

## PLANNING FOR EQUITY WITH DATA

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#### Presentation objective and overview



#### Presentation objective:

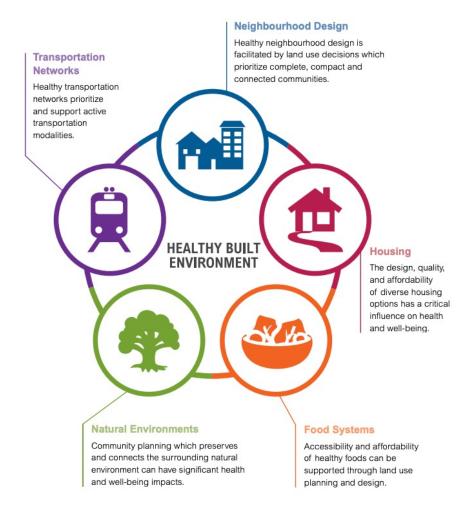
Provide an overview of the HealthyDesign.City project and the HealthyPlan.City tool

#### Presentation overview:

- Healthy Cities: connecting built environment to health
- Built environment and environmental health equity
- HealthyDesign.City project
- HealthyPlan.City tool: current release
- HealthyPlan.City and HealthyPlace.City tools: upcoming release
- Future developments

#### Healthy Cities: connecting built environment to health







**BC Centre for Disease Control** 

BC Centre for Disease Control. Healthy Built Environment Linkages Toolkit: making the links between design, planning and health, Version 2.0. Vancouver, B.C. Provincial Health Services Authority, 2018

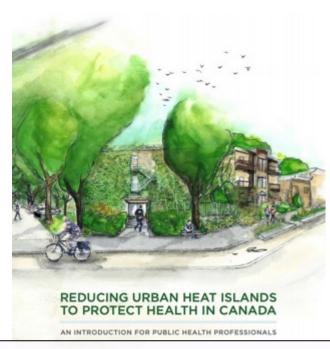


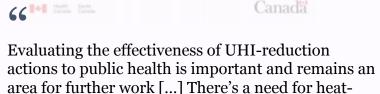
- How to track urban environmental health risk factors?
- How to steer investments in urban infrastructure towards better health for all Canadians?
- How to maximize public health co-benefits in the measures taken by Canadian cities to reduce GHG emissions and adapt to climate change?
- How best to facilitate urban planning and public policy decision-making to address these questions and to accelerate and evaluate progress?

## Data are an essential element to addressing these questions







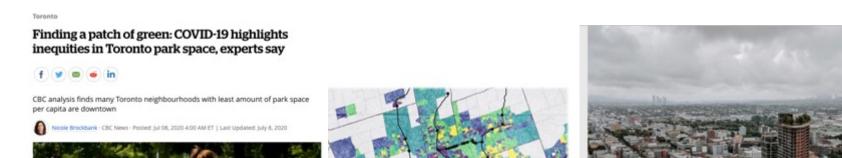


health vulnerability maps to municipalities.

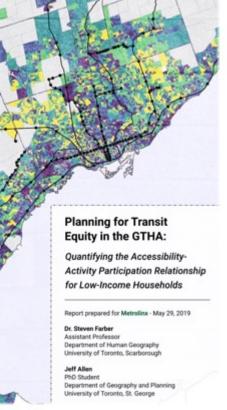


## "Groups that are disadvantaged because of disproportionate exposure to hazards [...] and poverty are often more vulnerable to the health risks of climate change"

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Marginalized groups experience higher cumulative air pollution in urban Canada

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Dec 21, 2020 | For more information, contact Sachintha Wickramasinghe

Vancouver's Downtown Eastside can get dangerously hot; the answer is more trees



Neighbourhood gets hotter than other parts of Metro Vancouver due to trapped heat, lack of greenery

Wytae Lee - for CBC News - Posted: Jun 18, 2019 12:22 PM PT | Last Updated: June 18, 2019



 A summer sidewalk scene of East Hastings Street in Vancouver's Downtown Eastside, between Columbia and Carrall streets. (Rafferty Baker/CBC)

#### **Built Environment and Environmental equity**





The way communities are planned and built, and the services and resources provided within them, directly influence people's physical, mental, and social health.

