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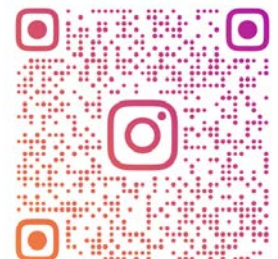
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BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

WHAT IS THE BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM?

THE BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS FELLOWSHIP AIMS TO INCREASE THE PRESENCE OF HISTORICALLY UNDERREPRESENTED AND MARGINALIZED GROUPS IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT, INCLUDING WOMEN, PEOPLE OF COLOR, MEMBERS OF THE LBGTQIA+ COMMUNITY, AND MORE. THE PROGRAM CONSISTS OF MONTHLY COURSES DESIGNED TO HELP FELLOWS UNDERSTAND THE PURPOSE OF LOCAL BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS, HOW THESE BODIES FUNCTION, THE PROCESS OF BECOMING A MEMBER, AND STRATEGIES FOR MAXIMIZING THEIR IMPACT ON THEIR COMMUNITY. FELLOWS COLLABORATE WITH EACH OTHER AND WITH A PERSONALIZED LOCAL MENTOR TO UNDERSTAND THE PROCESS OF AND PREPARE FOR COMMUNITY-LEVEL CHANGEMAKING.

WE WILL BEGIN TAKING APPLICATIONS FOR OUR 2025 CLASS ON OCTOBER 1ST!

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN MORE INFORMATION REGARDING OUR BOARDS & COMMISSIONS FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM, PLEASE CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE:

[BOARDS & COMMISSIONS WEBSITE](#)

SESSION 4 REFLECTION

THE BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM SUCCESSFULLY HELD THEIR FOURTH SESSION ON JULY 13TH! THE SESSION WAS KICKED OFF BY SALLY HODGES-COPPLE, PUBLIC POLICY ANALYST FOR NC BUDGET & TAX CENTER. HER PRESENTATION FOCUSED ON PUBLIC BUDGETS, THE ALLOCATION OF FUNDS, AND HOW THE COMMUNITY IS IMPACTED BY THESE DECISIONS, AS WELL AS RESOURCE MATERIAL TO EMPOWER FELLOWS TO BE ACTIVE IN THEIR LOCAL MUNICIPAL BUDGET AND HOW TO ADVOCATE FOR EQUITY!

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS WOULD LIKE TO THANK SALLY FOR SHARING HER TIME AND KNOWLEDGE WITH US! THE BUDGET PRESENTATION WAS FOLLOWED BY A PUBLIC BUDGETS ACTIVITY!

ROBERT LEAK III, LEAD ORGANIZER FOR POWER UP NC WINSTON SALEM, FOLLOWED UP THE AFTERNOON SESSION WITH UNDERSTANDING THE IMPORTANCE OF PARLIAMNETARY PROCEDURE. IMPLEMENTING A REAL TIME DEMONSTRATION ON HOW TO EFFECTIVELY USE ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER. HE IS EXPERIENCED ON HOW TO EFFECTIVELY USE PARLIAMNETARY PROCEDURE ON HOW TO EFFECTIVELY MOVE A MOTION, AND ADVANCE A BOARD MEETING. HE HAS WORKED WITH US THROUGHOUT OUR TRAINING TO HELP FELLOWS BE PREPARED TO SERVE ON A PUBLIC BOARD OR COMMISSION. PARLIAMNETARY PROCEDURE IS A NECESSARY SKILL TO BE SUCCESSFUL IN ADVANCING CIVIC ENGAGEMENT FOR THE COMMUNITY.

A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL
THE SPEAKERS WHO
GENEROUSLY SHARED THEIR
TIME WITH OUR GROUP!



ROBERT LEAK III



SALLY HODGES COPPLE

WE ARE EAGERLY ANTICIPATING
OUR AUGUST SESSION!



NC BUDGET & TAX CENTER

EVER WONDER WHERE YOU CAN STAY INFORMED ABOUT WHAT OUR LAWMAKERS ARE UP TO, HOW OUR TAX DOLLARS ARE BEING SPENT, OR HOW YOU CAN TAKE ACTION TO ENSURE THAT THE INTERESTS OF WEALTHY INDIVIDUALS & CORPORATIONS ARE NOT BEING PRIORITIZED OVER THE NEEDS OF EVERYDAY PEOPLE?

VISIT THE NC BUDGET & TAX CENTER TO EXPLORE IN-DEPTH ANALYSES AND INSIGHTS ON HOW NC'S BUDGET IMPACT LOCAL COMMUNITIES. UNCOVER THE STORIES BEHIND THE NUMBERS AND SEE HOW INFORMED BUDGETING CAN DRIVE POSITIVE CHANGE IN OUR STATE!

