



# MISSOURI



## ENVIRONMENT & CLIMATE THREATS

### AIR POLLUTION

- Missouri is home to 8 coal fired power plants. Coal fueled 81% of Missouri's electricity generation in 2017, and more coal is consumed for electricity generation in Missouri than in all but two other states. Hawthorne Unit 5 is coal burning and rated an F in the Coal Blooded Report, in the City of Kansas City, disproportionately impacting 37% people of color. To ensure clean air for all, actions must be taken including retiring coal fired power plants and passing clean air ordinances.

### ASTHMA

- In Missouri about 669,663 live with asthma. More than 4 out of 10 people live in counties with unhealthy levels of 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

- Heavy downpours triggered massive sewage overflows in St. Louis in December. In Missouri more than 220,000 people are living in areas at elevated risk of inland flooding.



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

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