A commitment to health equity means planning communities to support the health of all community members including low income families, children, older adults, newcomers, Indigenous groups, and people living with physical or mental health challenges.

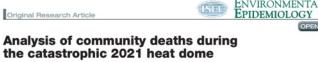
British Columbia Centre for Disease Control (2016). Health equity and the built environment: Scoping review





#### **Environmental equity in Canadian Cities**





Early evidence to inform the public health response during subsequent events in greater Vancouver, Canada
Sarah B. Henderson\*, Kathleen E. McLean, Michael J. Lee, Tom Kosatsky



higher risk of heat-related death in lower socio-economic status and low greenness Vancouver area neighbourhoods

Réduire les vulnérabilités et les inégalités sociales : tous ensemble pour la santé et le bien-être





Montreal's neighbourhoods with the lowest socio-economic status, compared with only 20% in Montréal neighbourhoods with the highest socio-economic status. Uof T News January 09, 2019

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Stranded without transit? U of T researchers say one million urban Canadians suffer from 'transport poverty'



"5 per cent of the total population are living in low income households which are also situated in areas with low transit accessibility[ ...] This totals nearly one million people who are at risk of transport poverty nation-wide"

#### **Environmental equity legislation in North America**







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The Minister must develop a national strategy to promote efforts across Canada to advance environmental justice and to assess, prevent and address environmental racism.

First reading: February 2, 2022



#### S.2630 - Environmental Justice Act of 2021

This bill requires agencies to address and mitigate the disproportionate impact of environmental and human health hazards on communities of color, indigenous communities, and low-income communities

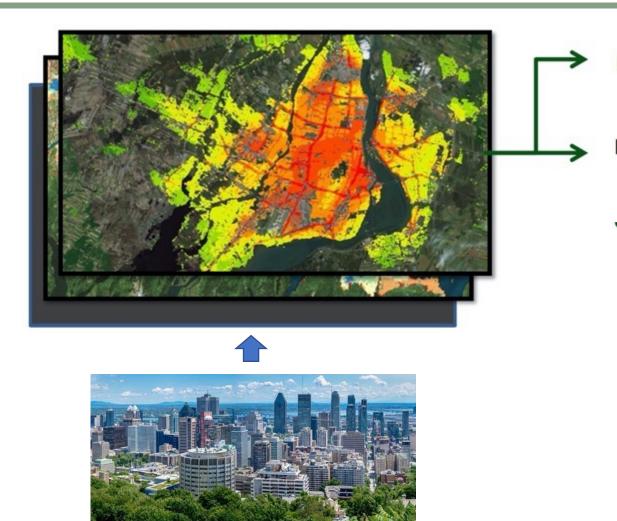
resulting from agencies' programs and

policies.

Introduced in Senate: May 8, 2021

## Advancing efficient, local to national application of environmental health data





#### **Epidemiological studies**

Is there a relationship with health? If so, how strong and who is most vulnerable?

#### Population exposure surveillance

Where are the biggest issues and how many people live there? How is it this changing over time?

## Knowledge transfer /exchange to move policy

How can changes in urban form:

- improve health and equity?
- reduce or increase exposures?
- reduce healthcare costs?
- engage communities?

What investments in our cities can mitigate impacts of climate change on health?

