

Environmental Justice Photovoice Focus Group Discussion Questions:

General Reflection Questions:

1. What do you see in this photograph?
(Encourage participants to describe photos and what stands out to them, offering titles and captions.)
2. How does this photograph represent your experience with trash management or environmental justice in Greater Hartford?
3. What emotions or thoughts does this image evoke for you about your community's environment?
4. Can you share a personal story or experience related to the subject of this photo?

Trash Management & Community Impact:

1. How do you think trash management affects the health, safety, or quality of life of the people *in your community*?
2. How do you think trash management affects the health, safety, or quality of life of the people *in communities beyond your own in Greater Hartford*?
3. Do you notice particular areas of Greater Hartford that seem to be more impacted by trash issues, and why do you think that is?
4. How do you think better trash management could positively impact your community's health and environment?

Environmental Justice and MIRA (if relevant):

5. How does this image connect to your views or experiences regarding the MIRA incinerator and its impact on the community?
6. What are your thoughts on the environmental and health effects of the MIRA incinerator, as seen through your image or personal experience?
7. Do you feel that the impact of the MIRA incinerator was equally felt by everyone in Greater Hartford? Why or why not?

Calls to Action:

1. What changes or improvements would you like to see in the way trash is managed in your community or in Greater Hartford more broadly?

2. What role do you think local residents, community organizations, higher education, or the government should play in solving environmental justice issues in Hartford?
3. What are the most important things people outside of your community should understand about the environmental challenges you face?
4. How can the community come together to address these challenges, and what can you personally contribute to these efforts?

Reflection on Process and Photography:

1. What do you hope people will take away from looking at your photograph and hearing your story?
2. What did you like or dislike about using photography to share your story? Why?
3. How did participating in this PhotoVoice project impact your understanding of environmental justice?