

A Laudato Si' Focus on Environmental Justice Part 2

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God of justice,

In your wisdom you create all people in your image, without exception.

Through your goodness, open our eyes to see the dignity, beauty, and worth of every human being.

Open our minds to understand that all your children are brothers and sisters in the same human family.

Open our hearts to repent of racist attitudes, behaviors, and speech which demean others.

Open our ears to hear the cries of those wounded by environmental injustice, and their passionate appeals for change.

Strengthen our resolve to make amends for past injustices and to right the wrongs of history.

And fill us with courage that we might seek to heal wounds, build bridges, forgive and be forgiven, and establish peace and equality for all in our communities.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

-Adapted from Catholic Charities, USA [Prayer for Racial Healing](#)



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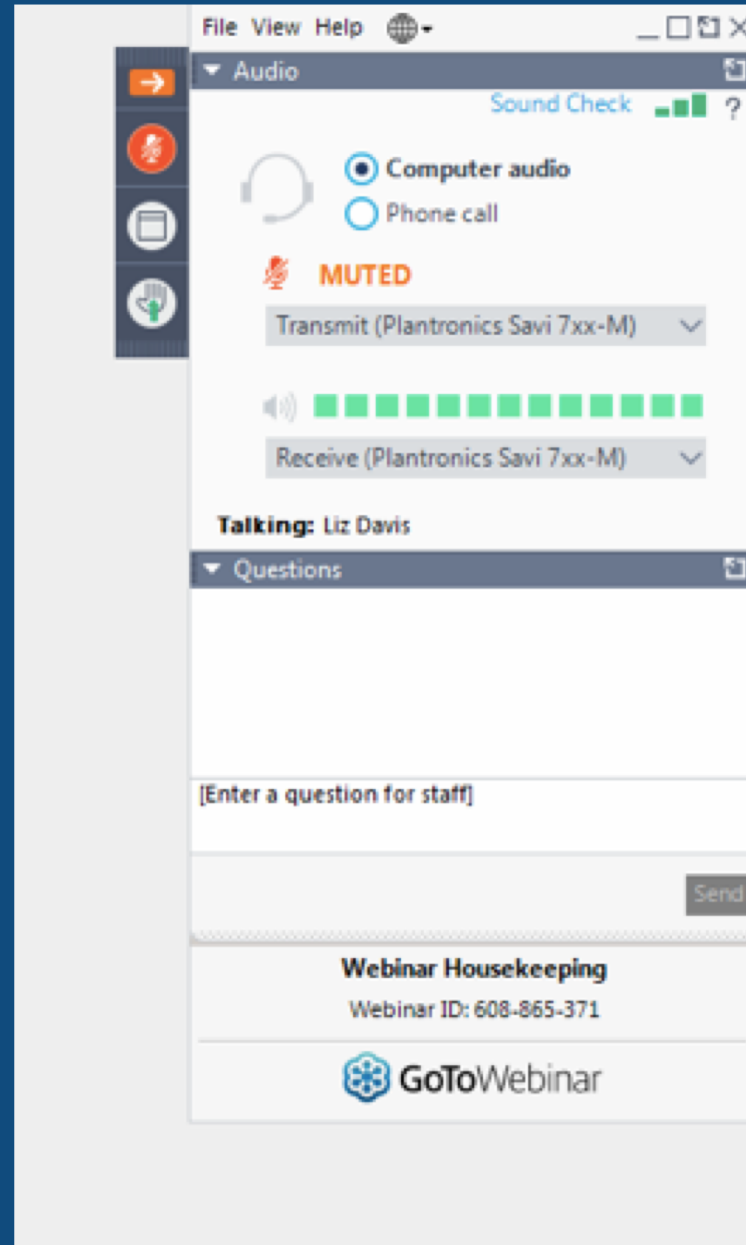
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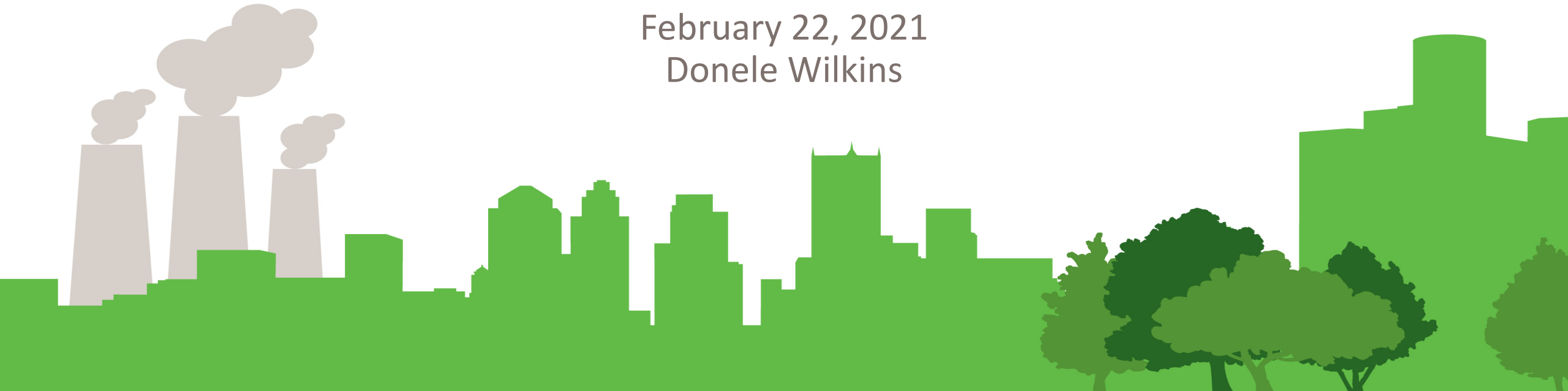
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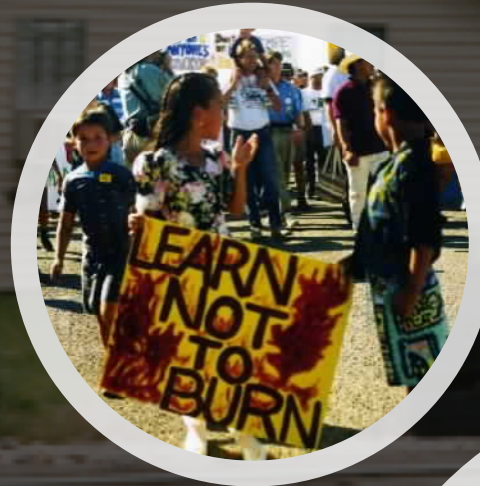
Mission

