

Partner Spotlight



The Nashville Environmental Justice Initiative (NEJI) is a partnership between Urban Green Lab (UGL) and Tennessee State University (TSU). TSU and their Geographic Information Sciences Laboratory (GIS) has historically been a champion for climate and environmental justice.

Since the department's founding in 2000 by Dr. David A. Padgett, GIS has provided technical assistance to environmental justice and community-based organization (CBO) stakeholders in support of a number of community-based participatory research (CBPR) activities, including:

- Applications of EJ SCREEN and ArcGIS Online in support of CBO community air quality monitoring project in the Pleasantville Community in Houston, Texas.
- Stakeholder training in geoscience and cartography in support of strategies to mitigate the negative impacts of landfills upon human health in the Wedgewood Community in Pensacola, Florida.
- Real estate data collection and analysis in support of CBO efforts to develop heritage tourism and preserve critical historical resources in the Africatown Community in Mobile, Alabama.
- Community-based participatory asset mapping and hydrological data analysis in support of community legal actions versus a proposed inland port facility that threatens the quality of life in the historic Turkey Creek community in Gulfport, Mississippi.
- Geographic information systems (GIS) training in support of a community-based flood mitigation program in New Orleans' Lower Ninth Ward.

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Voices of Resilience Project Oral History Producer and Photojournalist

Tasha A. F. Lemley has experience as a homeless outreach worker, nonprofit director, social entrepreneur, and has spent decades photographing and interviewing unhoused people in the south. As an audio producer, she wants to continue telling the stories she hears.

She loves helping stories get told. From storyfinding to capturing audio through field reporting and tape syncing, to reporting and mixing—this work keeps her running. She particularly magnets to projects highlighting marginalized people and communities.

Tasha Lemley is a skilled interview facilitator and photojournalist who brought deep care, curiosity, and creativity to the *Voices of Resilience* oral history project. With her background in storytelling and a passion for amplifying underrepresented voices, Tasha guided each conversation with empathy and intention, creating space for authenticity and connection. Her portraits capture not only the faces but the spirit of each participant, making the invisible impacts of climate change visible and deeply personal.



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