

# **Environmental Advocacy in North Carolina**

**Presentation to Leadership NC**

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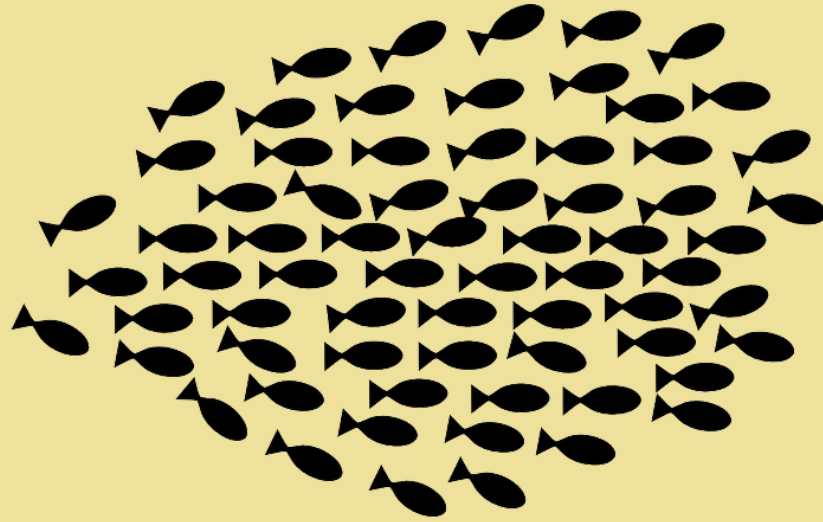
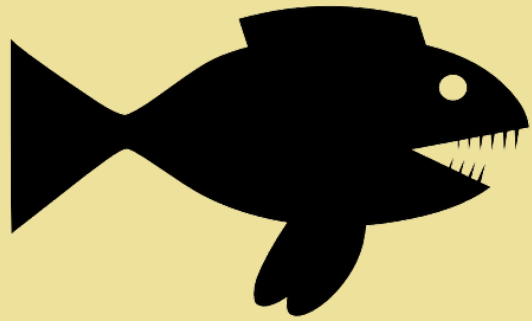
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## MISSION

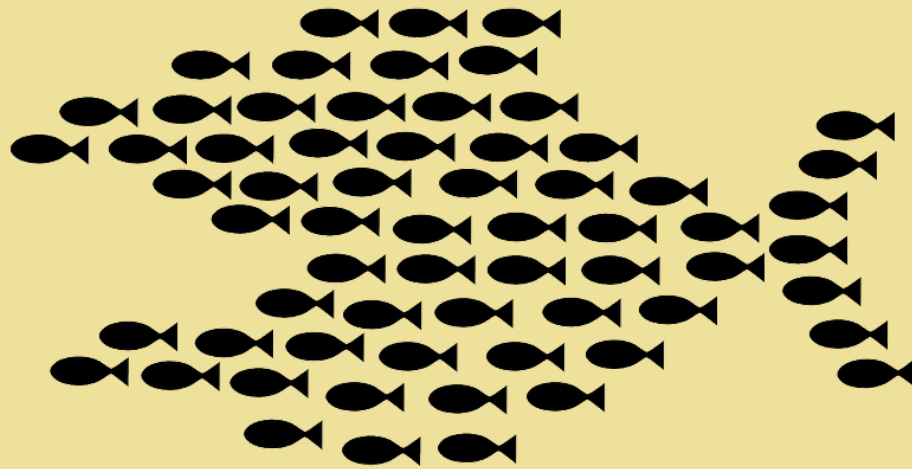
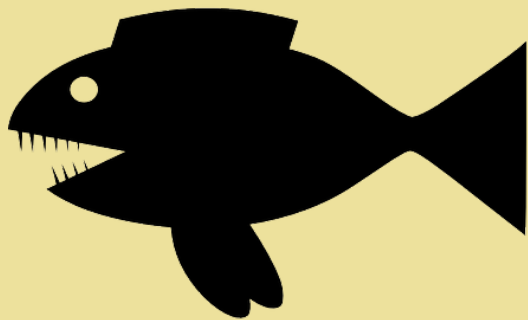
NC Conservation Network supports, trains, and coordinates diverse groups and directly advocates to achieve equitable and sustainable solutions for our environment.

