ENENVIRONMENT & CLIMATE THREATS

Air Pollution
- New York is home to three major coal fire power plants: CR Huntley in Erie County, AES Somerset in Niagara County, and Dunkirk in Chautauqua County.

Asthma
- About 400,000 children and 1.5 million adults in New York suffer from asthma.

Flooding
- 430,000 people in New York are at risk of a 100-year coastal flood.
- By 2050, an additional 230,000 people are projected to be at risk.

Does New York Meet NAACP JUST Energy Standards?

To meet NAACP JUST Energy Standards, New York 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 York State Conference will **engage** in a Power to the People campaign to **increase** environmental standards.
3. All New York NAACP branch leaders will **join** Climate Action Planning tables.