STAY INFORMED!




BLOG

In Wake Of NC Leaders Missing Another Budget Deadline, We Demand Tax Policy, Budget That Puts People First

July 12, 2024

TAKE ACTION!



ACTION

June 25, 2024

Tell Your Local Officials To Advocate AGAINST A Constitutional Amendment That Will Hurt Local Revenue!

**CHECK OUT
THE BETTER NC
FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM!**



**KEEP UP WITH ALL THE
LATEST NEWS!**

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ENVIRONMENTAL NEWS

DUKE'S NEW PLAN – SPEND MORE, MAKE MORE, POLLUTE MORE!

DUKE'S LATEST CARBON REDUCTION PLAN IS CURRENTLY BEING CONSIDERED BY THE NC UTILITIES COMMISSION. IT IS THE OPPOSITE OF LEAST COST AND MOST RELIABLE, AND DEFINITELY DOESN'T HELP US EFFECTIVELY TRANSITION TO CLEAN, RENEWABLE ENERGY." THIS MEANS HIGHER ENERGY BILLS, AND EVEN MORE POLLUTION FOR NC.

CLICK HERE TO SIGN OUR PETITION FOR A STRONG, CLEAN, AFFORDABLE, & EQUITABLE NC CARBON PLAN!



Hold Duke Energy Accountable

By law, Duke Energy is required to put forward a carbon reduction plan every 2 years that provides the lowest cost and most reliable energy.

 North Carolina League of Conservation Voters /

STAFF HIGHLIGHT

A portrait of Maraim Rivera, a woman with long dark hair and glasses, wearing a blue denim shirt. She is positioned in front of a field of sunflowers under a blue sky with white clouds. The portrait is framed by a white rounded rectangle.

MARAIM RIVERA

**BOARDS & COMMISSIONS FELLOWSHIP
PROGRAM COORDINATOR - NCLCVF**

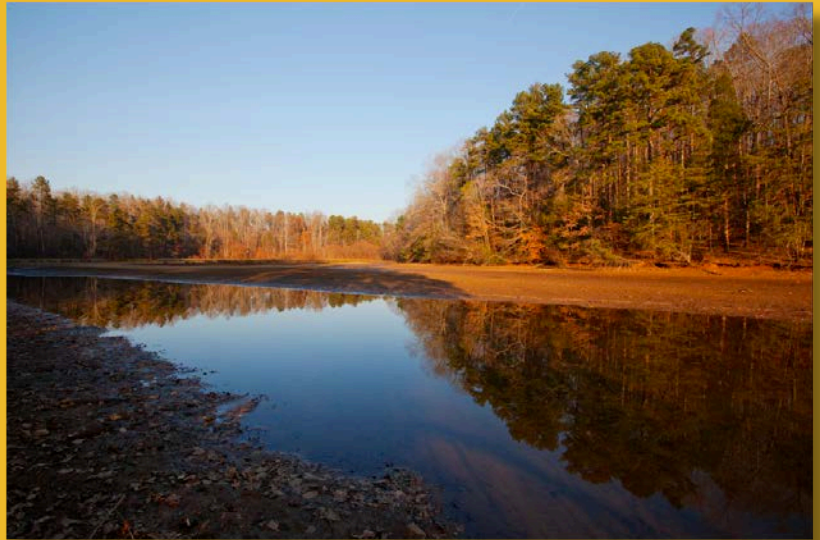
MARAIM FIRST BECAME INVOLVED WITH THE NCLCVF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM IN APRIL 2022 AS A FELLOW. SHE LATER JOINED THE BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS TEAM AS THEIR PROGRAM COORDINATOR IN 2024. SHE PREVIOUSLY WORKED IN THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY SPECIFICALLY IN COMMERCIAL ROOFING AS A SERVICE MANAGER. SHE BRINGS WITH HER STRONG ORGANIZATIONAL AND PROJECT MANAGEMENT SKILLS. OUTSIDE OF WORK MARAIM IS A WIFE AND A MOTHER OF 2, SERENITY & MARCELINA. SHE ENJOYS COOKING, SPENDING TIME WITH HER FAMILY, AND TRAVELING.

ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS DAYS

NATIONAL PARKS WEEK

JULY 26TH - AUGUST 2ND

NATIONAL PARKS WEEK IS MEANT TO ENCOURAGE ALL PEOPLE TO VISIT THEIR LOCAL PARKS AND TAKE SOME TIME TO GET FRESH AIR, WALK YOUR DOG, RIDE YOUR BIKE, ENJOY A PICNIC, ETC. DOING THIS IS COMPLETELY FREE, AND ALLOWS YOU THE OPPORTUNITY TO BOOST YOUR PHYSICAL, MENTAL AND SOCIAL HEALTH! URBAN AND CITY PARKS SERVE AS ENVIRONMENTAL PURIFIERS, BUT ALSO PROVIDES THE PRESERVATION AND CONSERVATION OF WILDLIFE AND PLANTLIFE.



