SUMMIT
CLIMATE JUSTICE
August 25-27, 2023
Haw River State Park
ORGANIZED BY THE NC CLIMATE JUSTICE COLLECTIVE
We deserve a world in which we can all thrive! We demand a world where no people or places are treated as sacrifice zones to corporate greed and exploitation. That’s why hundreds of community leaders of all ages and backgrounds are coming together at this sixth gathering of the NC Climate Justice Summit.

This Summit is organized by the NC Climate Justice Collective, a statewide movement ecosystem of impacted communities and allies. In 2013, we began envisioning our first North Carolina Climate Justice Summit. Since then, we have held five intergenerational multi-cultural Summits and built ongoing programs that cultivate a unique space for holistic experiential education and action. We created the four Rs theory of change—aligning ways to reform, resist, re-imagine and re-create—to bring people together across diverse social identities, issues and strategies: impacted environmental justice communities and elected leaders, BIPOC people and white allies, youth and adults, direct action activists and academics, cultural organizers and practical solutions experts, rural and urban communities.

This Summit is rooted in the understanding that all people have a vital contribution to make in dealing with climate change. We also recognize that some people—particularly BIPOC people and people experiencing poverty—are hit first and worst by the carbon polluting industries causing climate change and by the intensifying floods, droughts, hurricanes and sea level rise that result from it. Achieving climate justice requires social, environmental and economic justice.

We believe that the Summit helps build the broad base necessary to address the challenges we face. It’s time to skill up, get creative and take strategic, collective action. NCCJS is where we build relationships and find common cause. We are here to share our gifts of the head, hand and heart in order to seed a life-sustaining and equitable culture.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, Leadership Team and staff of the NC Climate Justice Collective, we welcome you and are glad you have come. We invite you to lean into this supportive community space and make our time together memorable and generative. We are grateful to be Finding Our Balance together.

Jodi Lasseter and Connie Leeper
Co-Founders and Co-Executive Directors
GOALS OF THE NCCJS

1) Provide an interactive, inclusive space for learning that enhances connection and understanding between groups with unequal power (e.g., youth and adults)

2) Develop and showcase cultural work to generate new understanding of the causes and solutions to climate change rooted in climate justice

4) Provide skills development in resilient community strategies, civic engagement, regenerative economies and grassroots organizing

5) Lay new groundwork for effective trans-local collaboration and strategic alignment

6) Support the leadership development of youth and grassroots leaders from impacted communities

7) Highlight the work of our Resiliency Organizing Hubs’ anchoring organizations
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COMMUNITY GUIDELINES

We hope to create an environment at the Summit that honors and values each of our unique backgrounds, experiences and identities. We intend to create an inclusive, creative, equitable and fun learning space for all.

**Show Respect:** Be mindful of varied perspectives and understandings that may be different from your own; treat yourself, others and the land with the utmost care and love in all interactions.

**No alcohol or drugs** are allowed; tobacco use is limited to outdoor areas only, away from buildings.

**W.A.I.T (Why Am I Talking?) and Move Up, Move Back:** Let’s make sure everyone’s voice is heard. If you tend to talk a lot, then watch your airtime and “step back” so others may participate. If you usually keep quiet, try to step up and engage!

**Please put cell phones on silent or vibrate mode when in public spaces.**

**All are Teachers, All are Learners:** We are all experts of our own lived experience, and we are all learners about others’ experiences.

**Be mindful of quiet hours:** Some of us are night owls and some of us are early birds, so please observe quiet hours in the public spaces between midnight and 8:00am.

**Cabins are off limits:** Youths may only visit each other’s cabins when an adult chaperone is present.

**Communicate your whereabouts:** Enjoy the grounds, but let someone know where you’re going first.

**Be fragrance-free:** Out of respect for participants and facilitators with chemical sensitivities that impact their health, please refrain from using perfume, cologne or other strongly scented hair or body care products or detergents.

**Practice good dining room etiquette:** Eat according to what you said on your registration form so that everyone has enough of the foods they need (for example, if you registered as a vegetarian, this is not the time to experiment with meat or vice versa). Meal times are not flexible, so please arrive on time. The dining room is off limits between meal times. Everyone should bus their own tables and follow instructions for composting and handling the dishes.

**All genders restrooms:** Non gender-specific restrooms are located outside of the Fox Den and cafeteria.

**Demonstrate hospitality:** Lend a helping hand (assist with setting up, cleaning up and other volunteer tasks) and strive to create a welcoming atmosphere.
THE 4 R'S OF SOCIAL TRANSFORMATION

This conceptual framework was developed by Jodi Lasseter, NCCJC Co-Founder & Executive Co-Director. This year, we will be diving deeply into the 4Rs so that we can be more effective in working together. Individuals and organizations often focus on one of these Rs, but it is critical to the success of our climate justice movement that we all link across the Rs for strategic alignment.

REFORM- Working Within the Current System
The current structures in society have real impact on our daily lives and our ability to self-determine. While we work on building new structures, we must simultaneously change the structures of society that are in place now. We understand the urgent needs of people who lack healthy food, quality housing, well-paid work, safety & opportunity. This strategy tackles immediate needs and requires current social & political institutions to put resources toward addressing social problems. Examples include: policy development, electoral work and human services.

RESIST- Working Against the Current System
Throughout history, we have seen that “power concedes nothing without demand.” Resistance struggles have given rise to our greatest wins. To address root causes of injustice, we are often called upon to stand against the destruction of what we hold dear. This strategy analyzes & challenges our current political & social institutions by directly confronting how they perpetuate inequity. Examples include: non-violent civil disobedience, direct action, and community organizing.

RE-IMAGINE- Envisioning A Just New System
We are in a critical period of social evolution that requires new ways of being. In order to generate a just world, we must be able to imagine and communicate what society based on partnership, inclusion & interdependence looks like. This strategy engages how we think about ourselves in relation to each other & the whole, & taps our individual & collective ability to engender new cultural norms. Examples include: the arts, creative processes, media, academia, cultural & spiritual traditions.

RE-CREATE- Creating Models for A Just New System
The future we envision calls for the creation of new ways of doing things to take the place of the broken structures that have not been serving us. This strategy enables us to experiment with new ways of constituting our society by building just institutions, forms of governance & leadership models. Examples include: democratic schools, restorative justice processes, and local economies based on cooperatives.
# ACTIVITIES MAP

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## ACTIVATING THE FOUR Rs

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*These sessions will take place in the lounge outside of either Rhododendron or Longleaf*

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NOTE: All full group sessions in the Heron’s Roost have simultaneous Spanish/English interpretation. Any breakout sessions or workshops that have Spanish/English interpretation are indicated with this symbol [SP/ENG]. Youth-centered sessions are designated with this symbol: [YTH].

