

Commitment to Environmental Justice

What is Environmental Justice?

Environmental Justice (EJ) is the fair treatment of all people regardless of race, color, national origin, or income, with respect to government agency programs, policies, or activities.

Identify Environmental Justice Area

The EJ study area is the geographic area for which the proposed project has potential for human health or environmental effects. The EJ study area was determined by applying a 0.25-mile buffer to the project limits. Additionally, due to the size of the affected communities, the study area was expanded to include the entire communities of Portland and Mayville. The proposed project will reconstruct a portion of the existing roadway in Portland, address noncompliant ADA pedestrian access, drainage, and the pavement surface of the adjacent multi-use trail. The project also proposes improving the roadway pavement surface along with minor improvements to the Goose River bridge.

Minority or Low-Income Populations

According to the US Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Affordable Housing locator tool, there are no readily identifiable EJ Populations within the study. However, there are readily identifiable resources which could serve Minority or Low-Income Populations these include;

- A Low Income, Elderly, or Special Needs 10-Unit Housing Complex and a County owned single family residential home.
- Community facilities providing services to minority and/or low-income populations may include; U. S. Post Office, Portland City Hall, May-Port School, Churches (Multiple), Parks, Mayville City Hall, Mayville University.
- Readily-identifiable businesses owned by, and/or serving minority and/or low-income populations within the study area include; variety of gas stations, (at least one) Daycare, financial institutions, restaurants and retail facilities.

How will an EJ Study Influence Decision-Making?

There are no readily identifiable minority or low-income populations within the project area for which an evaluation of potential project impacts requires addressment through avoidance, minimization, mitigation, and/or cost benefit analysis. As such there are no substantial adverse impacts to any populations.

As the study area encompasses the entirety of the communities of Portland and Mayville, further in-depth review of Environmental Justice impacts on the surrounding community is not warranted.

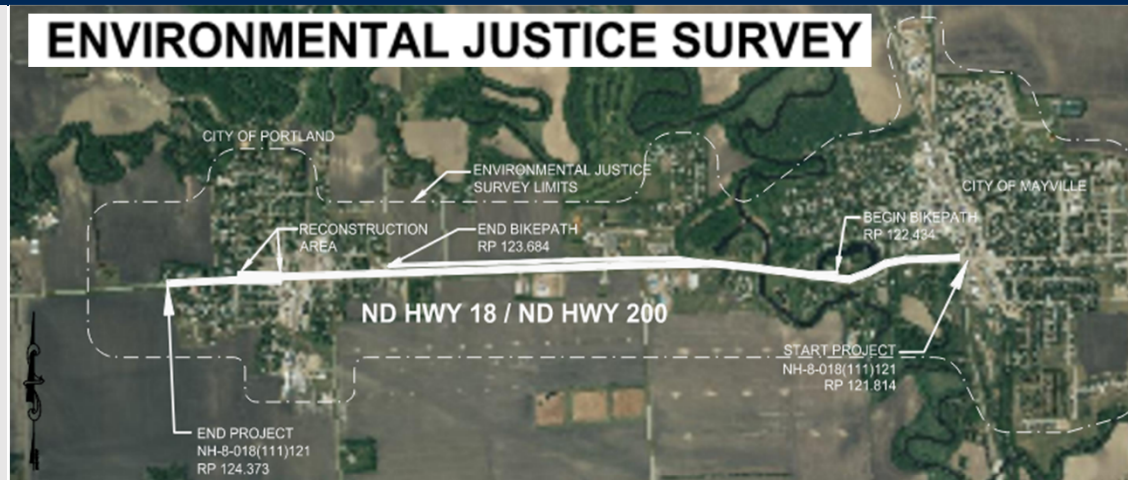


Table 1 - EJScreen Data

Demographic	Project Study Area (including 0.25-mile buffer)	Mayville
Minority Population	14%	8%
Low-Income Population	29%	24%

Demographic	Project Study Area (including 0.25-mile buffer)	May - Port
Minority Population	8%	17%
Low-Income Population	20%	33%

Demographic	Project Study Area (including 0.25-mile buffer)	Portland
Minority Population	8%	8%
Low-Income Population	20%	20%



Executive Order 12898, Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-income Populations, dated February 11, 1994, directed "each federal agency shall make achieving environmental justice part of its mission by identifying and addressing, as appropriate, disproportionately high and adverse human health or environmental effects of its programs, policies, and activities on minority populations and low-income populations in the United States. The proposed project has federal funding and federal permit requirements and is considered a federal project for purposes of compliance with the Executive Order."

FHWA Order 6640-23A FHWA Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations establishes policies and procedures for the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) to use in complying with Executive Order 12898. FHWA issued Order 6640-23A on June 14, 2012.