

Clean Air Coalition of Western New York Community Study Statement of Informed Consent

We are _____ and _____ from the Clean Air Coalition of Western New York.

The purpose of this interview is to gather information about air quality in your neighborhood. The information will be used by the Clean Air Coalition of Western New York to support its efforts to improve air quality in Tonawanda, Riverside, and Grand Island.

How the information be recorded, analyzed, and maintained.

1. The questions are open-ended to allow you to state your impressions and opinions as comprehensively and completely as you would like. We will record the interview on an MP3 recorder, transcribe the narrative, and analyze the transcript to identify important points and themes.
2. Your results will be combined with those of the other people we interview to obtain an overall picture of air quality in Tonawanda, Riverside, and Grand Island, and the combined information will be summarized to generate a report for use by the Clean Air Coalition in its community education and advocacy efforts.
3. Once the transcript of an interview has been made, the MP3 recording will be erased and all personal identifying information will be removed from the transcript. Transcripts will be stored in the offices of the faculty at the University at Buffalo, Canisius College, and D'Youville College who will be analyzing the information, and access will be limited to the people performing the analyses.

How participation in this study might affect you.

There are no risks to you and no compensation or direct benefits for taking part in this study. However, the information you provide will help the Clean Air Coalition better understand issues regarding air quality in your neighborhood and enhance our efforts to improve air quality in Tonawanda and neighboring communities.

Your rights, confidentiality, and anonymity.

- Your participation is entirely voluntary. You may refuse to answer any question and can stop the interview at any time.
- As stated above, your anonymity and the confidentiality of information you provide will be strictly maintained:
 - Once a transcript of your interview has been made, the recording will be erased and all personal identifying information will be removed from the transcript.
 - Transcripts will be stored in a secure location and access will be limited to the people performing the analyses.
 - Only composite information summarized from all participants will be used in generating a report for use by the Clean Air Coalition.

If at any time you have questions or concerns regarding your participation in the study, please call or email us:

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I understand what this study is about, why it is being done, and my rights as a participant. I understand the measures that will be taken to protect my anonymity and the confidentiality of information I provide. I have received a signed copy of this consent form.

Participant signature _____ Date _____

Interviewer signature _____ Date _____

Interviewer signature _____ Date _____

I give my permission for the interview to be audio taped. Please initial: _____