FRIDAY

2:00-5:30pm - Registration in the Heron’s Roost and self-organized activities around the Park

5:45-6:45pm - Dinner

7:00-9:30pm - Opening Session in the Heron’s Roost

Welcoming Ceremony by Anna Jeffries
Anna Jeffries is an Indigenous and first generation Jamaican-American interdisciplinary artist, mindfulness teacher, organizer and Indigenous practitioner. A citizen of the Occaneechi Band of the Saponi Nation, one of the eight recognized tribes in North Carolina. Anna co-founded Handewa Farms, an Indigenous teaching farm that centralizes Cannabis as its main crop, located on land originally stewarded by her tribe. A musical story-teller and classically trained vocalist rooted in ancestral traditions, Anna re-imagines a future that transcends known nomenclatures. Her art seeks to amplify the sounds of her cultures and energetically shift her audience’s consciousness through music, dance, literary works, mindfulness techniques and holistic health practices.

Introductions and Community Agreements

Climate Justice Basics

Featured Performance by Taina Asili Band
Taina Asili is a New York-based Puerto Rican singer, composer, and activist carrying on the tradition of her ancestors, fusing past and present struggles into one soulful and defiant voice. Asili’s Afro-Latin fusion songs of love and liberation have inspired audiences at venues across the globe – From the Women’s March on Washington to Carnegie Hall to the mainstage of San Francisco Pride. Her freedom anthems and music videos inspired by social movements for racial, gender, and climate justice have been lauded by the likes of Rolling Stone, Billboard, Huffington Post, Paste, and NPR. Asili uses a multi-genre and multilingual approach to connect with a diverse array of audiences, confidently weaving between rock, reggae, salsa, cumbia, reggaeton, and hip hop to give her music a texture that’s unique yet rooted. With powerful vocals and infectious rhythms, Asili’s music urges people to dance to the rhythm of rebellion.

9:30-11:45pm - Late Night Activities
Fire Circle & S’mores (at the fire pit in the field by the gym)

Music Jam/Drumming Circle (in the Fox Den)

Basketball (gym): note, there is no A/C

Midnight—End of activities/lights out for youth cabins

SATURDAY

ONGOING OFFERING: Healing and Reflection Space

Located in the Haw River Lounge, there is a Healing and Reflection Space offered throughout the time we are together. People can come there to rest, shift and uplift their energy and simply “be.” Tavia, Eli and Sufia–practitioners with Durham Community Apothecary and Sweet Remedies–will be offering reiki healing sessions, herbal teas and tinctures, and arts-based respite.

8:00-8:45am—Breakfast

9:00-12:30pm—Morning Session in the Heron’s Roost

Opening: African drumming with Ayinde Hurrey & Bashir Shakur
Talk by Ms. Donna Chavis: Our Big ACP Win & What it Means for Our Movement Now

Ms. Donna Chavis is a Lumbee elder who has been a leader in the national environmental justice movement since its inception in eastern North Carolina in the 1980s. As a co-founder of the Robeson County Community Action Center, she participated in multiple environmental justice campaigns on nuclear and toxic waste. As a Commissioner of the Racial Justice Commission of the United Church of Christ, she played an important role in helping to plan the first People of Color Summit in 1991 that created the environmental justice principles still in use around the world today. She founded the RedTailed Hawk Collective, is the Senior Fossil Fuel Campaigner for Friends of the Earth and is on the Board and Leadership Team of the NC Climate Justice Collective. She played a critical role in organizing against and ultimately defeating Duke Energy and Dominion Energy in their plan to build their proposed 600 mile Atlantic Coast Pipeline.

Introducing the 4 Rs & Resiliency Organizing Hubs: NCCJC Leadership Team & Hub Leaders

Resiliency Organizing Hubs that are a part of NC Climate Justice Collective are using the 4Rs of social transformation to build political power, end environmental racism, create greater climate equity and generate new local green economic opportunities.

4 Rs/Hubs workshops (see activities map)
Learn how one of the Hubs practices one of the 4Rs

Break & return to Heron’s Roost

Weaving across the 4 Rs

Strategy Tracks: Food Justice, Energy Justice, & Youth Climate Action
Choose one of the tracks to explore how to connect all four Rs to transform key systems:

Youth Climate Action Track: facilitated by Dr. Mark Ortiz (NC Climate Justice Collective & Global Youth Storytelling and Research Lab) and Denisse Torres (NC Climate Justice Collective) [SP/ENG] [YTH]

Energy Justice Track: moderated by Connie Leeper (NC Climate Justice Collective & NC WARN)
Bobby Jones (Downeast Coal Ash Coalition) on coal ash reburning
Emily Zucchino (Dogwood Alliance) on wood pellet industry
Donna Chavis (RedTailed Hawk Collective) on methane gas projects
Sophie Loeb (Center for Progressive Reform) on solar energy solutions

Food Justice Track: moderated by Bevelyn Ukah (NCCJC & Committee on Racial Equity at Center for Environmental Farming Systems)
Aldair Sobers (NC Climate Justice Collective)
Daphne Hines (HD Consulting)
Santos Flores (Terreiro de Arte e Cultura)
Christopher J. Gillespie (Federation of American Scientists)
Dr. Niesha Douglas (Center for Environmental and Farming Systems at NCSU)
Isabel Lu, MPH, RD (Committee on Racial Equity at CEFS)
12:30-1:45pm—Lunch & Group Photo

1:45-4:30pm—Afternoon Session in various locations (see activities map & workshop descriptions)

  1:45-3:15pm Session One: 4 Rs Skills Workshops (1.5 hr)

  3:30-4:30pm Session Two: 4Rs Skills Workshops (1 hr)

4:30-6:00pm—Break/Rehearsal for Finding Our Balance (performers in Heron’s Roost)

6:00pm-7:15pm–Dinner and Roundtable Discussions

7:30-10:00pm—Evening Session in the Heron’s Roost

  World Premier of Finding Our Balance
  This interactive performance calls on all of us to find ways we can bring balance to the world by aligning with the elements of nature within and without. Written and produced by NCCJC’s Jodi Lasseter and Connie Leeper, this collaboration combines original spoken word by Dasan Ahanu, live music by the Taina Asili band, and portable murals and puppets by Jan Burger and Sophie Joy. See if you can spot some of your friends as puppeteers!

