

# Southeast Region Environmental Justice Summit Agenda

Convened by Harambee House/Citizens for Environmental Justice

June 7-11, 2023

Atlanta, GA.



# WELCOME LETTER

We are so excited about gathering the family from the Southeast region of the United States. It is so great to see your faces, to hear your voices, and to sit down and plan our future together. It is through collective work and responsibility that we will be able to build power to achieve Justice not only in our region but across our country. "Letter from Birmingham Jail" is an open letter written on April 16th, 1963 by the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King. The letter defends the strategy of non-violent resistance to racism. It says that people have a moral responsibility to break unjust laws and to take direct action rather than waiting potentially forever for Justice to come through the courts. He said Injustice anywhere is a threat to Justice everywhere. I am reminded by his words in that same letter which said, "I am cognizant of the interrelatedness of all. We are caught in an escapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly."

Our time is now to come together to link ourselves in a strong, united, regional network working towards the same goals. The Southeast regional 10-year Strategic Action Plan is critical to us in addressing environmental justice and the climate impacts we're experiencing daily.

At this summit, we will roll up our sleeves and get down to business. When we walk away, we will have a draft action plan that will guide our work over the next decade.

# WELCOME LETTER

HARAMBEE means let's pull together. As we engage in the fight of our lives I am reminded by my mom's spirit to share this prayer with you. Oh Creator, when our minds are sick with frustration and division; when fear eats away the foundations of our peace, be present our Creator to heal, to bless, and make whole; when our hearts are heavy with sorrow and misery; when only heaviness is our daily portion, be present oh our Creator to heal, to bless, and relieve; when our friends are difficult because of misunderstanding and loss, when the beauty of comradeship has been wasted like the noonday, be present oh Creator to restore, to bless, and renew. When the thread of our years unwinds near the end of the spool, when the failing powers of mind and body accent the passing days, be present oh Creator to reassure, to make steady, and confirm. When our well-ordered plans fall apart in our hands; when hopes give up having run their course, be present oh Creator to replenish, to recreate, and redeem.

When faith in our people wallows in the mud; when through disappointment, through failure, through flattery, all seems lost, be present oh Creator to restore, to revise, to reorder, to renew, and to reassure.

Amen, Ameen, Ase

Dr. Mildred McClain, Founder

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# **Program Dedication**

**Dr. David Rivers**





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Dr. David Rivers was Atlanta's first African American Commissioner of Budget and Planning and the first African American to hold a citywide elective office in Charleston, SC. He was elected as a Charleston representative on the Commissioners of Public Works in 2003 and reelected in November. Rivers had extensive experience in planning, financial management, and environmental protection. Serving on dozens of boards and commissions, Rivers worked to develop connections between policymakers at the local and national levels. Over the course of his career, Rivers worked in a number of roles at the Medical University of South Carolina. During his time at MUSC, he conducted nationwide community leadership programs that explored health disparities and environmental justice issues. He also served as chairman of the National Conference on Health Disparities.

Prior to working for MUSC, Rivers worked in upper-level positions with the city of Atlanta and the Atlanta Regional Commission. He held multiple advanced degrees, including a bachelor's in urban affairs and a master's in political science and public administration, both from Georgia State University. He completed a Ph.D. in political science from the university as well. Rivers also completed fellowships through the National Urban Fellows Program in Public Administration at Yale University and the Riley Institute's Diversity Leadership Initiative at Furman University. Rivers was the city's first African American elected to a citywide position. In addition to his professional roles, Rivers dedicated his free time to public service. He served on the board of over a dozen local and national organizations. He was chairman of the James E. Clyburn Research and Scholarship Foundation and president of the Jonathan Green Foundation. Locally, he served on boards such as the Community Foundation, the Charleston Regional Development Alliance, 100 Black Men of Charleston, and the South Carolina Aquarium.