## VISION

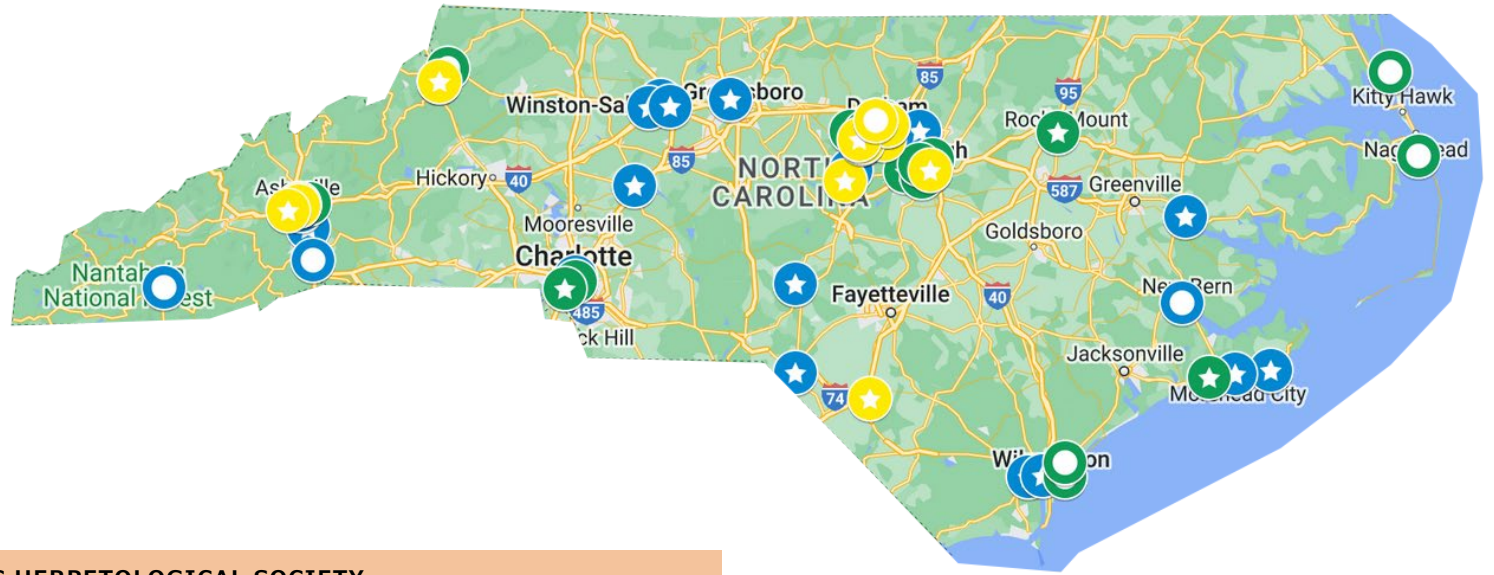
Our vision is for diverse groups to engage in environmental policy decision-making at all levels of government – creating a North Carolina committed to improving and protecting the state’s vast natural resources, fostering environmental justice, and ensuring healthy, sustainable communities with a high quality of life.



