

# NEW JERSEY



## ENVIRONMENT & CLIMATE THREATS

### AIR POLLUTION

- Hudson and Mercer are two of New Jersey's coal plants.
- More than 4 out of 10 people live in counties with unhealthy levels of ozone or particle pollution.

### FLOODING

- By 2050, an additional 110,000 people are projected to be at risk due to sea level rise
- The highest observed flood level at Atlantic City was 4 ft above local high tide line.
- At this flood level, more than \$75 billion worth of property and 750 hazardous waste sites in the state are at risk of coastal flooding.



## DOES NEW JERSEY MEET NAACP *JUST* ENERGY STANDARDS?

### TO MEET NAACP JUST ENERGY STANDARDS, NEW JERSEY 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. New Jersey Branches will host a Bridging the Gap Convening.
3. New Jersey State Conference will **engage** in a Power to the People campaign to **increase** environmental standards.
4. Every branch will **host** Sea Level Rise Training and **launch** a Sea Level Rise Preparedness Project.
5. All NJ NAACP branch leaders will **join** Climate Action Planning tables.