#### New Canadian-specific evidence in urban environmental health







population-based Canadian cohort®

Dan L. Crouse". Louren Pinault', Adele Balram', Michael Brauer', Richard T. Burnett',

Randall V. Martin . Aaron van Donkelaar', Paul J. Villeneuve', Scott Weichenthal'



> 125 scientific publications



**20** MSc and PhD theses

#### **Environment-health association studies**



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#### **Environmental equity research**



#### ORIGIN OF HealthyDesign.City: CANUE environmental equity research



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Healthy built environment: Spatial patterns and relationships of multiple exposures and deprivation in Toronto, Montreal and Vancouver



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**Toronto** 



Montreal

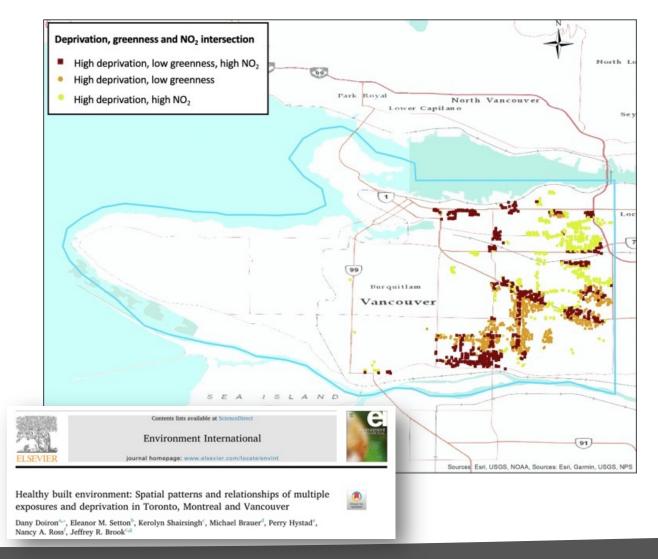




Vancouver

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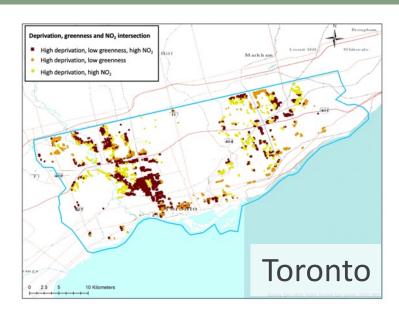


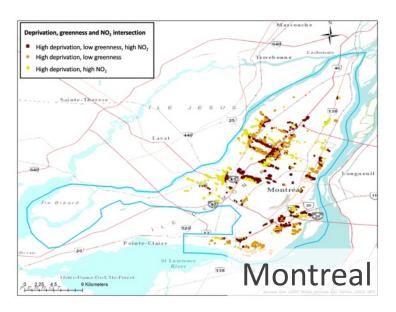
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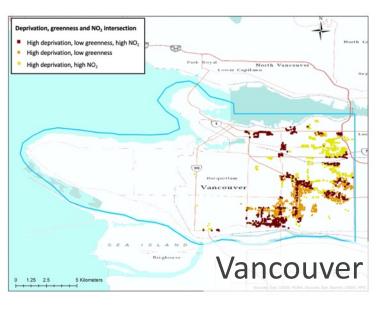
- High material deprivation AND high NO<sub>2</sub> (yellow)
- High material deprivation AND low greenness (orange)
- High material deprivation AND high NO<sub>2</sub> AND low greenness (red)

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#### In Canada's 3 largest cities, high deprivation areas:





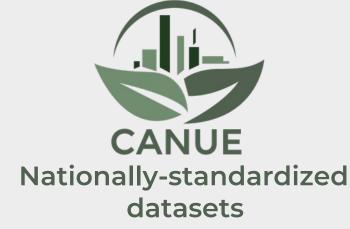


Urban planners, public health professionals, advocacy groups and decision makers can leverage CANUE data to inform policies and programs.



