

APPENDIX B: Equitable Target Areas

The Equitable Target Area (ETA) index was developed by the Atlanta Regional Commission to identify potential concentrations of environmental justice communities in the Atlanta region. The index is based on the regional averages of five parameters: the senior population, low education attainment, housing values, poverty, and the distribution of minorities.

The data used in the analysis was obtained from the American Community Survey's five-year estimate, 2005-2009, and was aggregated at the census tract level. Each parameter received equal weighting in the resulting composite index. Areas that scored higher than the index's regional score were determined to be ETA communities, and were subsequently categorized into three levels of ETA "concentrations": Medium ETA, High ETA and Very High ETA.

For more information, or to view the map online, go to:

<http://www.atlantaregional.com/transportation/community-engagement/social-equity-advisory-committee>