- The Green Door Initiative (GDI) works to ensure that every person is environmentally literate capable of practicing and promoting a sustainable lifestyle.



Defining the Environment

- Where We Live
- Where We Work
- Where We Play
- Where We Learn
- Physical and Natural World





Xavier Joe- 10 Years Old

- September 28, 2012
- Another senseless death-
- Young African American Youth
- Die to Asthma

Flint

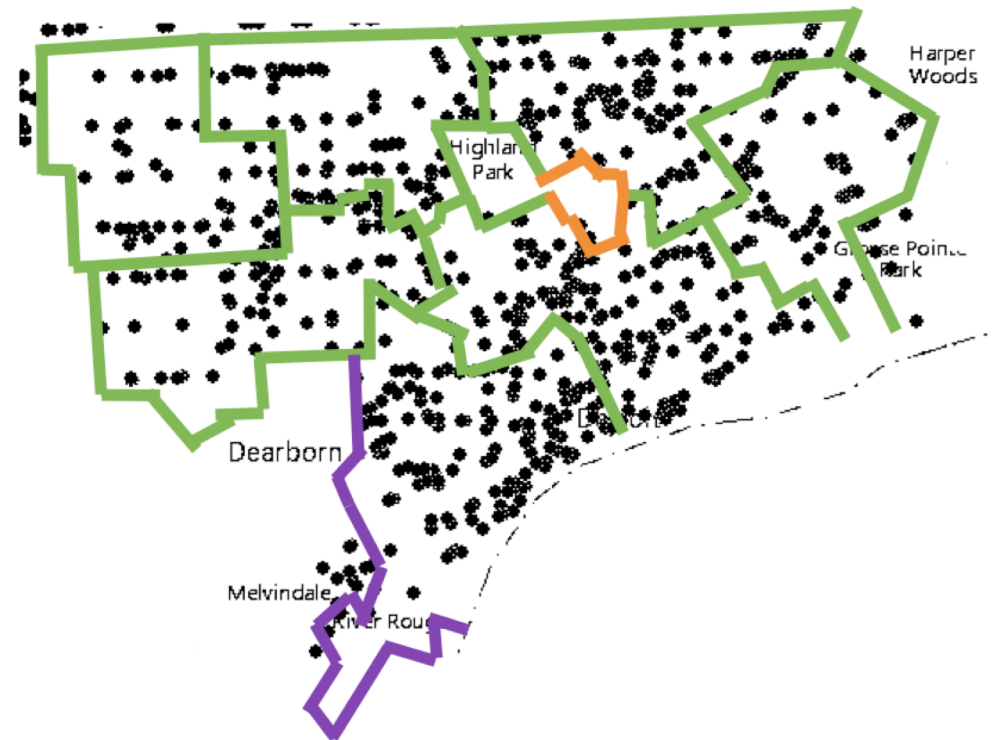


Up to 12,000 children poisoned

Detroit

Is one of the **most polluted** cities in the U.S.