#### HealthyDesign.City: leveraging CANUE data for "actionable" tools





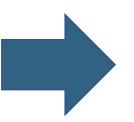








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Data holdings: <u>www.canuedata.ca</u>

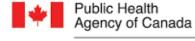




# Healthy Design City

TOOLS THAT SUPPORT AN EQUITABLE AND HEALTHY BUILT ENVIRONMENT

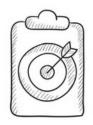
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#### Map and visualise health relevant environmental factors to:

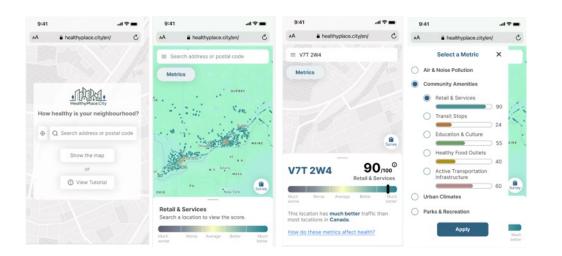
- Monitor environmental exposures over time and geography
- Identifying locations where environmental inequity exists
- Support an equity focussed decision-making processes
- Enable policy and urban design intervention evaluation
- Empower communities and facilitate advocacy
- Increase public understanding and awareness of built environment exposure and climate change vulnerabilities



#### HealthyPlace.City



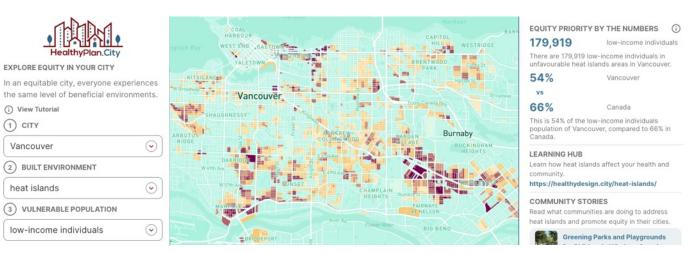
- Aim: Communication, public engagement, awareness
- Audience: Community organizations, members of the public, planners/public health professionals



#### **HealthyPlan.City**



- Aim: Analysis and reporting tool with a focus on equity
- Audience: Public health professionals, urban planners, community advocates, decision maker



## HealthyPlan.City: First Release on July 13th, 2022

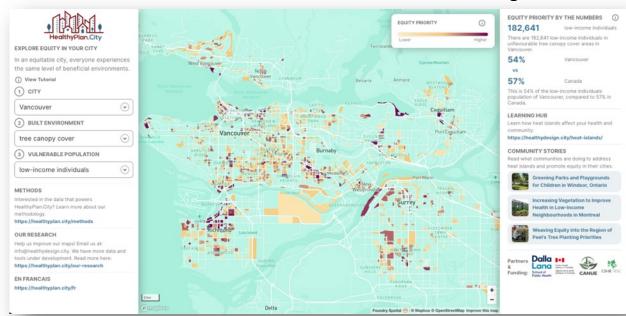
- partnership with CBC/Radio-Canada



#### **Focused on heat risk inequity:**

- Built environment factors:
  - Land surface temperature
  - Tree canopy cover

- Vulnerable populations:
  - Children
  - Older adults
  - Low-income individuals
  - Visible minority individuals
  - Individuals living alone



















#### EXPLORE EQUITY IN YOUR CITY

In an equitable city, everyone experiences the same level of beneficial environments.

(v)

