

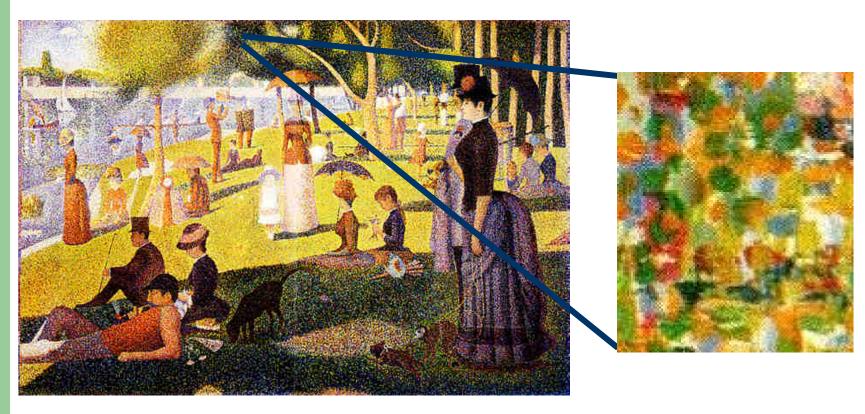
Communities, Health, and the Environment:

A CARE Perspective

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Different Points of View = Different Landscapes





What is Community Action for a Renewed Environment (CARE)?

- Cooperative agreement, competitive award
- Officially started in 2005
- Supports communities in:
 - Identifying toxic risks
 - Prioritizing risks
 - Implementing projects to reduce risk









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Grace Hill- 2005 CARE grantee

- St. Louis non-profit
- Building on past CAP work, SLACO partnership.
- Several projects, today discussing School bus anti-idling campaign



Grace Hill's Anti Idling Work





The Process

Community observations

→ Health statistics, Health effects information

Potential Source

→ Local Partners → Local Information



Partners:

- St. Louis Association of Community Organizations (SLACO)
- Laidlaw Bus Company / First Student
- Mayor Slay
- St. Louis Public Schools & School Board
- St. Louis Streets Department
- Principals, parents, students
- EPA
- City Air Pollution Control
- Missouri Dept. of Natural Resources
- Missouri Asthma Consortium

Thanks to Partnerships & Hard Work:

Mayor's Proclamation -

"Clean School Bus Awareness Day"

School Board Resolution -

"St. Louis Public Schools is an Idle-Free District"

Bus driver trainings –

Over 600 trained, took "No Idling" pledges

Nationwide Laidlaw initiative

No Idling Poster Contest!



Installing No Idling Zones at All

88 St. Louis Public Schools





Conclusions

- Work on anti-idling a success!
 - Basic general information combined with
 Specific local information
 - Partners
 - Vision and Persistence
- Other areas more challenging due to lack of information
 - Tracking down area sources
 - Emissions modeling



Conclusions:

Creating Synthesis through Partnerships

but...

* Lack of formally collected data still presents additional challenges.*