

OHIO



ENVIRONMENT & CLIMATE THREATS

AIR POLLUTION

- Ohio has one coal fired power plant ranked an F in the Coal Blooded Report. The Eastlake plant impacts 3.3% people of color and low income people. Units 4-5 were retired in 2012 and units 1-3 in 2015 unit 6 is planned for retirement by June 1, 2021. To ensure clean air for all, actions must be taken including retiring coal fired power plants and passing clean air ordinances.

ASTHMA

- In Ohio, 2,168,269 people live with asthma. Many live in counties with unhealthy 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

- In Ohio there are more than 400,000 people living in areas at an elevated risk of inland flooding. A deadly flash flood occurred in in 1990. There were 26 known deaths in Ohio during the event.



DOES OHIO MEET NAACP *JUST* ENERGY STANDARDS?

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