***ORGANIZE!***



350 TRIANGLE  
 AMERICAN RIVERS  
 APPALACHIAN VOICES  
 AUDUBON NORTH CAROLINA  
 BIKEWALKNC  
 CAROLINA ADVOCATES FOR CLIMATE, HEALTH & EQUITY  
 CAPE FEAR CITIZENS FOR A SAFE ENVIRONMENT  
 CAPE FEAR RIVER WATCH  
 CAROLINA FARM STEWARDSHIP ASSOCIATION  
 CAROLINA WETLANDS ASSOCIATION  
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 CATAWBA RIVERKEEPER FOUNDATION  
 CLEANAIRE NC  
 CLEAN WATER FOR NC  
 COMMUNITY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
 CONSERVATION TRUST FOR NC  
 DEFENDERS OF WILDLIFE  
 DEMOCRACY NORTH CAROLINA  
 DOGWOOD ALLIANCE  
 DUKE ENVIRONMENTAL LAW AND POLICY CLINIC  
 EARTHSHARE NC  
 ELLERBE CREEK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION  
 ENVIRONMENT NC  
 ENVIRONMENTAL DEFENSE FUND  
 ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATORS OF NORTH CAROLINA  
 ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE CAN  
 FOREST KEEPER  
 FRIENDS OF FORSYTH  
 FRIENDS OF PLANT CONSERVATION  
 FRIENDS OF THE DEEP RIVER  
 GENERATION 180  
 GOOD STEWARDS OF ROCKINGHAM  
 HAW RIVER ASSEMBLY  
 INTERFAITH CREATION CARE OF THE TRIANGLE  
 LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS NORTH CAROLINA  
 MOUNTAINTRUE  
 NATIONAL SIERRA CLUB  
 NATURAL RESOURCES DEFENSE COUNCIL  
 NC CLIMATE SOLUTIONS COALITION  
 NC COASTAL FEDERATION  
 NC COMPOSTING COUNCIL  
 NC ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE NETWORK



NC HERPETOLOGICAL SOCIETY  
 NC INTERFAITH POWER & LIGHT  
 NC LEAGUE OF CONSERVATION VOTERS  
 NC SIERRA CLUB  
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 RIVER GUARDIAN FOUNDATION  
 RIVER NETWORK  
 SAVE OUR SANDHILLS INC.  
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 SOUND RIVERS  
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 SOUTHERN ENVIRONMENTAL LAW CENTER  
 SOUTHWINGS  
 TOWARD ZERO WASTE  
 TOXIC FREE NC  
 THE UMSTEAD COALITION  
 WAKEUP WAKE COUNTY  
 WATERKEEPER ALLIANCE  
 WINYAH RIVERS ALLIANCE  
 YADKIN RIVERKEEPER

# Our Affiliates

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# **Top Environmental Issues in NC**



@NCCAPITOL

## NC passes 'transformative' energy bill

Concerns over costs and fine print remain for some, but there's massive bipartisan support for a bill tackling climate change and the electric rate-making process.

Posted 3:34 p.m. Oct 7, 2021 — Updated 5:00 p.m. Oct 7, 2021

# Climate Change

POLITICS & GOVERNMENT

## From new natural gas to potential rate hikes, NC carbon reduction plan meets criticism

BY ADAM WAGNER

UPDATED JANUARY 16, 2023 11:26 AM



## World is on brink of catastrophic warming, U.N. climate change report says

A dangerous climate threshold is near, but 'it does not mean we are doomed' if swift action is taken, scientists say



By Sarah Kaplan

Updated March 20, 2023 at 5:33 p.m. EDT | Published March 20, 2023 at 9:01 a.m. EDT



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## Discharge permit requires Chemours remove 99.9% of PFAS

09/19/2022 by [Jennifer Allen](#)

# Forever Chemicals



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## EPA proposes first standards to make drinking water safer from ‘forever chemicals’



By [Jen Christensen](#), CNN

Updated 3:53 PM EDT, Wed March 15, 2023



# Environmental Justice

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## At Sampson County event, Eastern NC residents ask Cooper for protection from pollution

BY ADAM WAGNER

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## Two-decade effort realized in just months

