

KANSAS



ENVIRONMENT & CLIMATE THREATS

AIR POLLUTION

- Kansas, Kansas City Quindaro coal fired power plant is ranked an F in the Coal Blooded Report. According to the report 69.9 % of the population is people of color and the average income within a 3-mile radius is \$15,561. The plant is will shut down two power generation units by the end of 2019. To ensure clean air for all, actions must be taken including retiring coal fired power plants and passing clean air ordinances.

ASTHMA

- In Kansas 268,748 live with asthma. Those that live in counties with unhealthy levels of ozone or particle pollution are at increased risk for asthma and respiratory issues, which lead to missed school days, hospitalization and full respiratory failure.

FLOODING

- In Kansas, there are nearly 130,000 people living in areas at an elevated risk of inland flooding. In 2007 floods in Kansas caused significant damage in 20 counties and loss of life. In addition, 3300 structures were damaged. Basins from Central and into parts of Eastern Kansas were affected.



DOES KANSAS MEET NAACP *JUST* ENERGY STANDARDS?

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