



# Using PACE-EH to Build Capacity and Enhance EH Services



Island County, Washington



# Traditional Environmental Health



- ✦ Traditional environmental health tends to be well-meaning and regulatory in nature.
- ✦ Sometimes a disconnect occurs between those charged with enforcing the regulations & those being regulated
- ✦ Public doesn't always understand the intent or reasoning behind the regulations

# Why Change?

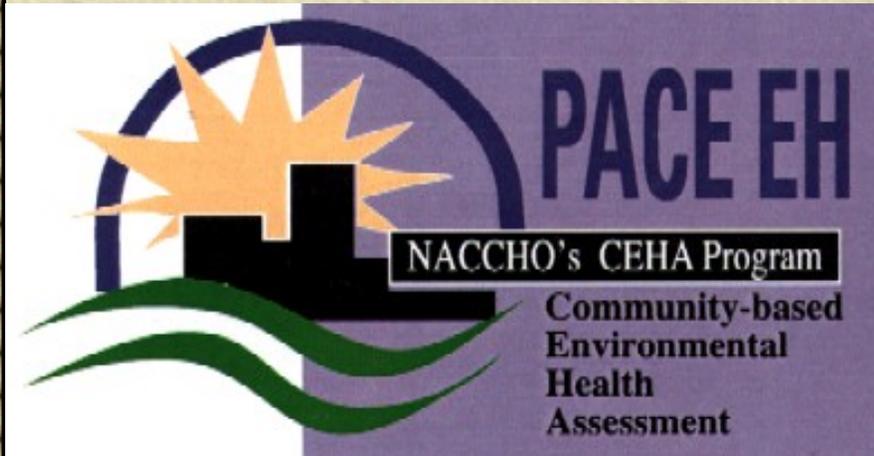
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## ✦ **Advantages of Community Involvement in decision-making and priority-setting based on data are...**

- ✦ Better public understanding of relationship between regulations and the prevention of disease
- ✦ Increased public support for environmental health programs
- ✦ Increased access to local non-governmental resources

# Protocol for Assessing Community Excellence in Environmental Health (PACE-EH)

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**A tool offering local health officials guidance in conducting a community-based environmental health assessment and creating an accurate profile of a community's environmental health status**

# PACE-EH model provides:

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- Constituency-building
- Assessment function
- Match resources to needs
- Power-sharing with the community
- Focus on local situations and solutions
- Ground-up policy development process

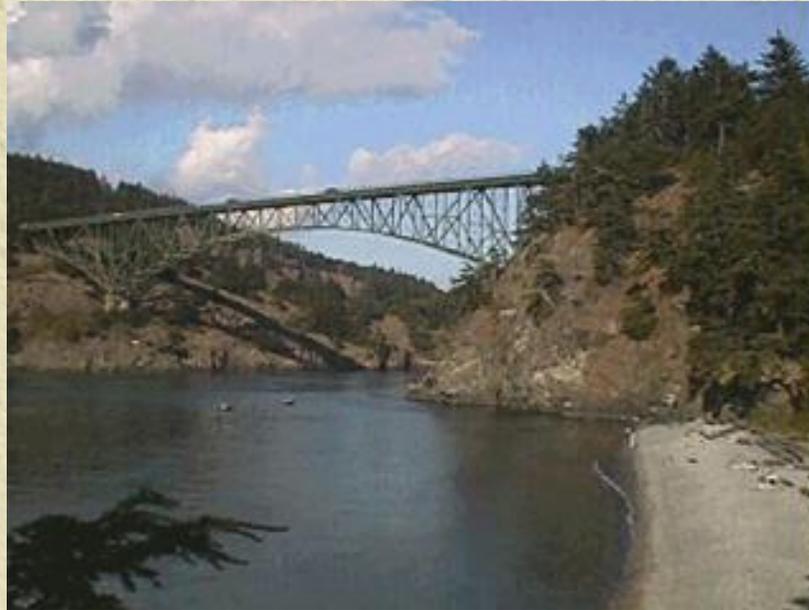
# More reasons to consider the PACE-EH model...

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- ✦ Nationally recognized model
- ✦ Builds collaboration within local communities around EH issues
- ✦ Operationalizes the 10 Essential EH Services at the local level
- ✦ Helps communities assess, prioritize and develop solutions to local EH concerns

# Getting the Community Involved in Solving Community Concerns...

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## Island County Environmental Health Initiative

Funded by the National Center for Environmental Health  
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

# Expectations & Objectives:

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- Implement a community-based environmental health assessment (using PACE-EH)
- Measure a wide range of environmental health indicators
- Develop policy recommendations based upon data & community input
- Develop new relationships with the public
- Educate staff and community

# EHAT Group Process

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# Top 4 EH Issues of Concern



# For More Information



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