

VERMONT



ENVIRONMENT & CLIMATE THREATS

AIR POLLUTION

- Vermont has no coal fire power plant.
- 53% of the total air pollution in Vermont is caused by motor vehicles.

ASTHMA

- 11% of Vermont adults have asthma. The national average is 9%.
- Children under age 5: 19 hospitalizations per 10,000 people in Vermont versus 41.4 in the United States.
- People ages 5 to 64: 4.9 hospitalizations per 10,000 people in Vermont versus 11.1 nationwide.

EXTREME HEAT

- Vermont is the only state in the country that has ONE climate risk: extreme heat.
- By 2050, Vermont is predicted to have 50 heat wave days a year.



DOES VERMONT MEET NAACP *JUST ENERGY STANDARDS?*

TO MEET NAACP *JUST ENERGY STANDARDS*, VERMONT 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. Vermont State Conference will **engage** in a Power to the People campaign to **increase** environmental standards.
3. All Vermont NAACP branch leaders will **join** Climate Action Planning tables.