

ILLINOIS



ENVIRONMENT & CLIMATE THREATS

AIR POLLUTION

- Illinois has four coal-fired power plant, ranked an F on the Coal Blooded Report. All four of the plants are owned by the Edison (Crawford, Fisk, Waakengam, Joliet) and the impact on people of color ranges from 83.9% to 41.7%.
- Two of the plants have shut down and two have converted to natural gas. To ensure clean air for all, actions must be taken including retiring coal fired power plants and passing clean air ordinances.

ASTHMA

- In Illinois 979,560 live with asthma. Many live in counties with unhealthy ozone or particle pollution. This can increase risk for asthma and respiratory issues, which lead to missed school days, hospitalization and full respiratory failure.

FLOODING

- In Illinois there are more than 380,000 people living in areas at an elevated risk of inland flooding. In 2013 Des Plaines River, North Branch of the Chicago River and three other rivers record level flooding. One fatality, numerous rescues, many counties were impacted in various ways, For example the City of Chicago had 1200 homes with flooded basements. Overall damages of \$375 million from flash flooding and river flooding.



DOES ILLINOIS MEET NAACP *JUST* ENERGY STANDARDS?

TO MEET NAACP JUST ENERGY STANDARDS, ILLINOIS 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. Illinois Branches will **conduct** Coal Blooded Action Training/Campaign Training to **develop** a *Just Transition* Plan.
3. Illinois Branches should **engage** with their Local Rural Electric Co-op.
4. Illinois State Conference should **infuse** the Black Green Economy with a Bridging the Gap: Connecting the Black Community to the Green Economy Summit.