  Open Mic with Dasan Ahanu
  Our emcee for the evening, Dasan is an award-winning artist who has performed across the country, recorded and released music, and been featured on TV and radio. He is the managing director of Black Poetry Theater, founder of the Jambalaya Soul Slam/Bull City Slam Team, the resident artist at Hayti Heritage Center, a visiting professor at UNC-Chapel Hill, and the 2023 Piedmont Laureate. Dasan sees the arts not just as a means of entertainment and inspiration, but also as a vehicle for lifting marginalized voices and fostering radical change. Dasan invites you to bring YOUR voice to this open mic!

10:00pm Self-organized Fun

12:00 midnight Quiet Time
**SUNDAY**

8:00-9:00am Breakfast and Checkout & Room Key Return

9:15am-12:30pm Sunday Morning Session in Heron’s Roost

**Grounding with Xiàng, Hui-Chún**
Xiàng, Hui-Chún will lead us through gentle movements of Qi-Gong to help us center, focus and release.

**Exploring Just Recovery with Liana Lopez and Bryan Parras**
Liana Lopez and Bryan Parras are community organizers, filmmakers, and climate justice activists from Houston, Texas. They are both members of Another Gulf Is Possible and were a part of the frontline crew who coined the phrase and concept of “Just Recovery” in response to Hurricane Harvey in 2017.

**Inner Resilience Workshops (see workshop descriptions)**
Learn new approaches to managing stress, connecting with nature and sparking revolutionary joy!

**Closing Ceremony with Anna Jeffries**

12:30pm Lunch & Clean Up
WORKSHOP DESCRIPTIONS

SATURDAY AUG 26th 1:45-3:15pm

Cooperatives Build Community Wealth & Power  [SP/ENG]
Understand the concepts, values, challenges, and dilemmas about the Cooperative Model by generating a collective dialogue with the facilitators who have been directly involved in creating cooperative initiatives led by Hispanic immigrants in NC.

NOTE: this workshop will be in Spanish with English interpretation

BIOS:
Delia Jovel was born in El Salvador and has lived in the United States since 2014. Since 2016 she has been working in several initiatives related to education, advocacy and community organizing with Hispanic immigrants in Henderson County, NC. In 2020 Delia funded ABUNDANCIA, a culturally appropriate food distribution in her community and TIERRA FERTIL COOP, a Hispanic worker owned farm cooperative that produce food by using organic practices. Delia is working on developing some other local initiatives that promote mutual aid, food sovereignty, and wellbeing.

Dulce Mirian Porras Rosas has done 10 years of community work in grassroots organizations. Among the issues she has worked on this year are: immigrants rights, student and parents school engagement, cultural organizing and cooperative development. She is part of Las Casitas (Housing cooperative); La Esperanza (Real Estate Cooperative); and her most recent cooperative Quetzal Community Real Estate. She believes in human conscience to steward life in all its aspects. She most enjoys talking to people and building connections.

Art as Method: Reimagining Food Equity Policy Through Creativity  [YTH]
This session will explore our collective stories through creative expression and is developed on the belief that storytelling is at the center of our human experience within community and our food systems. Come to this session if you hope to practice art as a catalyst for reimagining a just and equitable food system. We will explore questions like, ‘What does equity mean to you?’ Or ‘How can we understand equity in our conversations, our institutions, our culture or in our art?’ As we explore art as method, we challenge traditional and often inaccessible academic research methods to drive equitable change and reduce harm.

Join fellow food systems leaders to make art together. Your art will tell us how you experience the food system, what policies are missing, and what collective organizing strategies are most effective to create the communities we envision. Anyone who eats food is welcome!

This session is hosted by CORE BIPOC community partners.
BIOS:

Daphne Hines is a Communications Specialist and Social Advocate with a focus on strategy, digital marketing, and community engagement. After completing degrees in Political Science and Sociology at UNC-G, she gained more societal insight working in the fields of politics, educational programs, human resources, IT, local govt., metaphysical sciences, and holistic wellness. After working with N.C. F.Y.I in 2022, Daphne opened HD Consulting where she is instrumental in uplifting community perspectives that make way for societal change through strategic development. Through sociological perspectives, culture, and art, she creates dynamic solutions to support transformative practices and organizations.

Santos Flores is an associate researcher and educator with an interest in models of conflict transformation and social justice for application in community engagement. He holds a Masters in 'Peace and Conflict studies' and a Doctorate in 'Community and Youth development,' and currently serves as a Research Scholar at NC State and is the Executive Director of the Terreiro de Arte e Cultura. He specializes in youth development, embodied philosophy, and sociological mindfulness. At UNCG’s Institute of Community & Economic Engagement, Santos advanced scholarship of community-based perspectives of Restorative Practices in higher education systems. Santos is experienced as a restorative and cultural educator, conflict coach, community organizer and in somatic transformations. Santos lives in Durham, North Carolina with his wife, daughter, and a bunch of fish. He enjoys nature, outdoor recreation, cartwheels and martial arts.

Christopher J. Gillespie (he/him) is a 5th-year doctoral candidate with a focus in soil ecology and soil biogeochemistry at North Carolina State University. He received a bachelor’s degree in Crop and Soil Science from Michigan State University, an M.S. in Plant and Soil Science from Oklahoma State University. His research strives to promote climate mediation in the agricultural sector through the amalgamation of sustainable management practices and science-based policy. Chris is also a tripartite fellow: serving as a Policy Entrepreneurship Fellow (PEF) with the Federation of American Scientists (FAS); an AgBioFEWS Fellow with the National Science Foundation (NSF); and a Doctoral Fellow with the Center for Environmental Farming Systems (CEFS). Chris is interested in using an ecosystems approach to design and implement policy that holistically address systemic discrimination (e.g., loan discrimination, redlining, etc.) and increases economic productivity.

Dr. Niesha Douglas is an educator, author, and researcher. Dr. Douglas has over 15 years’ experience in higher education and over 10 years’ experience in food systems. Dr. Douglas is a community activist that believes in giving back to the community that helped her grow and develop into a professional and leader. She has served on several committees regarding food insecurity/hunger. In 2021 she co-authored a book on food insecurity entitled “Everybody Eats: Communication and the Paths to Food Justice. Currently, Dr. Douglas is a community-based Research Scholar for the Center for Environmental and Farming Systems at North Carolina State University studying food systems in rural southeastern North Carolina. She has a doctorate degree from UNC-Charlotte in Adult and Community Education.