(i) View Tutorial

1) CITY

Vancouver

(2) BUILT ENVIRONMENT

tree canopy cover

**VULNERABLE POPULATION** 

visible minority individuals

#### METHODS

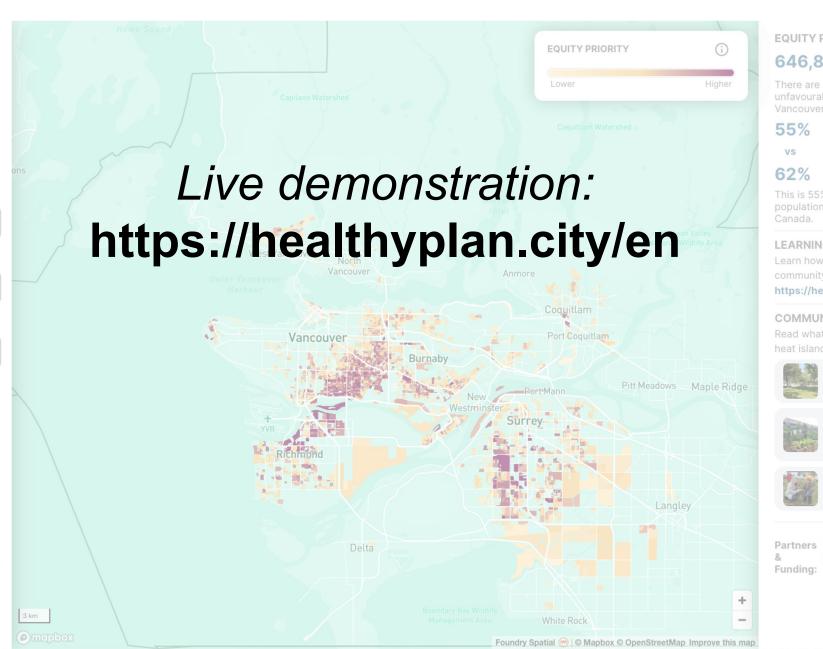
https://healthyplan.city/methods

#### OUR RESEARCH

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#### **EN FRANCAIS**

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#### **EQUITY PRIORITY BY THE NUMBERS**

646.883

unfavourable tree canopy cover areas in

55%

62%

#### LEARNING HUB

https://healthydesign.city/heat-islands/

#### COMMUNITY STORIES



**Greening Parks and Playgrounds** for Children in Windsor, Ontario



**Increasing Vegetation to Improve** Health in Low-Income Neighbourhoods in Montreal



Weaving Equity into the Region of **Peel's Tree Planting Priorities** 









#### **Data and Methods**



#### **Built environment data**



#### **Land Surface Temperature**

- Average land surface temperature from May - September 2019
- Derived from LandSat 8 satellite data in Google Earth Engine



#### **Tree Canopy Cover**

- Percentage of tree canopy cover in 2015
- Derived from Landsat Vegetation Continuous Fields (VCF) tree cover layer in Google Earth Engine

#### **Vulnerable populations data**



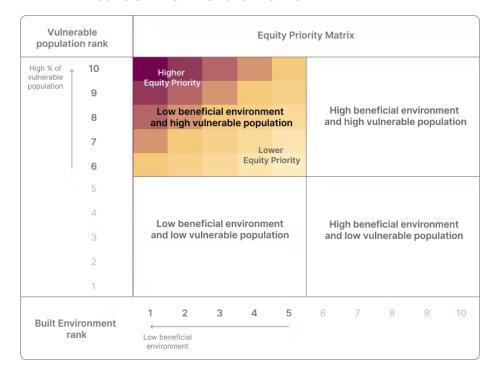
Dissemination area data downscaled to dissemination block

- Children: % pop. under 15 y/o
- Older adults: % pop. over 64 y/o
- Low-income individuals: % pop. under low-income threshold
- **Visible minority individuals**: % of pop. that identify as visible minority
- Individuals living alone: % pop who live alone

#### **Equity calculation**

"Equity priority" areas have higher than median proportion of vulnerable populations and lower than median levels of beneficial environments

- Each factor ranked as deciles (1 to 10) within a city
- Equity Priority are dissemination blocks with:
  - vulnerable population ranks > 5 AND
  - built environment ranks < 6</li>





#### **Strengths**

- Simple, nationally-consistent data
- Evolving tool
- Built to be adaptable to local contexts
- Freely available

#### **Limitations**

- Based upon surrogates that are not "ground-truthed"
- Potentially not as accurate as locally available data
- Equity analyses in smaller cities limited given small variation
- Vulnerable populations broadly defined (for now)

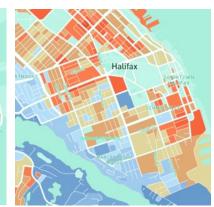












#### **Example: Gage park in Hamilton**



#### HealthyDesign.City: upcoming data



Built Environment factors



#### **Urban climate**

- Land surface temperature
- Tree canopy

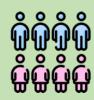


#### **Community Amenities**

Diversity of destinations/services:

- Transit stops
- Education and culture
- Retail and services
- Healthy food outlets
- Cycling infrastructure





#### **Vulnerable Populations**

- Under 15
- Over 65
- Low-Income
- Visible minority
- Living alone



#### **Parks and Recreation**

Infrastructure that promotes physical activity:

- Large greenspaces
- Urban parks
- Indoor recreation



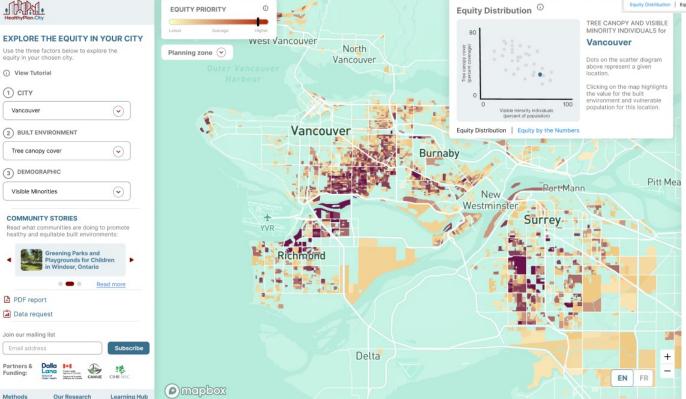
#### Air and noise pollution

- Traffic-related pollution
- Noise pollution

#### HealthyDesign.City: HealthyPlan.City upcoming release



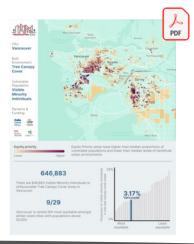






#### Late 2022 release:

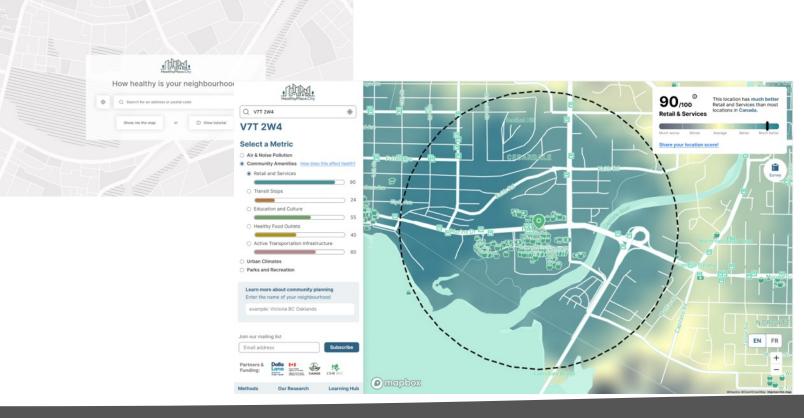
- New built environment indicators in 3 data themes:
  - Community amenities
  - Parks and recreation
  - Air and noise pollution
- Within and between city comparisons
- PDF reports



#### HealthyDesign.City: HealthyPlace.City upcoming release







#### Late 2022 release:

- Built environment indicators in 4 data themes:
  - Urban climate
  - Community amenities
  - Parks and Recreation
  - Air and noise pollution
- Score for a given location across numerous health-relevant indicators





**CLIMATE RISKS: Wildfire smoke** 











#### **Vulnerability and Equity**

Intersect demographic factors to better identify vulnerable populations

For example: Low income seniors





#### **CLIMATE RISKS: Flooding**

Rain pounds Montreal area, causing flooding and road closures





Nearly 60 mm of rain fell on downtown by 7 p.m., according to Environment and



#### Read about HealthyDesign.City in the Fall 2022 issue of PLAN Canada









## Healthy Design .City





Launch at the end of 2022! Throughout 2023, we will be gathering feedback from users on tool use and feedback.

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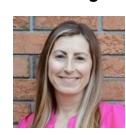
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CANUE: www.canue.ca

CANUE data portal: www.canuedata.ca

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