65,000
contaminated
sites



Only **250**
cleaned up

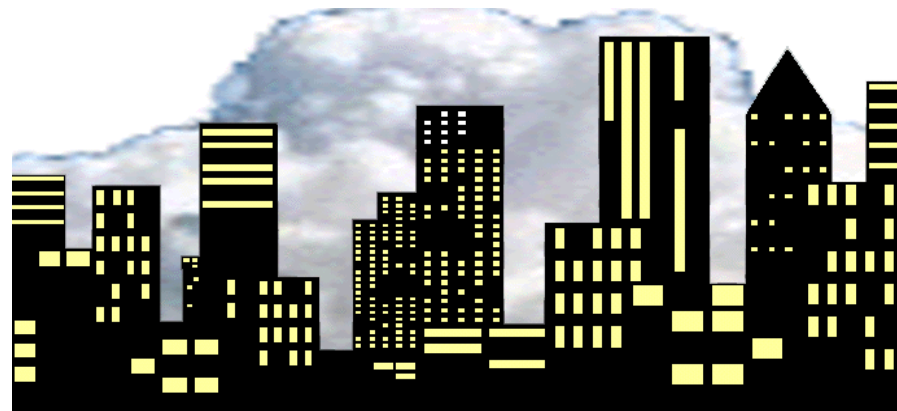
80% affected are African American

Detroit EJ Examples



Who is most likely to get asthma?

- **Children**
 - (5 -14 years old)
- **Urban poor**
 - At or below poverty level
- **Certain ethnic minorities**