HERE ARE SOME STATE PARKS YOU COULD VISIT IN NC:

- LAKE NORMAN STATE PARK
- MAYO RIVER STATE PARK
- OCCONEECHEE MOUNTAIN STATE NATURAL AREA
- CARVERS CREEK STATE PARK
- HANGING ROCK STATE PARK

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE WORLD'S INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

AUGUST 9TH

THE DAY WAS FIRST COMMEMORATED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE UNITED NATIONS (UN) IN 1994, WITH AUGUST 9 MARKING THE FIRST MEETING OF THE UN WORKING GROUP ON INDIGENOUS POPULATIONS OF THE SUB-COMMISSION ON THE PROMOTION AND PROTECTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN 1982.

THIS DAY IS COMMEMORATED TO RAISE AWARENESS AND PROTECT THE RIGHTS OF THE WORLD'S INDIGENOUS POPULATION. IT'S ALSO MEANT TO RECOGNIZE THE ACHIEVEMENTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLE WHILE HIGHLIGHTING THE CHALLENGES MANY INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES FACE, INCLUDING POVERTY, DISCRIMINATION, AND LACK OF ACCESS TO EDUCATION AND HEALTHCARE.

SOURCE

FELLOWS ON THE MOVE!



TERRA WRIGHT

CLASS OF 2023 FELLOW

CONGRATULATIONS TO TERRA FOR BEING THE LATEST FELLOW TO JOIN NCLCVF! SHE WILL BE THE FIELD ORGANIZER FOR POWER UP IN FAYETTEVILLE.



DORIS WALLACE

CLASS OF 2022 FELLOW

CURRENTLY SERVES AS A BOARD MEMBER FOR NCLCVF & IS A MENTOR FOR THE B&C FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM!



TREMONA PURVIS

CLASS OF 2023 FELLOW

TREMONA PURVIS - RECENTLY HELD HER THIRD ANNUAL "LADY SINGS THE BLUES SPONSORSHIP BRUNCH", WHICH SHE STATES IS "A HEARTFELT AND DEEPLY COMPASSIONATE TRIBUTE TO THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF MAKIEYA RAE SMITH (HER DAUGHTER). THIS CHERISHED EVENT BROUGHT TOGETHER FRIENDS, FAMILY, AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS FOR AN AFTERNOON STEEPED IN WORSHIP, PRAISE, AND SOULFUL ENTERTAINMENT. IT WAS A DAY DEDICATED NOT ONLY TO HONORING MAKIEYA'S MEMORY BUT ALSO TO PROVIDING A SPACE FOR HEALING AND RENEWAL. THE ATMOSPHERE WAS IMBUED WITH LOVE AND REVERENCE, ALLOWING ATTENDEES TO REFLECT, REJOICE, AND FIND COMFORT IN EACH OTHER'S COMPANY. AS THE AFTERNOON UNFOLDED, HEARTS WERE TOUCHED, SPIRITS WERE UPLIFTED, AND SOULS WERE NOURISHED, LEAVING EVERYONE WHO ATTENDED FEELING DEEPLY CONNECTED AND PROFOUNDLY INSPIRED, THEIR LIVES ENRICHED BY THE SHARED EXPERIENCE."

FELLOWS ON THE MOVE!



WILLIAM "DEVON" TERRY CLASS OF 2023 FELLOW

CURRENTLY SERVES AS A BOARD MEMBER FOR NCLCVF AND IS A MENTOR FOR THE B&C FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM!

LYNETTE ADDISON

CLASS OF 2024 FELLOW



LYNETTE WORKS WITH THE FOLLOWING GRASSROOT PROGRAMS: "OUR OPPORTUNITY 2 LOVE & HEAL" & "MOMS DEMAND ACTION." AS A RESULT, SHE PARTICIPATED IN AN EVENT IN WASHINGTON D.C., WHERE SHE WAS ABLE TO MEET WITH THE PRESIDENT, AT GUN SENSE UNIVERSITY.



HONORING YOUR COMMITMENTS

ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT WAYS TO SHOW YOUR COMMITMENT TO A VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATION IS TO SHOW UP AND FOLLOW THROUGH ON YOUR COMMITMENTS, USE YOUR VOICE OF ADVOCACY TO CREATE EQUITY AND INCLUSION. BE PUNCTUAL, RELIABLE, CONSISTENT, AND STICK TO YOUR AGREED SCHEDULE AND HOURS.

YOUR BOARDS & COMMISSIONS TEAM



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