

**Environmental Protection Agency  
Summary of Performance by Strategic Objective**

**Selection from EPA's FY 2015 Annual Performance Plan**

**Working to Make a Visible Difference in Communities**—Align community-based activities to provide seamless assistance to communities, both urban and rural, while maximizing efficiency and results. Expand support of community efforts to build healthy, sustainable, green neighborhoods and reduce and prevent harmful exposures and health risks to children and underserved, overburdened communities.

In 2015, the Communities strategy progressed as planned toward the vision established in EPA's Strategic Plan, focusing on four areas: Target Communities, Community Resource Network, Empower Communities, and Tools. EPA's regional offices identified 50 overburdened and underserved communities and have begun delivering focused and coordinated to help address the pressing environmental issues they identified. EPA created a single Agency-wide Community Resource Network, with representation from national program and regional offices. The Network is using SharePoint to provide staff working in communities with access to a wide range of resources and peer contact. EPA incorporated Next Gen monitoring tools (e.g., air and water sensors) in five negotiated enforcement settlements, eight permits, and one Administrative Order in FY 2015. EPA finalized and launched a single landing page for communities on the Agency website. The Agency has released an interactive tool that will provide communities with ready access to EPA's resources and tools related to green infrastructure/stormwater management/integrated planning.