

FLORIDA



ENVIRONMENT & CLIMATE THREATS

AIR POLLUTION

- In Florida, approximately 1 out of 13 people live with asthma.
- Florida is home to 4 operational coal fired power plants that received D/F grades in the NAACP Coal Blooded Report: C.D. McIntosh, Stanton, Crist, and Polk.

SEA LEVEL RISE

- Florida has 3.5 million people at risk of coastal flooding.
- By 2050, an additional 1.1 million people are projected to be at risk due to sea level rise.

HEAT

- Florida averages about 23 dangerous heat days a year. By 2050, it is projected to increase to a staggering 130 days; over a third of the year will be dangerously hot.
- This directly harms 650,000 Floridians vulnerable to heat, increasing the number of wildfires, and increasing the number and length of droughts.
- Increase in heat also supercharges storms, leading to stronger storms each year, which directly impacts over 4 million Floridians at risk of inland and coastal flooding.



DOES FLORIDA MEET NAACP *JUST* ENERGY STANDARDS?

TO MEET NAACP *JUST* ENERGY STANDARDS, FLORIDA 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 has an ECJ **committee** and **chair**, and a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT).
2. Tallahassee and Orange County branches will **engage** in Rural Electric Co-Op Democratization projects.
3. Lakeland, Manatee, and Pensacola branches will **launch** Coal Blooded action campaigns to retire the C.D. McIntosh, Crist, and Polk plants and work towards a *just transition* to clean energy.
4. Florida State Conference will **engage** in "Power to the People" campaign to strengthen FL environmental standards.
5. Hillsborough branch will **pass** local Clean Air Ordinance
6. All FL NAACP leaders will **join** local Climate Action Planning Tables