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**Connie Tucker**



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## Connie Tucker

Connie Tucker was a Black freedom struggle and an environmental justice (EJ) movement leader. She was also a political prisoner during the Black Power era. Tucker honed her grassroots activist sensibilities at the University of South Florida (USF) in Tampa. She and Askia Muhammad Aquil co-founded the Afro-American Society, organizing activities including a 1969 protest that helped initiate USF's Afro-American Studies program.

In 1970, the colleagues founded Black Youth for Peace and Power (BYPP), an organization dedicated to exposing the drawbacks of school desegregation and protesting the Vietnam War. Tucker's activism connected her with the Junta of Militant Organizations (JOMO) that same year. Founded by Omali Yeshitela, JOMO was a Pan-Africanist group with the vision of functioning as a central body for the Black freedom struggle. Tucker worked in JOMO's St. Petersburg office, serving as Florida state chairperson, and staffing the *Burning Spear* Newspaper.

Due to her activism, Tucker became entangled in the web of federal and local efforts to suppress antiwar and Black freedom struggle activities. Agents from the Federal Bureau of Investigations' Counterintelligence Program and the Tampa Police Department's Criminal Intelligence Division (CID) targeted both BYPP and JOMO. Tucker resultingly faced a series of arrests and detainments in 1970. In 1971, a judge sentenced her to five years in the state penitentiary for allegedly possessing a fragment of a marijuana joint, evidence officers never produced in court.

Tucker received a Resourceful Women's Award for sustainability work and a 1998 Bannerman Fellowship for lifelong activism. She succumbed to lung cancer on September 26, 2015, in Atlanta, Georgia at age 64. Tucker's family honored her commitment to the global struggle for Black freedom and equality by laying her to rest in Juffureh, The Gambia, home of Kunta Kinteh. They will also develop the Connie Tucker Legacy Center which will comprise a museum, library, skills training center, and lodging in the village of Juffureh.

[www.connietuckerlegacyfoundtion.com](http://www.connietuckerlegacyfoundtion.com)



# Letter of Support

Dear sisters and brothers, the world needs you now more than ever.

While it is with great joy that this community of southern environmental leaders is gathering to strategize, I am deeply saddened that I cannot be there with you in person. The Southeast Environmental Justice Summit could not happen at a more critical time. Right now our nation is defining justice-centered solutions through the administration's Justice 40 Executive Order while responding to the needs of a just energy transition. At the same time globally, we are grappling with the immediate impacts of climate change on vulnerable populations and determining how best to eliminate environmental pollution including oil & gas and petrochemical expansion. There is much work to be done and we need all hands, hearts, and minds focused on survival for the next generation.

But we are not new to this work. As experienced leaders, stakeholders, and members of the southeastern community, facing these challenges has been part of our DNA. Environmental survival has been foundational to every social justice movement--and most if not all have begun in the South. That is why this summit is so aptly named, "Our Moment, Our Movement". The tenacity, creativity, and ingenuity of the southeast are the climate expertise needed for such a time as this. I am re-reading Booker T. Washington's "Up from Slavery" and personally, it is reminding me of how important it is to remain connected to the people and places that have made us who we are. I look forward to not only hearing about but working alongside you to create a strategy and implement plans that will center justice and equity in environmental solutions for the next 10 years.

The world needs us all, and together we can make it work.

All the best,

Heather McTeer Toney

Southeast Resident, mother & friend

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**Date:** Wednesday, June 7

**Time:**

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| 12:00 pm-3:30 pm | Atlanta Justice40RWARD Environmental Justice Tour (Meet in the lobby)  |
| 3:30 pm-4:30 pm  | ACA-NET (Academic Institutions-Community-Agency Network) Justice 40 Roundtable   |
| 4:30 pm-5:30 pm  | <b>Green Residential Housing/Climate Adaption and Resiliency</b><br><b>Moderator:</b> Cosco Jones<br><b>Panelist:</b> James Metoyer, Enner City Collaborative; John Jordan, Jr. Remix Green Energy Equity Community<br><b>Endowment:</b> Markeese Bryant, Revalue/Green Energy Equity<br><b>Community Endowment:</b> Raina Turner-Greenlea, Black Sustainability Network |
| 6:00 pm-8:00 pm  | Welcome Reception<br><b>Remarks-</b> Shalaya Morrisette, Chief of Minority Business and Workforce Division, Department of Energy   |
| 7:00 pm-9:00 pm  | State Circle Huddles   |

