

Developing Leaders  
within  
*Congregations,  
Organizations, &  
Communities* to  
change public policy  
for the  
**COMMON GOOD!**



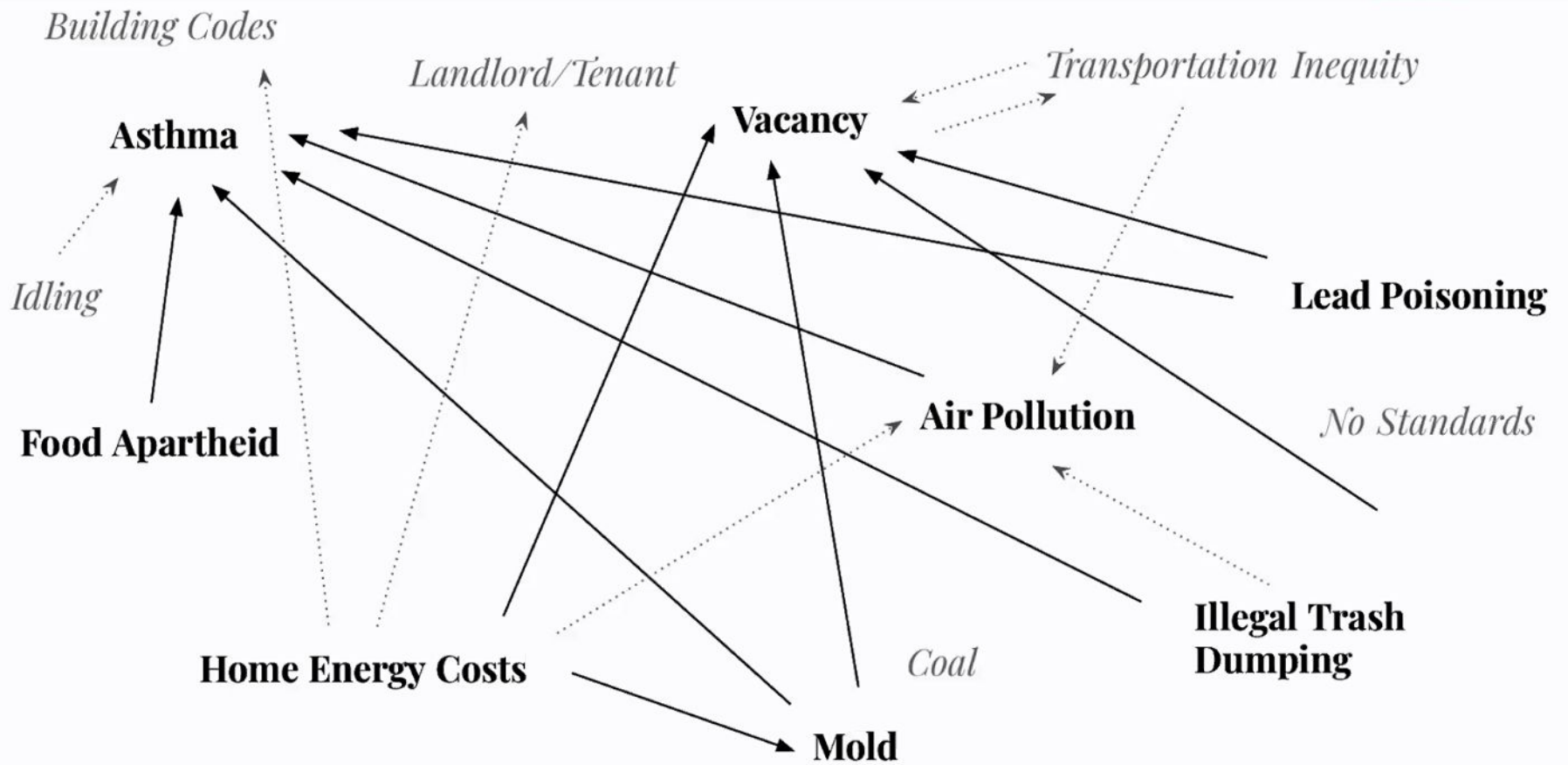
1994 - three clusters  
formed  
1997 - MCU date  
2014 - BTP  
2020 - Environmental  
Justice  
2024 - Back to our roots  
for cluster congregation  
organizing



