

## Restorative values for Environmental Regulation



### Accountability

Active responsibility for justice as a better future



### Deep listening

Values local knowledge, supports the journey of learning and better communication with citizens



### Safety

Caring for others and the environment, relational and environmental justice towards a better future



### Healing

Respectful relationships that motivate healing and care



### Citizen empowerment

Direct participation in democratic processes by citizen and a strong citizen voice in the regulatory process

We can think of environmental restorative justice as a compass which can help us orient each facet of the regulatory work of a large agency, such as an environmental protection agency.

Restorative justice techniques, such as restorative justice conferences, are important parts of implementing environmental restorative justice. But a restorative justice sensibility weaving across all stages of regulatory decision making might be just as important.

Through being **accountable**, those perpetrating environmental harms can take active responsibility for their actions. Processes of **deep listening**, through restorative justice conferences or at other times can contribute to an overall sense of **safety**, creating the grounds for **healing**. The direct participation in such democratic processes increases **citizen empowerment**.

The values listed here are values that underpin environmental restorative justice, and may be infused at multiple stages of the regulatory process.