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**Date:** Thursday, June 8

**Time:**

- 7:00 am Tai-Chi- Master Heg Robinson,  
Tai Chi Academy (Ivy Room)
- 8:00 am Breakfast- Highland Ballroom
- 9:15 am **Opening Ceremony:**  
Melanie A. Famble; Earl Tully, Navajo Nation; Teresa Juarez, Peace Development Fund Navajo Nation; Oyotunji Village Drummers, Tribute to the Ancestors
- 9:45 am **Welcome Remarks:** Dr. Mildred McClain, Founder, Harambee House, Citizens for Environmental Justice; Chandra Farley, Chief Sustainability Officer, Atlanta
- 10:00 am **Keynote Address-** Jeaneanne Gettle, Acting Regional Administrator, EPA Region 4
- 10:20 am **EPA Region 4 discussion:** Brian Holtzclaw, Section Chief |Environmental Justice and Children's Health Section (EJCHS), Tami Thomas-Burton, Sr. Public Health Scientist |Regional EJ Coordinator

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11:00 am                      Concurrent Sessions:  
Youth Track:  
Youth Advocacy for Resilience to Disasters (YARDs) Program (11 am-12 pm)- Dr. Allen Hyde, Georgia Tech  
Youth Track (1 pm-5 pm)-See page 21

The Key to Managing Federal Funding-  
Randall Frazier, RGF Management

12:00 pm                      Lunch-  
Keynote Speaker-Dr. Latoria Whitehead

1:00 pm                      Citizens of the EJ Movement Panel: Rev. Michael Malcolm, Gulf South; Justin Merrick, TN.; Jocelyn Davis, Africatown; Treva Gear, Dogwood Alliance, GA.

1:00 pm                      Mapping Room Community Engagement Experience (Available 1 pm -5 pm)  
Dr. Russ Clark, Georgia Tech

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| <b>Time:</b> | <b>Date:</b> Thursday, June 8  |
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| 2:00 pm      | State Circles  |
| 3:00 pm      | Break  |
| 3:30 pm      | Environmental Justice Community Development and Systems Change Panel: Queen Mother Miaisha Mitchell, Greater Frenchtown Revitalization Council/Tallahassee Food Network;; Raina Turner-Greenlea, Black Sustainability Network; Dr. Erica Holloman-Hill, DOE PNNL_ES4SE Collaborative/Harambee House Resiliency Hub; Dr. Afia Zakiya, Independent Africana Studies Scholar & EJ Activist Ubuntu Climate Resilience Movement Advisor |
| 4:30 pm      | Special Keynote: Rural Engagement; The Importance and Critical Value: Michelle Moore, Groundswell  |
| 4:45 pm      | Environmental Justice Community Development and Systems Change; Agriculture and Food Security/Center of Agri Ecology, FAMU: Dr. Densu Kwame; Tammy Shepard, North Carolina Black Sustainability and African American Farmers   |

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4:45 pm                      Continued: Environmental Justice Food Security and Georgia Black Farmers, Dr. Monica White, African American, Black Farmer's Agriculture Cooperative Environmental Justice and Equity and Agricultural Sovereignty and Food Security.