Isabel Lu, MPH, RD, (she/they) is a Chinese American visual artist and health equity researcher born and raised in NC. Isabel studied Western nutritional science as an undergraduate student at Cornell University and then public health and dietetics as a graduate student at UNC Chapel Hill. Isabel is currently a fellow with CORE and one of the 2023 Emerging Artists in Residence at Artspace in Raleigh where they are focused on using community-driven art to support the well-being of Asian American (AA) creatives and communities in North Carolina.
**Bevelyn Afor Ukah** is an equity strategist and self-taught artist, developing her art practice as a form of inner resilience, hoping that her work inspires others to build their own self and community-love practices. Bevelyn is the founding consultant of AFI Oak Consulting, consultant of the NC Climate Justice Training Cooperative and co-founding consultant of the Auralite Collective. She is also a part of the Black Women’s Art Collective of Public Art Practice. She is the Director of the Committee on Racial Equity, an initiative of the Center for Environmental Farming Systems (CEFS), focusing on building a community of practice around racial equity in our food system. She serves as Chair of the Transplanting Traditions Community Farm Board, Co-Chair of the NC Climate Justice Collective Board and is on the National Rooted in Community Leadership Team. Bevelyn received her Bachelors in International Studies, Sociology and Anthropology from Guilford College where she was a Bonner Scholar and Multicultural Leadership Scholar. She completed her Masters in Intercultural Service, Leadership and Management (with a concentration on facilitation and social justice).

**Powering Change: Introduction to Grassroots Organizing**

This session with the Climate Advocacy Lab will cover the basics of grassroots organizing and why it’s such an important strategy for seeding transformation in our communities through relationships. We’ll touch on how the intersections of colonialism, capitalism, and environmental racism inform the current environmental movement, as well as how non-profit structures both support and limit our organizing work. We’ll also discuss how organizing helps lay the foundation for strategic campaign work – including the "critical capacities" (narrative, disruptive, and electoral/institutional) necessary for the NC climate movement to build power in and win policies for our communities.

**BIOS:**

**Carina Barnett-Loro** has spent the past 15 years working in the climate movement as a community organizer, advocate, funder, and trainer. She currently serves as the Climate Advocacy Lab’s Co-Director, having been a part of the organization since its inception. Prior to joining the Lab team, Carina organized around local and state-level energy campaigns with the North Carolina Sierra Club and Union of Concerned Scientists, including fighting a proposed cement plant outside of Wilmington and in support of stronger energy efficiency policies. She is a "nearly native" North Carolinian, having lived in Durham for over 25 years and holds degrees in Environmental Sciences and Policy and Latin American Studies from Duke. More recently, Carina helped launch the Green New Deal for Durham coalition and currently serves on the Board of the People’s Alliance.

**Jack Zhou** helps to produce and manage the Climate Advocacy Lab’s social science resources for its webinars, workshops, and website. He also oversees half of the Lab’s research programs. This work involves designing, tracking, and analyzing a range of experimental and non-experimental projects with advocate collaborators like the Sunrise Movement, the Carnegie Museum of Natural History, and the California Environmental Justice Alliance. He works at the Lab to help the climate community build deeper, more inclusive, and more effective relationships centered around mutual learning. Jack’s research interests revolve around how people think about climate change, how they process information on the issue, and what gets in the way. Prior to joining the Lab, he worked as a postdoctoral associate in energy policy and survey methods at Duke University. He received his B.S. in Society & Environment from UC Berkeley and his Ph.D. in Environmental Politics from Duke University. He lives in Durham, NC.
 Gabby Heidrich has been working within the climate justice movement for 7 years as an organizer, coach, and trainer. Her background is primarily in youth organizing and climate finance campaigns, with her first campaign experience coming from running a decarbonization and divestment campaign at Iowa State University as a student. Through this experience, she realized how under-resourced and under-supported most youth organizers and organizations were. Most of her organizing, coaching, programmatic, and training work since then has been in service of building a resilient and powerful youth climate justice movement and building up the campaign skills of youth organizers. As the Lab’s Training Lead, she supports the Training program in building out training content that resources the needs of the US climate movement, facilitating and supporting our Training for Impact cohorts, and coaching climate advocates across the country. In her free time she continues to organize in climate finance campaigns, and loves tending to her house plants, binging reality tv shows, and being outdoors with her friends.

Rebecca Tamiru is a trainer, facilitator, and program manager working towards a vision of just, resilient, and regenerative communities in a climate-stable world. As the Lab’s Program Manager, she oversees key areas of the Lab’s strategic program work including co-leading the Climate and Health Peer Learning Circle and managing the Climate Justice Microgrants Program, granting to environmental and climate justice organizations to capture case studies documenting campaign wins and lessons learned. Rebecca holds a bachelor’s degree in Biology of Global Health from Georgetown University and a Climate Change and Health Certificate from the Yale School of Public Health. She likes to bring mindfulness, compassion, principled practice, and integrity to her work and to her relationships.

Creating A Community Accountability Plan
What we are realizing is that the trauma and pain in historically under-resourced communities runs deep, preventing collaborative connections. We struggle to connect and build while maintaining trusting, regenerative relationships. The Community Action Plan (CAP) Framework is based on trial, error, and success—a ground-up learning experience designed to restore our neighborhoods and to build them back to the loving environment where we lifted each other up, supported one another, and cultivate economic, emotional, physical, and spiritual health. CAP can provide a framework to connect the dots and build capacity. It helps with filtering out people or businesses that say they want to commit but never follow up. CAP has an internal and external framework design and flowcharts that help identify and weed out the unnecessary complications. This is a way to implement and celebrate grassroots revitalization and accountability. It’s a system designed to build, maintain, and protect pillars of resiliency in historically African American neighborhoods. The plan includes creating, maintaining, and connecting green spaces that help absorb and transform individual and community-level trauma. CAP supports a culture of sustainability and health that is inclusive and economically just.

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DeWayne Barton is a native of Asheville, N.C. He grew up in Washington, D.C. and is a Gulf War Veteran. He authored three books and has been involved in community and youth development for over 30 years. As a visual and performing artist, he is involved in environmental justice issues—both through his art and his community involvement. His mixed-media, found-art installations have been featured at Duke University, Smithsonian Institute’s Museum of African American History and Culture, and the August Wilson Museum. He is co-founder of both Peace Gardens & Market and Green Opportunities. In 2019, he was selected as a Robert Woods Johnson Culture of Health Leader. He is the founder and CEO of Hood Huggers Intl. and Hood Tours - building communication, connection, and wealth using the arts, environment, and social enterprise. DeWayne was appointed by the governor to the board of the NC Arts Council, is the current President of the Burton Street Community Association, and a 2022 Fellow with the Appalachian Regional Commission’s Leadership Institute. His latest endeavor, the Blue Note Junction, is a community health and business incubator that anchors the WNC Climate Resiliency Organizing Hub as part of the NC Climate Justice Collective.

