

NEBRASKA



ENVIRONMENT & CLIMATE THREATS

AIR POLLUTION

- Nebraska is home to 1 operational coal-fired power plant with an F rating in the Coal Blooded Report. The Sheldon plant is set convert unit 2 from coal burning to the largest Hydrogen fueled power plant in the US, beginning in 2020. To ensure clean air for all, actions must be taken including retiring coal fired power plants and passing clean air ordinances.

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. In NE about 149,557 live with asthma.

FLOODING

- In Nebraska, nearly 90,000 people are living in areas at elevated risk of flooding.



DOES NEBRASKA MEET NAACP *JUST ENERGY STANDARDS?*

TO MEET NAACP *JUST ENERGY STANDARDS*, NEBRASKA 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. Nebraska Branch will **conduct** Coal Blooded Action Training/Campaign Training to be involved in the conversion of the Sheldon Plant and **develop** a *Just Transition* Plan.
3. Nebraska Branches should **engage** with their Local Rural Electric Co-op.
4. Nebraska State Conference should **infuse** the Black Green Economy with a Bridging the Gap: Connecting the Black Community to the Green Economy Summit.