeholder Input

- This will be a third party facilitated engagement where the Governor's Office and cabinet agencies partner with community stakeholders to inform additional executive action on environmental justice and equity.

Distribution of State and Federal Funds

- Invest applicable federal and state funding consistent with objectives outlined in EO 246, EO 80, and EO 218.



Thank You