**BIO:**

Dasan Ahanu is a self-described introvert with a very public profession. He has appeared on NPR News, TV One’s Verses and Flow, and the documentary Poet Son. Through his work, service projects, and appointments, Dasan has shown incredible commitment to his home state, noting the creative artistry embedded in the fabric of NC. He’s a resident artist with the St. Joseph’s Historic Foundation/Hayti Heritage Center, co-founder and managing director of Black Poetry Theatre, and the Rothwell Mellon Program Director for Creative Futures with Carolina Performing Arts. He served as a founding member and coach of the Bull City Slam Team and has performed and competed extensively across the country alongside the team and independently. A respected recording artist, Dasan has collaborated with many Jazz, Soul, and Hip-Hop artists in NC. He released his most recent album, Words, Rhythms, and Melodies in 2021. Dasan’s academic work focuses on critical writing, creative writing, hip-hop, and popular culture. He is a visiting professor at UNC-Chapel Hill, teaching courses on Hip-Hop and Black culture. Among the many great honors throughout his career, Dasan is an alumnus of the Nasir Jones Fellowship with the Hip Hop Archive at Harvard University’s Hutchins Center for African & African American Research. In 2023, he was named the 15th Piedmont Laureate, a one-year program that changes genres annually, for which he serves as a poet. His writing has been published extensively, and he is the author of four poetry collections, The Innovator, Freedom Papers, Everything Worth Fighting For: An exploration of being Black in America, and Shackled Freedom: Black Living in the Modern American South.
WORKSHOP DESCRIPTIONS, CONT.

SATURDAY AUG 26TH 3:30-4:30PM

Robbing Our Future: Duke Energy’s Climate and Community-Wrecking Grid Scheme

Duke Energy hid a plan for about 900 miles of new, expanded and upgraded transmission corridors in the fine print of the Carbon Plan. This scheme will rob communities of their land, money, livable climate and voice at the table, locking-in Duke’s blueprint for our energy future. At this workshop, we will pull back the curtains on Duke’s unnecessary and rate-hiking buildout and discuss ways to stop their sneaky money-grab.

BIOS:

Felicia Wang has been a lover of the Earth since a young age, leading trash clean-ups, invasive species removals, and recycling workshops throughout grade school. She has volunteered on the communications and outreach teams of Greenpeace, the Sunrise Movement, and Telehelp Ukraine. She also participated as a research survey scuba diver in Ao Nang, Thailand and feels more natural underwater than on land. She served as a Climate Fellow at Change the Chamber where she tracked and advocated for new EPA regulations. She is currently the Community Outreach Assistant at NC WARN and Politics Lead at Sunrise Durham, where she works on energy justice issues and Green New Deal policies. She is also an undergraduate mathematics student at Duke University, where she interned in their sustainability department and directed an orientation program, Project Earth. Her favorite part of environmental/climate activism is connecting people across the movement with each other, and studying what it means to build people power.

Sara Heilman (she/her) is an Energy Policy Assistant at NC WARN. Born and raised in Chapel Hill, NC, she feels a deep reverence for her home state’s environmental justice history. Before joining NC WARN’s team, Sara studied Public Policy and Environmental Science at Duke University, where she was involved in student arts and activism spaces, leading an orientation program for arts-inclined students and gender violence prevention trainings at the campus Women’s Center. While a student, Sara worked with organizations including the Sierra Club, the Pauli Murray Center, and the Samuel DuBois Cook Center for Social Equity. Sara is particularly interested in how Southern history and identity intersect with the environmental justice movement. In her free time, Sara enjoys tuning in to local college radio stations and spending time outside with a good science fiction book. She is honored and excited to be a participant and presenter at this Summit!

We Are Nature: Shifting Hearts & Minds through the Arts  [SP/ENG] [YTH]

This workshop by singer, songwriter, filmmaker, and artist Taina Asili will explore how engaging with music and other art forms can help us imagine new and creative possibilities for climate justice in our communities and in our world. Taina Asili started her climate justice activism as a high school student and today she continues to grow life-giving food, eat a vegan diet, and write songs as contributions to our climate justice movements. She has performed to support organizations and initiatives such as UPROSE in Brooklyn, NY and The California Environmental Justice Alliance (CEJA).

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She has also written and released several songs on climate justice, including “And We Walk,” a music video which premiered in YES! Magazine in 2014. Taína Asili is also Board Chair of Soul Fire Farm, a food justice farm in her community that works to uproot injustice and seed sovereignty in the food system. In 2019 Taína released her award-winning music video documentary Plant the Seed, which centers around the story of Soul Fire Farm’s co-founder, Leah Penniman. That same year she wrote the theme song for Climate Curious, a web series by The Solutions Project. Most recently Taína released the song and music video “Nature,” a climate justice musical manifesto created during her ‘21-22 residency with The Social Justice Portal Project. This workshop will discuss Taína’s work, the movements that inspire her, and what she has learned about the power of art to move us to manifest change.

**BIO:**
Taína Asili is a New York-based Puerto Rican singer, filmmaker and activist carrying on the tradition of her ancestors, fusing past and present struggles into one soulful and defiant voice. See full bio on the page describing her Featured Performance during the Opening Session of the Summit.

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**Advancing Health Equity and Climate Justice**

Our communities are already experiencing the environmental effects of the climate crisis, including more frequent and severe heat waves, droughts, extreme rainfall, and rising seas. Today, climate change is a health emergency in many communities and health equity must be central to climate action. The objectives of this workshop are to: (1) ground the discussion in group-based sharing of personal experiences; (2) examine the observed and projected changes in climate stressors; (3) identify the health effects of the climate crisis; and (4) discuss local health equity strategies that can be implemented in overburdened communities in North Carolina. Finally, we will demo a tool to help communities more easily access Inflation Reduction Act funds to address environmental and climate justice concerns.

**BIO:**
Dr. Jen Runkle is a Climate Epidemiologist whose research examines the direct and varied impacts of the climate crisis on the health of impacted populations, like pregnant persons and children. She serves as a research scientist at NC State’s North Carolina Institute for Climate Studies and the Cooperative Institute for Satellite Earth System Studies within the academic arm of NOAA’s National Centers for Environmental Information. She is a co-lead director of a new NOAA Climate Adaptation Partnership center, the Carolinas Collaborative on Climate, Health, and Equity, focused on climate resiliency in overburdened communities.
Building Tomorrow’s Leaders Today
Are you concerned about Environmental Justice and its impact on your community? Are you an advocate for Social Justice in your community? Are you committed to advancing equity through Democracy in your community? If so, Power Boards for Democracy Boards and Commissions Fellowship Program is for you! Boards & Commissions is a leadership program designed to transform Community Advocates into Community Leaders and Decision Makers for your community. In this workshop you’ll learn why serving on local boards & commissions are important to your community, why participating as a local decision maker empowers marginalized communities and how you can be Transformed into Tomorrow’s Next Leader!

