

The Community Justice Index

The Justice Index is a collection of restorative urban planning tools and strategies. It is based on our belief that practitioners have the responsibility to address the historical injustices caused by urban planning and public policy.

How does it work?

The Index's **three phases** lay out a path to spatial responsibility and healing in planning projects:

1 Community Justice Index

Stakeholders co-create a set of 10 visions that are structured as justice statements: **"A just (city/neighborhood/community) should _____"**. The index is then transformed into a checklist for planners and policymakers.

2 Restorative Planning Strategies

We work with stakeholders and practitioners to develop **innovative restorative justice planning strategies** such as justice zoning overlays, anti-displacement plans, highway decommissioning visions, and collective property trusts, among others.

3 Justice Metrics

To ensure that a project's impact on addressing historical injustices can be measured, we develop a set of **Justice Metrics (KPIs)** that complement standard planning ones.

How could it benefit your community?

Bring Attention to Justice



We recognize and aim to reduce the negative impacts of "over engagement" and extractive participation by involving stakeholders in more profound ways than in typical planning.

Support Community Healing



By ensuring that every part of our process is trauma-informed and rooted in anti-oppressive practice (AOP), spaces of participation become spaces of agency and healing.

Innovate in Equitable Urban Planning



Our work has proven that bringing restorative justice to co-creation, strategy, and evaluation generates community-based innovations.

Community Justice Index Vocabulary

What is 'Restorative Justice'?

Restorative justice is an approach that aims to 'repair' the harm done to individuals and communities by inequitable systems, spaces, and places.

Trauma-Informed Planning?

Trauma-informed planning acknowledges how policy, the built environment, and discrimination can cause trauma that impacts individuals and communities. It uses practices that not only avoid re-traumatization, but that promote resilience and healing.

Anti-Oppressive Practice?

Drawing from social work, Anti-Oppressive Practice (AOP) is a framework in which critical reflection on identity and biases are key to dismantling oppressive systems, structures, and practices.