5:30 pm                      Keynote: Environmental Justice Community Development Systems Change/Environmental Health and Equity: Dr. Stephanie Miles-Richardson, Morehouse School of Medicine

6:00 pm                      State Circles Dinner

8:00 pm                      Tribute to Juneteenth: Special Performance by The Gullah Geechee Ring Shouters



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**Date:** Friday, June 9

**Time:**

- 7:00 am Tai-Chi
- 8:00 am Breakfast  
**Keynote:** Honorable Rep. Harold Mitchell, ReGenesis Institute, SC.
- 9:00 am **Corporate Responsibility in the Environmental Justice Movement: Introduction:** Geri Yang  
**Moderator:** Kasheef Wyzard. Dream.org  
**Panelist:** John Moon, Wells Fargo; Kerri Maddock, Google/Nest
- 10:00 am **HBCU Collaborating Environmental Justice:**  
**Moderator:** Dr. Richard Gragg, Florida A&M University, **Panelists:** Dr. Turner, Clark-Atlanta University; Dr. Fatemeh Shafiei, Spelman College; Dr. Padget, Tennessee State; Dr. Nicky Sheats, Union for Concerned Scientists
- 11:00 am **Concurrent Sessions:**  
-Youth Track  
-Greenlink Focus Group: Matt Cox, Founder, Greenlink Analytics  
-Asset-Based Community Development: Jennifer Hirsh and Ruthie Yow, Georgia Tech, Serve, Learn, and Sustain

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Lunch

Keynote- Jessica Ennis, White House Council on Environmental Quality; Rev. Brendolyn Jenkins-Boseman, Imani Group, SC.

1:00 pm

**Southeast Sustainability Directors Network City Government Session:** Chandra Farley, Chief Sust. Officer, City of Atlanta, Nick Delfey, Sust. Dir., City of Savannah, Michael Dexter, Director of Federal Programs

2:00 pm

**Grassroots Policy Panel:**

**Moderator:** Dr. Yomi Noibi, EcoAction

**Panelists:** Clarence Williams, Community Organizer, The Chapel Hill Organization Inc. and Justice on Chapel Hill, Inc.; Leon Jacobs, CeCe Grant, CG Consulting, LLC.; Helia Bidad, Yale Fellow-Landloss Prevention Project, Land Tenure and Environmental Justice

3:00 pm

Break

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3:30 pm

Philanthropy in the Environmental Justice Movement: Moderator: Jessica (Jessie) Buendia, Dream.org Panelist: Melanie Allen, The Hive Fund, Alicia Scott, Energy Foundation, Marisa Vertrees, Union of Concerned Scientist

4:30 pm

Environmental Justice Community Development in the Southeast Region and the Global South: Tashya Allen, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; Ricardo Barris, Atlanta Black Chamber/Black Sustainability Network Global Membership

5:30 pm

Closing Ceremony

6:00 pm

Science and Community Engagement Reception: Sponsored by EPICenter, hosted at Georgia Tech Kendeda Building

**Date:** Saturday, June 10

7:00 am

Tai-chi

8:00 am

Breakfast

**Keynote:** Executive Order on Environmental Justice-Vernice Miller-Travis, The Metropolitan Group

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**Date:** Saturday, June 10

**Time:**

9:00 am **Keynote Address:** Dr. Mildred McClain, Harambee House; J. Kyle Bryant, EPA Region 4, TicTac Centers; Dr. Nicky Sheats, Federal Legislation, "Whats in it for you?"

10:00 am **International Environmental Justice and the Connection to the Southeast: Moderator:** Felicia Davis, The HBCU Green Fund **Panelist:** Kim Gaddy, SWEA; Azania Heyward-James, Cornerstone Collective 2020; Illai Kenny, HBCU Green Fund

11:00 am **Concurrent Sessions:**

- **Youth Track**
- **Grant Writing for Success:** Lynne Young, Community-Based Grant Writer, and Fund Development Consultant, Pathways to Sustainability
- **Solar Agriculture Programs:** TeRel Bowman, ReThink Energy; Darrick Eugene, Founder, RainUp Solar Program

