

# MAINE



## ENVIRONMENT & CLIMATE THREATS

### AIR POLLUTION

- The Twin River Energy Center in Wiscasset is Maine's only coal fired power plant listed in the Coal Blooded Report
- More than 4 out of 10 people live in counties with unhealthy levels of ozone or particle pollution.

### FLOODING

- Maine currently has 100 square miles in the 100-year coastal floodplain. By 2050, this is projected to increase to nearly 150 square miles due to sea level rise.



## DOES MAINE MEET NAACP *JUST ENERGY* STANDARDS?

### TO MEET NAACP JUST ENERGY STANDARDS, MAINE 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. Every Branch will host a Bridging the Gap convening and **launch** a *Solar Demonstration Project*.
3. Maine State Conference will **engage** in a Power to the People campaign to **increase** environmental standards.
4. Every Maine branch will **host** Sea Level Rise Training and **launch** a Sea Level Rise Preparedness Project.
5. All Maine NAACP branch leaders will **join** Climate Action Planning tables.