BIO:
Kerry Wiggins joined NC League of Conservation Voters Foundation (NCLCVF) in September 2021 as the Director of Power Boards for Democracy. She brings to this role more than a decade of experience working with community-based organizations, building equity and access to education, especially for children attending Title 1 Schools. Kerry has worked with several nonprofit organizations, such as the YMCA of Northwest North Carolina and Goodwill Industries. As a prior educator with Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools as Parental Involvement Coordinator, she understands the importance of creating equity in education for the advancement of all children, especially children of color. Prior to joining NCLCVF, Kerry worked as a patient advocate for a behavioral health hospital. She has an MS in Human Services from Cappella University, a BS in Sociology from Winston-Salem State University, and an Associates Degree in Human Services from Forsyth Technical Community College. Kerry is a veteran of the United States Army National Guard.

Find Your Funding with the IRA Toolkit
Since the Inflation Reduction Act was passed a year ago, our communities have been inundated with vague information about federal funding opportunities. Yet impacted communities still often find it difficult to access these funds. So, over the past few months, a network of organizations from across NC have been working together to gather and simplify IRA funding guidelines. We’ve created a toolkit for everyone—from individuals to organizations to municipalities—that outlines the steps to access the available funds. This workshop will provide one-sheeters and helpful guides that you can share with all interested stakeholders in your community!

BIOS:
Jessica Finkel is the Communications Director for Thrive North Carolina, a coalition working to bring climate and labor justice together in this state. With a background in public relations and sustainability, she is focusing her efforts on bringing our justice movements to the greater public. This summer Jessica has helped convene a contingent of organizers and activists from around the state to create the Federal Climate Funding for Carolina toolkit to help the communities and people who need the IRA funding the most have the information they need to succeed.

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Sally Jernigan-Smith is the outgoing Clean Energy and Policy Analyst Fellow with the NC League of Conservation Voters. Sally is pursuing a Master of Environmental Management with a concentration in Environmental Economics and Policy and a certificate in Community Based Environmental Management at Duke University. With a background in nonprofit management and community engagement, she is focusing her studies on her passion for energy justice and clean energy access. This summer Sally has cocreated the Federal Climate Funding for Carolina Communities toolkit with an eye to NCLCV’s PowerUp community members’ needs and concerns, such as high energy bills, healthier indoor air quality, and safer neighborhoods.

Sally Robertson has been working on climate and clean energy initiatives since 2010. She worked for 10 years at NC WARN in Durham and now helps to convene the North Carolina Inflation Reduction Act Coordinating Group, a collection of folks working to get IRA funds to the people in our state who need them most. The group is unveiling a draft of its IRA toolkit at the Summit.

Envisioning an Equitable Food System Through Art [YTH]
This session will explore mindfulness and art practices to reimagine a just and equitable food system. We will guide you through envisioning practices, building on your skills in meditation and mindfulness to envision a food system through our shared values of climate justice. Following this internal reflection, you will have the opportunity to express yourself creatively through a free art-making session. Join Fellow food systems leaders in this continuation from the previous workshop, “Art as Method: Reimagining Food Equity Policy Through Our Creativity”. We invite both returning participants from the previous block, as well as newcomers, to attend! Session hosted by CORE BIPOC community partners. See workshop description for Art as Method: Reimagining Food Equity Policy Through Creativity for facilitators’ bios.

Unlocking Engagement: Volunteer Recruitment & Retention to Build Your Base
This session with the Climate Advocacy Lab will share tools and tips for expanding your activist base and supporting leadership development. First, we'll walk through "the Ladder of Engagement" and step-by-step recruitment and retention strategies that will ensure your campaigns build the people power it needs to win. Then, you will have the opportunity to create a personalized ladder of engagement for your organizing work and workshop it with the Lab team. See Powering Change: Introduction to Grassroots Organizing for facilitators’ bios.
WORKSHOP DESCRIPTIONS, CONT.

SUNDAY: AUG 27TH 10:00-11:00AM

Mindfulness in Leadership [SP/ENG]
This workshop attendees will focus on navigating personal life tension(s) and everyday vexations with calm and clarity. Participants will be equipped with daily exercises to cultivate self-mastery that promote work-life balance. During this workshop, participants will engage with mindfulness tools & techniques to practice within their workspace(s) to mitigate stressors, enhance team efforts, and promote self-care while in positions of leadership.

BIO:
Anna Jeffries is an Indigenous and first-gen Jamaican-American interdisciplinary artist, mindfulness teacher, organizer and Indigenous practitioner. A citizen of the Occoneechi Band of the Saponi Nation, one of the eight recognized Native American tribes in North Carolina, Anna co-founded Handèwa Farms, an Indigenous teaching farm that centralizes Cannabis as its main crop, located on land originally stewarded by her tribe. A musical storyteller and classically trained vocalist rooted in ancestral traditions, Anna reimagines a future that transcends known nomenclatures. Her art seeks to amplify the sounds of her cultures and energetically shift her audience's consciousness through music, dance, literary works, mindfulness techniques and holistic health practices.

Qi Gong for Well-Being [YTH]
Our inner healing is integral to our outward actions. Xiàng, Hui-Chún will introduce Chinese medicine’s five nature elements (Water, Wood, Fire, Earth, Metal) and their correlations to our emotional as well as physical well-being. She will lead our group through gentle Qi-Gong (energy-led movements) that will help restore our minds and bodies and build inner resiliency. She is looking forward to sharing Qi Gong and reflective practices for this NC Climate Justice Summit that will modulate our nervous system, connect us deeper to ourselves, as well as to Nature.

BIO:
Li-Lan Xiang Weiss (she/her) is a licensed acupuncturist in Durham since 2005 and she stewards Armonia Health LLC. She is the co-founder of Tones for your Bones, an embodied approach to living according to Five Element philosophy of Chinese medicine that incorporates Qi Gong, music, acupressure, and reflective meditations. Nature and the environment have always played an important part in her life, the North Carolina land asked her to stay after she finished undergraduate studies from Duke University. Her Buddhist name Xiang, Hui-Chun means "Directed towards Community"
WORKSHOP DESCRIPTIONS, CONT.