Renewed grassroots pursuit leads to \$13M grant

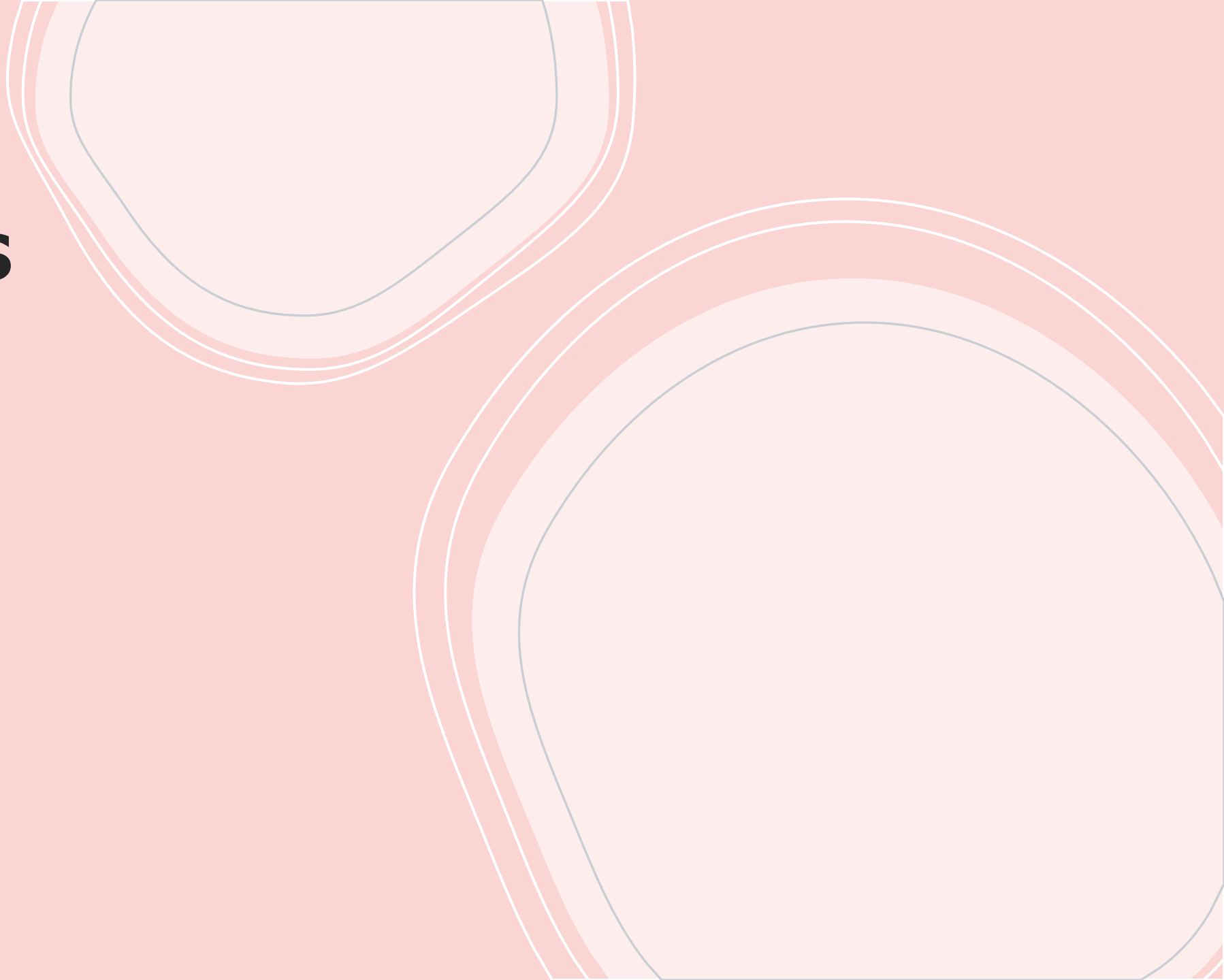
By Chris Berendt [cberendt@clintonnc.com](mailto:cberendt@clintonnc.com) - October 4, 2022

# Infrastructure



Gov. Roy Cooper poses with Commissioner Thaddeus Godwin, far left, and a group of others that, from left, includes: Sherri White-Williamson, Denise Fennell Robinson and Craig Henry.

# Questions



# Have you seen changes that indicate climate change is taking place?

Yes

No

# Has your community recently dealt with an environmental challenge?

Yes

No

# Do you see economic opportunities for your community that include taking steps to protect the environment?

Yes

No

# **Do you have plans – either in your personal or professional capacity - to take advantage of federal infrastructure funds to address environmental issues?**

Yes

No

# Thank You!

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