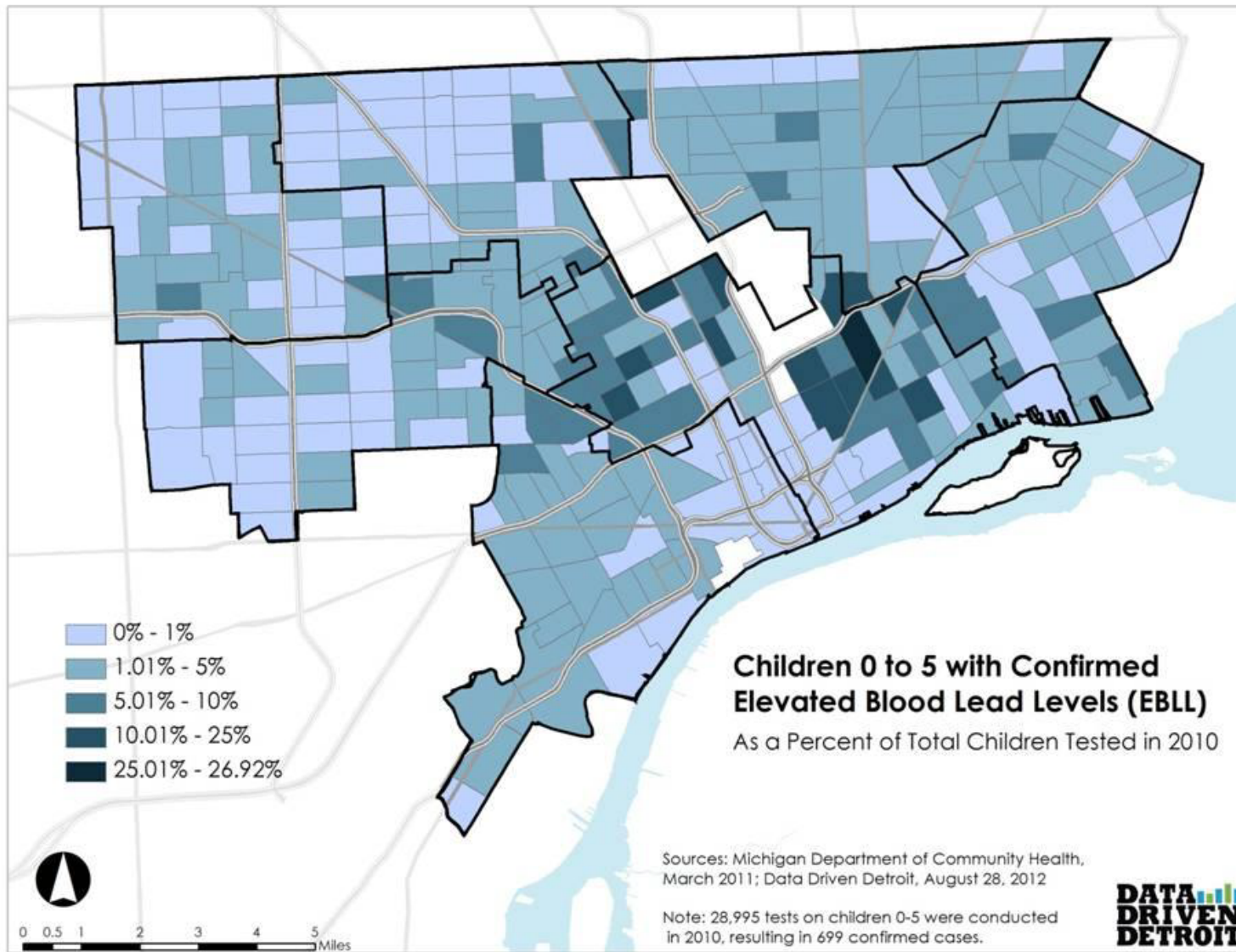


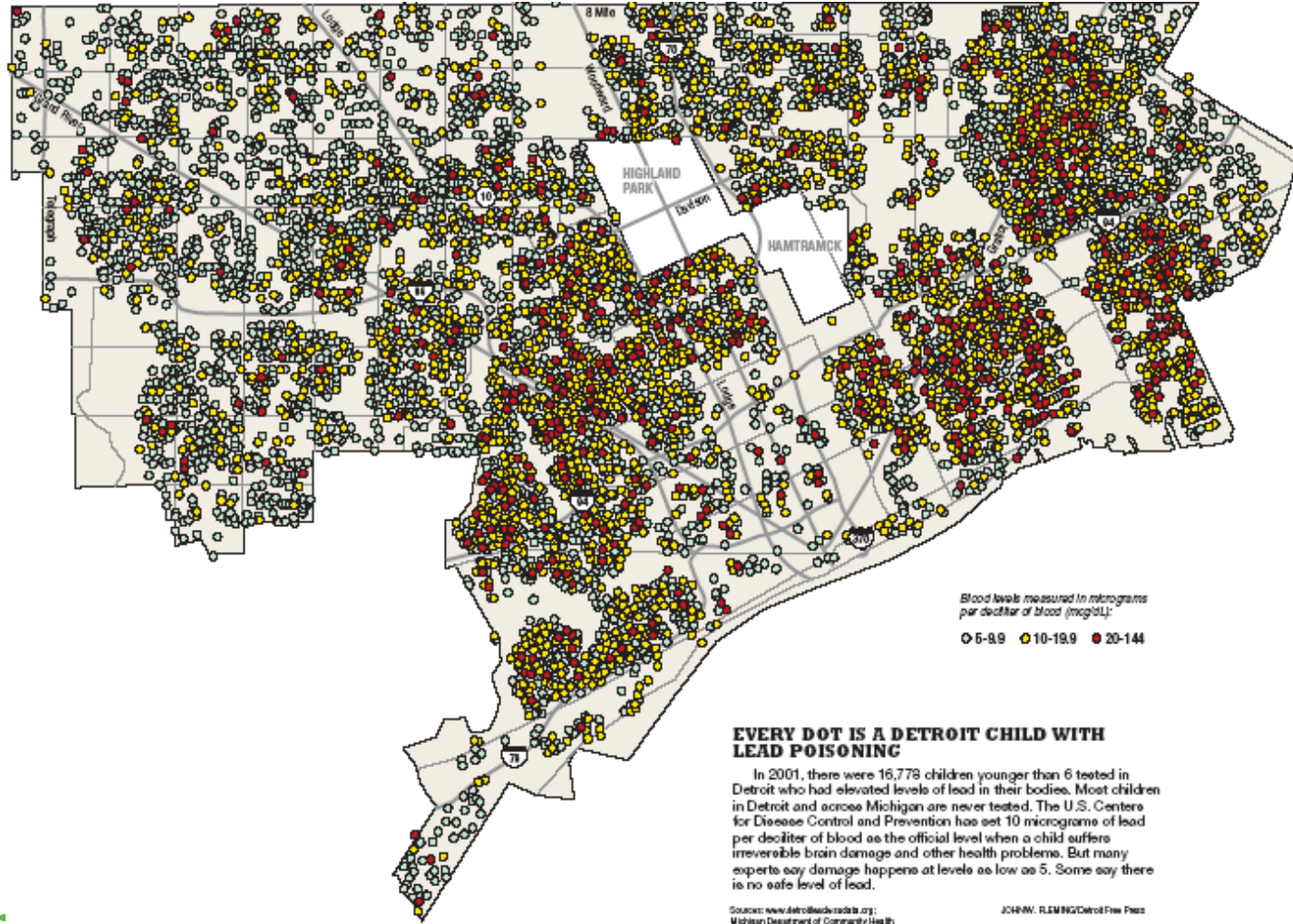
Detroit Asthma Stats

- Approximately 18% of the Detroit Population has asthma
- Third most common cause of preventable hospitalizations in Detroit (leading cause in Detroit Children)
- Pediatric hospitalization for Detroit is **3 times** the rate for the state of Michigan

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