**Yoga for Stress Release [YTH]**
This Kundalini Yoga workshop as taught by Yogi Bhajan will guide participants through a posture series, meditation, and breathwork aimed at improving one’s relationship to stress. Participants will embody the statement "just as stress is a full body experience, so too is the process for navigating and relating to stress." Here, participants will learn additional tools/skills to assist with their stress both during a stress trigger and in response to stress that has subsided to support participants bringing their whole selves to their lives and their work.

**BIO:**
Elijah Brunson is a Queer, Black Yogi from South Carolina who uses embodiment practices (i.e. Kundalini Yoga, Theatre of the Oppressed) to further investigate the human self and its relationship to nature. Elijah utilizes most of his skill set to support social justice movements offering mentorship, technical assistance, and coaching. His journey is a continual quest of self-discovery and enlightenment has transformed his relationship with Mother Earth, prioritizing reduction habits to curb his environmental footprint while encouraging the same. Elijah has served in several roles–from the Leadership Team member for NC Climate Justice Collective to chairing the board of RAFI-USA–which are testaments to Elijah’s commitment to the land, environment, and farmers.

**Intro to Making Medicine from Plants**
Did you know that modern medicines are derived from plants and trees? Plants and herbs have played a profound role in our lives – providing shelter, food, healing medicines – for centuries. Many people have been keeping these relationships and herbal knowledge alive, while many, many others are learning now about how plants help us heal. In this workshop, we’ll talk about some of the ways plants provide deep healing on both the physical and emotional levels. We’ll discuss taste impressions, and how to identify what type of healing work a plant is likely to do just by tasting it. And, we’ll observe common plants that grow all around us, discuss how to build relationships with them, and talk about medicine making.

Years ago, Justine Oller started to notice the plants and trees growing along the sides of the highway, the flowers blooming around her neighborhood, and the weeds popping up in parking lots. After about a year of taking notes on which plants were blooming when, she decided to start studying and found a local herbalist elder named Suki Roth at Herb Haven. Justine apprenticed with Suki for several years, learning about local plants and making herbal medicine. She then studied herbalism at the Terra Sylva School of Botanical Medicine in Marshall, NC. Plants offer so many lessons about being in relationship, giving and receiving, healing, and being in community. They are amazing and generous teachers. In her professional life, Justine is Outreach Director for NC League of Conservation Voters and runs the PowerUp program. She has nearly two decades of experience working within organizing and movement building in environmental and community organizations.
Nature Walk to the Haw River’s Headwaters [YTH]
Gary Phillips grew up in this area and loves sharing stories about the plants and animals that thrive here. Come stroll on the nearby trails to find out what makes this state park special.

BIO:
Gary Phillips, of Silk Hope, NC, is a child of Appalachia, self-taught naturalist and natural builder, former poet laureate of Carrboro, owner of a triple bottom line business and the author of Subjects Suitable for Poetry (2023).

Community Protection Practice [YTH]
We can keep our communities safe when we learn how to work together to de-escalate potentially violent situations. This workshop introduces participants to the concept of the Non-Violent Civil Defense Team that the NC Climate Justice Collective has been forming.

BIO:
Pasquale Antonio is a certified Systema instructor, which includes various martial arts including Aikido, JuJitsu, Iado, BJJ, Wing Chun, Tai Chi, & Boxing. Pas is also a licensed massage bodywork therapist and holds certifications as a personal trainer, yoga teacher, and bodyworker. He is also a life-long musician and audio engineer.

Beats with Buckets [YTH]
This fun workshop gets folks playing sophisticated rhythms right away using just two drumsticks and a bucket.

BIOS:
Bashir Shakur is a percussionist, composer, performer, educator, and recording artist whose unique blend of improvisational, and traditional percussion can be found on his latest release entitled “Visible”, with acclaimed Zimbabwean dancer and singer Nora Chipounare. Bashir has recorded, performed, and toured with an array of diverse artists including Chuck Davis, Camille Yarborough, DJ Grandmaster Flash, Michael Wimberly, Waley Reyes Jr., The North Carolina Philharmonic Orchestra, Bessie award winner Jawole Jo Zollar and Reggae superstar Freddie McGregor. Shakur has been an artist-in-residence or faculty member at many institutions including: New York University, Florida State University, Florida A&M University, Guilford College, American Dance Festival, Future Leaders Institute, Williams College and, currently, The Brooklyn Music School. In 2007 Shakur released his first solo album entitled “Steady Hands.”

Ayinde Hurrey was born in Manhattan and raised in Goldsboro, NC. His background in African dance and percussion has led him to perform as a guest artist with various dance companies all over the world. Hurrey studied at NC Central University in Durham, where he received his Bachelor’s in Theatre and received his M.F.A. in Acting at the University of Florida. Ayinde’s most accomplished works have been writing and directing his solo show, Nappy Journeys, which was chosen as one of the main stage productions at the 2009 National Black Theatre Festival. Ayinde has worked full-time in public school districts in Oklahoma City, NY, NC, and FL. Now residing in OKC, Ayinde spreads his theatrical energy to audiences both near and far with Hurrey-UP Consulting & Performing Arts, which aims to deliver quality residencies and workshops in acting, West African dance and drumming, play productions, and arts consulting. The company maintains a particular focus on cultural awareness, diversity, and education.
Bali Principles of Climate Justice
29 August 2002

PREAMBLE
Whereas climate change is a scientific reality whose effects are already being felt around the world;
Whereas if consumption of fossil fuels, deforestation and other ecological devastation continues at current rates, it is certain that climate change will result in increased temperatures, sea level rise, changes in agricultural patterns, increased frequency and magnitude of "natural" disasters such as floods, droughts, loss of biodiversity, intense storms and epidemics;
Whereas deforestation contributes to climate change, while having a negative impact on a broad array of local communities;
Whereas communities and the environment feel the impacts of the fossil fuel economy at every stage of its life cycle, from exploration to production to refining to distribution to consumption to disposal of waste;
Whereas climate change and its associated impacts are a global manifestation of this local chain of impacts;
Whereas fossil fuel production and consumption helps drive corporate-led globalization;
Whereas climate change is being caused primarily by industrialized nations and transnational corporations;
Whereas the multilateral development banks, transnational corporations and Northern governments, particularly the United States, have compromised the democratic nature of the United Nations as it attempts to address the problem;
Whereas the perpetration of climate change violates the Universal Declaration On Human Rights, and the United Nations Convention on Genocide;
Whereas the impacts of climate change are disproportionately felt by small island states, women, youth, coastal peoples, local communities, indigenous peoples, fisherfolk, poor people and the elderly;
Whereas local communities, affected people and indigenous peoples have been kept out of the global processes to address climate change;
Whereas market-based mechanisms and technological "fixes" currently being promoted by transnational corporations are false solutions and are exacerbating the problem;
Whereas unsustainable production and consumption practices are at the root of this and other global environmental problems;
Whereas this unsustainable consumption exists primarily in the North, but also among elites within the South;
Whereas the impacts will be most devastating to the vast majority of the people in the South, as well as the "South" within the North;
Whereas the impacts of climate change threaten food sovereignty and the security of livelihoods of natural resource-based local economies;
Whereas the impacts of climate change threaten the health of communities around the world—especially those who are vulnerable and marginalized, in particular children and elderly people;
Whereas combating climate change must entail profound shifts from unsustainable production, consumption and lifestyles, with industrialized countries taking the lead;
We, representatives of people's movements together with activist organizations working for social and environmental justice resolve to begin to build an international movement of all peoples for Climate Justice based on the following core principles:

1. Affirming the sacredness of Mother Earth, ecological unity and the interdependence of all species, Climate Justice insists that communities have the right to be free from climate change, its related impacts and other forms of ecological destruction.
2. Climate Justice affirms the need to reduce with an aim to eliminate the production of greenhouse gases and associated local pollutants.
3. Climate Justice affirms the rights of indigenous peoples and affected communities to represent and speak for themselves.
4. Climate Justice affirms that governments are responsible for addressing climate change in a manner that is both democratically accountable to their people and in accordance with the principle of common but differentiated responsibilities.
5. Climate Justice demands that communities, particularly affected communities play a leading role in national and international processes to address climate change.
6. Climate Justice opposes the role of transnational corporations in shaping unsustainable production and consumption patterns and lifestyles, as well as their role in unduly influencing national and international decision-making.
7. Climate Justice calls for the recognition of a principle of ecological debt that industrialized governments and transnational corporations owe the rest of the world as a result of their appropriation of the planet's capacity to absorb greenhouse gases.
8. Affirming the principle of ecological debt, Climate Justice demands that fossil fuel and extractive industries be held strictly liable for all past and current life-cycle impacts relating to the production of greenhouse gases and associated local pollutants.
9. Affirming the principle of Ecological debt, Climate Justice protects the rights of victims of climate change and associated injustices to receive full compensation, restoration, and reparation for loss of land, livelihood and other damages.

10. Climate Justice calls for a moratorium on all new fossil fuel exploration and exploitation; a moratorium on the construction of new nuclear power plants; the phase out of the use of nuclear power world wide; and a moratorium on the construction of large hydro schemes.

11. Climate Justice calls for clean, renewable, locally controlled and low-impact energy resources in the interest of a sustainable planet for all living things.

12. Climate Justice affirms the right of all people, including the poor, women, rural and indigenous peoples, to have access to affordable and sustainable energy.

13. Climate Justice affirms that any market-based or technological solution to climate change, such as carbon-trading and carbon sequestration, should be subject to principles of democratic accountability, ecological sustainability and social justice.

14. Climate Justice affirms the right of all workers employed in extractive, fossil fuel and other greenhouse-gas producing industries to a safe and healthy work environment without being forced to choose between an unsafe livelihood based on unsustainable production and unemployment.

15. Climate Justice affirms the need for solutions to climate change that do not externalize costs to the environment and communities, and are in line with the principles of a just transition.

16. Climate Justice is committed to preventing the extinction of cultures and biodiversity due to climate change and its associated impacts.

17. Climate Justice affirms the need for socio-economic models that safeguard the fundamental rights to clean air, land, water, food and healthy ecosystems.

18. Climate Justice affirms the rights of communities dependent on natural resources for their livelihood and cultures to own and manage the same in a sustainable manner, and is opposed to the commodification of nature and its resources.

19. Climate Justice demands that public policy be based on mutual respect and justice for all peoples, free from any form of discrimination or bias.

20. Climate Justice recognizes the right to self-determination of Indigenous Peoples, and their right to control their lands, including sub-surface land, territories and resources and the right to the protection against any action or conduct that may result in the destruction or degradation of their territories and cultural way of life.

21. Climate Justice affirms the right of indigenous peoples and local communities to participate effectively at every level of decision-making, including needs assessment, planning, implementation, enforcement and evaluation, the strict enforcement of principles of prior informed consent, and the right to say "No."

22. Climate Justice affirms the need for solutions that address women's rights.

23. Climate Justice affirms the right of youth as equal partners in the movement to address climate change and its associated impacts.

24. Climate Justice opposes military action, occupation, repression and exploitation of lands, water, oceans, peoples and cultures, and other life forms, especially as it relates to the fossil fuel industry's role in this respect.

25. Climate Justice calls for the education of present and future generations, emphasizes climate, energy, social and environmental issues, while basing itself on real-life experiences and an appreciation of diverse cultural perspectives.

26. Climate Justice requires that we, as individuals and communities, make personal and consumer choices to consume as little of Mother Earth's resources, conserve our need for energy; and make the conscious decision to challenge and reprioritize our lifestyles, re-thinking our ethics with relation to the environment and the Mother Earth; while utilizing clean, renewable, low-impact energy; and ensuring the health of the natural world for present and future generations.

27. Climate Justice affirms the rights of unborn generations to natural resources, a stable climate and a healthy planet.

Adopted using the "Environmental Justice Principles" developed at the 1991 People of Color Environmental Justice Leadership Summit, Washington, DC, as a blueprint.

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Raise Your Voice to Investigate Duke Energy Targeting Southeastern NC

Communities already suffering from years of superstorms, air and water pollution, and rising power bills are being targeted by Duke Energy yet again.

Just like with the defeated attempt to build the $8 billion Atlantic Coast gas Pipeline.

Duke plans to build and expand more than 900 miles of high-voltage transmission pathways mostly in rural southeastern NC.

The giant monopoly would use Eminent Domain to force homeowners to allow transmission corridors up to 200 feet wide to go through communities, farms and forests.

Defying the scientists, Duke also plans to build dozens of unneeded gas-fired units at existing coal- and gas-fired power plants – starting this fall.

All this is already being planned. NC WARN wants to help communities protect themselves by building a demand – backed by others across NC – for a cheaper, faster, equitable way to avert climate chaos and meet our energy needs: Local solar-plus-storage and saving energy.

Learn more about Duke Energy’s transmission plans:

bit.ly/ncwtransmission

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