# Break the School to Prison Pipeline

- Participatory Defense with Juvenile Justice
- Out of School Suspensions for K-3rd
- Restorative Practices as alternative discipline





*Funding*

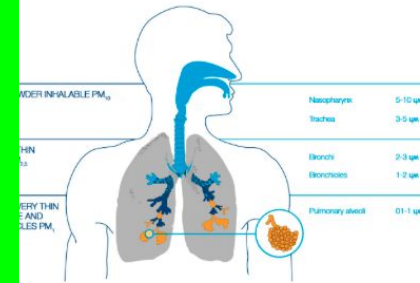
*Team Four Report*

# CLEAN AIR:

- Installed 24/3 PM<sub>2.5</sub> Monitors
- Air Quality Bridge Rallies
- Petition of Air Permit Reforms
- Gave Testimony at Public Hearings
- WIN! Website Transparency



## PM<sub>2.5</sub> Health Effects



Health Outcome	Size Fraction	Exposure Duration	2009 PM ISA	2019 PM ISA
Mortality	PM <sub>2.5</sub>	Long-term	Causal	Causal
		Short-term		
Cardiovascular effects	PM <sub>2.5</sub>	Long-term	Causal	Causal
		Short-term		
	UFP	Short-term	Suggestive of, but not sufficient to infer	Suggestive of, but not sufficient to infer
Respiratory effects	PM <sub>2.5</sub>	Long-term	Likely to be causal	Likely to be causal
		Short-term		
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Cancer	PM <sub>2.5</sub>	Long-term	Suggestive of, but not sufficient to infer	Likely to be causal
		Short-term		
	UFP	Short-term	Inadequate	Suggestive of, but not sufficient to infer
Nervous System effects	PM <sub>2.5</sub>	Long-term	—	Suggestive of, but not sufficient to infer
		Short-term		
	UFP	Long-term	—	Suggestive of, but not sufficient to infer
		Short-term	Inadequate	Suggestive of, but not sufficient to infer
Metabolic effects	PM <sub>2.5</sub>	Long-term	—	Suggestive of, but not sufficient to infer
		Short-term		
Reproduction and Fertility Pregnancy and Birth Outcomes	PM <sub>2.5</sub>	Long- Short-term	Suggestive of, but not sufficient to infer	Suggestive of, but not sufficient to infer

# IVE and EJ -> Clean Water & Land

- 2024-25 Get out the Lead
- Illegal Dumping: Scrap Tire Reform Petition -
  - A digital system due to the sheer number of scrap tire collection centers, Regional Office inspectors currently use an internal spreadsheet we use to track inspections. It would increase efficiency and make the facility selection process much simpler.
  - The automated alert would also be a very helpful tool for us inspectors and communities find scrap tire haulers. Receive email when license has expired and do not used those with expired permit.
  - Policy change to track use of retread tires while conducting inspections but currently MDNR is not allowed because of no formal regulations.



# Goals for Environmental Justice in 2024

- Next Step for Dumping Reform
  - Possible Clean-Up:
    - August 24th - North Hills UMC
    - Sept. 7th - BTC Parish
- Regional Work
  - Heartland Environmental Justice Center
    - <https://heartlandej.org/>
  - Gamaliel Network - Race and Power Summit in Detroit MI
    - Dec. 4-7
    - <https://gamaliel.org/>



# Other MCU Efforts

- Ballot Initiative in NOV 2024
  - VOTE YES! for
  - Min. Wage & Earned Sick Time
- Clean Slate & Transformative Justice
  - EXPO leaders Expungement Clinics
- Gamaliel
  - CRI National Calls
- Trivia Night August 17th





# MCU Calendar @ <https://mcustlouis.org/>

- Task Force Meetings
  - Tuesday Evenings (BTP - Parents)
  - 4th Friday of the Month EJ Task Force - Zoom
- Membership Assembly Aug 13th - Tues. 6:30pm
  - [In-Person MCU Office](#)

Thank you! For further information:

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