ENIRONMENT & CLIMATE THREATS

AIR POLLUTION
- Connecticut is home to Bridgeport coal fire power plant in Fairfield, operated by Public Service & Gas and AES Thames in New London, operated by AES.

ASTHMA
- 9.6% of Connecticut children suffer from asthma and 9.2% of adults suffer from asthma.

FLOODING
- 130,000 people in Connecticut are living in flood prone areas. By 2050, 260,000 will be living in flood prone areas.

DOES CONNECTICUT MEET NAACP JUST ENERGY STANDARDS?

TO MEET NAACP JUST ENERGY STANDARDS, CONNECTICUT MUST HAVE A:

- **Mandatory** Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) with a target of 25% clean energy by 2025 with no nuclear, biomass, or natural gas allowed;
- **Mandatory** Energy Efficiency Resource Standard per NAACP standards, as defined by: at least 2% annual reduction over each previous year’s average retail electricity sales;
- **Mandatory** Local Hire Provisions and Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Provisions; and
- **Mandatory** Community Solar Policy, which is legislation that allows communities to take advantage of solar energy.

PROPOSED ACTION STEPS

1. Every Branch will organize an ECJ Committee and chair a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT).

2. Connecticut State Conference will engage in a Power to the People campaign to increase environmental standards.

3. All Connecticut NAACP branch leaders will join Climate Action Planning tables.