12:00 pm **Lunch**

**Keynote Addresses:** Monique Hardin, Esq. The Deep South Center for EJ; James Harrington, Research Triangle Institute

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| 1:00 pm | Community-Based Organizations Panel:<br>Carla Lewis, Eco-Action; Miaisha Mitchell,<br>Tallahassee Food Network; Kim Gaddy, South<br>Ward Environmental Alliance (SWEA)                               |
| 2:00 pm | Warrior Building Training/Community<br>Centered Models of Collective Engagement:<br>Dr's. Afia and Wakesa Madzimoyo  |
| 3:00 pm | Break  |
| 3:30 pm | 10-Year Strategic Action Plan-Connecting<br>the Regions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Deep South</li><li>• Northeast</li><li>• California</li><li>• Midwest</li><li>• Caribbean</li></ul> |
| 4:30 pm | <b>State Circles:</b> Strategic Action Plan<br>Development   |
| 5:30 pm | Climate Gentrification EJ Walking Tour:<br>Adrienne Rice, ED, Sustainable Georgia<br>Futures   |



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**Date:** Sunday, June 11

**Time:**

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| 7:00 am  | Tai-Chi  |
| 9:00 am  | <b>Buffet Breakfast</b><br>Opening Keynote: Rev. Linwood Yearwood,<br>Hip Hop Caucus   |
| 10:00 am | <b>Opening Address:</b> Vernice Miller Travis, The<br>Metropolitan Group   |
| 10:30 am | <b>State Priorities Report Out:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Strategic Action Plan Development</li><li>• Next Steps</li></ul> |
| 12:00 am | Harambee Circle  |
| 12:30 pm | Closing Ceremony   |
| 1:00 pm  | Oscarville Community E.J-Everyday Justice-<br>Bus Tour and Ancestral Veneration<br>Observance  |

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Mark your calendar for the "SURJE" conference, sponsored by Partnership for Southern Equity, on October 2023, in Memphis, TN.

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## **Youth Track**

**Time: Thursday, June 8th- Saturday, June 10th**

8:00 am Breakfast

9:00 am-11:00 am General Sessions

11:00 am **Thursday ONLY**- Youth Advocacy for Resilience to Disasters (YARDs) Program- Dr. Allen Hyde, Georgia Tech

12:00 pm Lunch

1:00 pm **11 am-4:30 pm all days EXCEPT Thursday**  
Eco-Hood (Ages 6-14): Amakiasu Howze;  
Justin Cooper  
Green Building Infrastructure Science:  
Michelle Dawkins and Mr. James  
Youth Involvement & Leadership: Janelle Wright  
Presenters: Sade Williams, Eriqah Vincent,  
John Jordan, Markeese Bryant, Aniyah Marie,  
and Asada Rashidi, South Ward  
Environmental Alliance (SWEA)

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## Tour Descriptions

**Time:** **Wednesday, June 7th**

12:00 pm **Atlanta Justice40RWARD Environmental Justice Tour**

The purpose of the tour is to highlight current environmental injustices in Atlanta and the community-driven solutions that legacy residents are implementing. Our three stops will highlight:

1. The history of land use in Atlanta and the implementation of “Green Place Keeping” as an alternative to the traditional urban planning approach of “Place Making”. For decades, prisoners were forced into unpaid labor at a brickyard along the Chattahoochee River, known as the Chattahoochee Brick Company. In 2020 residents learned that Norfolk Southern planned to lease the land and build a fuel terminal. At the beginning of 2021, Donna Stephens established the [Descendants of the Chattahoochee Brick Company Coalition](#). According to our tour guide, Ms. Donna Stevens, “To tie the environmental-justice work with [the history of] convict leasing . . . the opportunities for education are incredible”
2. This history of industrial contamination and Atlanta’s built environment. English Avenue and neighboring communities have long suffered from flooding due to stormwater runoff, often resulting in the overflow of combined sewer systems. Lindsay Street Park is the first park in this community and was conceived by a community-driven plan brought to fruition through the Conservation Fund’s [Parks with Purpose Program](#). Ms. Annie Moore, our tour guide is the park ambassador for [Lindsay Street Park](#) and runs the youth Green Team. In 2018, an Emory researcher found high lead levels in the soils of residents in the English Avenue community. In 2022 the English Avenue community was one of 12 sites across the nation added to the Environmental Protection Agency’s Superfund National Priorities List (NPL), Lindsey Street Park is now closed due to lead contamination.

