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Racism is a Public Health Crisis: Prioritizing Health Outcomes Through Environmental Justice

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Day 1 Sustainable Cleveland Summit - Wednesday, Oct 20th

2:15 PM – 3:15 PM EST

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Hear from local organizations as well as several departments from the City of Cleveland and their strategic approaches to ensure health equity is prioritized.

Presenters:

- Lita-Marie Wills, Commissioner, [Division of Health Equity and Social Justice, Cleveland Department of Public Health](#)
- SeMia Bray, President, Cray Consulting Group, Inc. & Co-Facilitator, [Black Environmental Leaders](#)
- Ursula Rossman, Assistant Aging Services Administrator, [Cleveland Department of Aging](#)
- Lee Chilcote, Executive Director, Founder and Editor, [The Land](#)

Detailed Description: “In June 2020, Cleveland City Council passed a resolution declaring racism as a public health crisis. As the impacts of systemic racism on human health outcomes become increasingly evident, public health officials and community leaders are working harder than ever to ensure equity is front and center in all programs and policies which impact historically disadvantaged populations.

In this session we will hear from the City of Cleveland's new Commissioner of Health, Equity, and Social Justice on her Division's strategic approach to ensure health equity is prioritized throughout City departments. SeMia Bray from Black Environmental Leaders (BEL) will share how they are working to engage more people of color in stewardship of the natural and built environment- advocating, incubating, and informing environmental and economic justice in Cleveland. Spotlights on projects from the Cleveland Department of Aging and the Greater Cleveland Environmental Justice Local Journalism Collaborative will help illustrate how efforts to elevate equity and environmental justice are being put into practice."

Resources shared during the session:

- [Division of Health Equity and Social Justice, Cleveland Department of Public Health](#)
- [Black Environmental Leaders Association](#)
- [Cleveland Department of Aging](#)
- [Senior Walks Around Cleveland TV20 News - 08/03/21](#)
- [Clark Fulton Together Project](#)
 - <https://www.thelandcle.org/stories/clark-fulton-leaders-pitch-ambitious-vision-for-neighborhood-development>

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