

Cumulative impacts

What type of benefits would you like to see in a community benefits agreement? (DRAFT)

A community benefits agreement (CBA) will only be required if a facility's cumulative impacts assessment identifies substantial adverse impacts from a proposed project. We want to hear from you about what is important to you and your community and how that could be included in a CBA.

A list of potential benefit categories with examples that a facility may be able to provide is below. What benefits would you like the MPCA to consider for inclusion in the CBA portion of the rule? Suggestions will be vetted legally to determine whether they could be enforced by the MPCA through a CBA.

- Which benefit categories do you think are most important to include in a CBA?
- Should we consider any other benefit categories?
- Should the MPCA not consider any benefit categories?

Community pollution prevention and/or reduction

- Implementation of additional pollution controls or limits at facility
- Solar power installations for local energy production
- Payment for recycling and waste reduction services
- Creation of carsharing services

Local environmental restoration and protection

- Restoration of local habitat and/or wetlands
- Installation of rain gardens and tree plantings to promote climate resilience

Community restoration and protection

- Installation of designated pedestrian and/or bike paths
- Creation of green space and/or parks for community events
- Creation of community gardens for local food production
- Construction or revitalization of sporting facilities for youth and community sports
- Financial assistance for locally owned small retail businesses

Public health services

- Financial assistance for medical exam costs
- Financial assistance for treatment of ailments resulting from disproportionate impacts
- Financial support for a community clinic

Facility assessment and audits

- Implementation of additional pollution monitoring
- Allowing voluntary inspections, potentially by community members
- Providing pollution monitoring reports to the community

Economic assistance

- Providing affordable housing and/or financial assistance for low-income renters
- Providing financial support for home energy improvement
- Guaranteeing jobs and/or wage minimums to community members

Community service assistance

- Providing career or trades training
- Providing job search and posting services
- Providing daycare services for local families
- Providing community programming

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