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3. The history of self-determination and cooperative/collective work in the South. Project South was founded as the Institute to Eliminate Poverty & Genocide in 1986. Their work is rooted in the legacy of the Southern Freedom Movement with a mission of cultivating strong social movements in the South powerful enough to contend with some of the most pressing and complicated social, economic, and political problems we face today. Located in the historical community of South Atlanta, Brownville. The historical HBCU, Clark University designed and created the Brownsville Neighborhood with its campus anchoring the northern tip of the community in about 1883. It is here, where African Americans stood their ground to protect their community during the Atlanta race massacre of 1906. Project South is home to the Hunger Coalition of Atlanta and the Mutual Aid Liberation Center, a part of the Mutual Aid Disaster Relief, a grassroots disaster relief network based on the principles of solidarity, mutual aid, and autonomous direct action. Mr. Ayinde Summers, our tour guide is the Land and Freedom Project Coordinator at Project South and a well-known community leader throughout Georgia from the Gullah Geechee coast to neighborhoods of Atlanta.

### ACA-NET (Academic Institutions-Community-Agency Network) Justice 40 Roundtable

Post our tour, we will host the Southeast EJ ACA-NET Justice 40 Roundtable to highlight the significance of this historical opportunity to leverage federal funding to support the implementation and sustainability of community-driven solutions and innovation. In partnership with our Federal Policy partner, WEACTION, and the Environmental Justice Leadership Forum, we will have a facilitated discussion surrounding barriers and solutions that the Justice 40 Initiative offers communities in the Southeast and Caribbean region of the US.



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**Time: Friday, June 9th**

6:00 pm **Science and Community Engagement Reception: Sponsored by EPICenter, hosted at Georgia Tech Kendeda Building**

Georgia Tech Serve-Learn-Sustain and the Energy, Policy, and Innovation Center invite you to attend a Science and Community Engagement networking reception on Friday, June 9th from 6:30 pm – 9 pm in Georgia Tech’s Kendeda Building.

During the reception, we will be offering tours of the Kendeda Building for Innovative Sustainable Design as well as the Eco Commons. The Kendeda Building is the first building in Georgia and the 28th in the world to earn Living Building Challenge (LBC) certification, the world’s most ambitious and holistic green building achievement. Rather than being less bad for the environment, The Kendeda Building fosters regenerative and restorative relationships between humans and nature where people give back more to the environment than they take.

Serve-Learn-Sustain is a campus-wide academic initiative working with all six colleges to offer students opportunities inside and outside the classroom to collaborate with diverse partners on key sustainability challenges. The Energy, Policy, and Innovation Center is a division of the Strategic Energy Institute and was created to provide an unbiased and interdisciplinary framework for stimulating innovation in energy policy and technology for the Southeast region.

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**Time:** **Saturday, June 10th**

5:30 pm

**Climate Gentrification EJ Walking Tour:**  
Sustainable Georgia Futures, Adrienne Rice,  
Executive Director

The climate gentrification walk is a three-part training consisting of a 30-minute presentation, a 45-minute walk through Ponce City Market and Old Fourth Ward, and a 30-minute house meeting.

During the presentation, we discuss what climate gentrification is, whom it impacts, and the three pathways to climate gentrification. The walk covers the history of Old Fourth Ward, including discussions about the vibrant community that called the area home and what structural and political influences pushed them out as Ponce City Market developed. We also discuss the history of the Ponce City Market building, and the rapid overdevelopment currently impacting the area.

Following the walk, we return to the Lola for a deeper discussion and debrief about all we covered during the tour and connect through lines of gentrification, displacement, redlining, and the racial wealth gap with the devastating impacts on the landscape. By the end of the walk, we hope participants connect their experiences with climate gentrification and its impacts in Atlanta to their own hometowns or spaces where they move work.

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**Time:** **Sunday, June 11th**

1:00 pm **Oscarville Community E.J-Everyday Justice-Bus Tour and Ancestral Veneration Observance**

This tour will comprise a curated reflective conversation about the post-reconstruction development of an early African American thriving agroecological farming community rich with history and herstory and of the displacement of that community and its subsequent trauma and tragic end. The relics of a horrific reality that lies beneath Lake Lanier just 45.3 miles North of the host hotel. Passengers will learn of some of the key elements and of the occurrences and the lore of the continued real-time occurrences. The tour will close the ancestral veneration to affirm the presence and propriety of the ancestral lives who built and resided in the opulence of Oscarville.

**Public Health and Safety Acknowledgment:** The historical accounts communicated within the history retelling may be potentially triggering.

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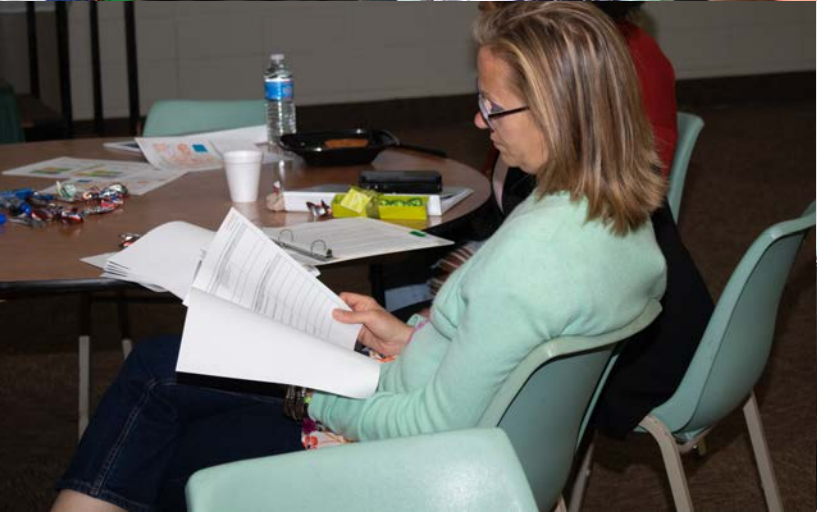
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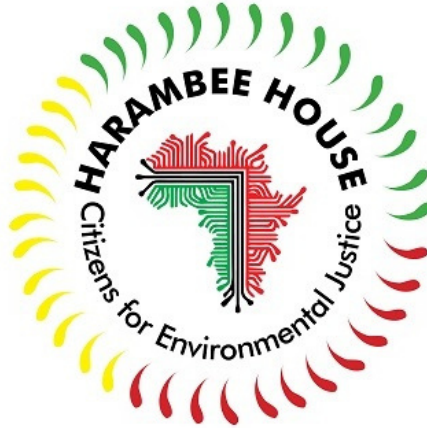








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We thank you for standing shoulder to shoulder with us, foot to foot, hand-to-hand, heart-to-heart. You have no idea of what your investment means to those of us who are fighting on the front and fenceline of our communities. People talk a lot of stuff but rarely do their walk match their talk. You have again restored our faith in humankind, and the generosity of those who believe firmly in justice.

Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. "all boots on the ground all hands on deck fighting for Justice". This is our moment this is our movement. Thank you so much for joining us. Your contribution will enable us to continue to address legacy pollution, cumulative health impacts, climate change, and racism at every level and prepare People of Color to participate in the new green economy.

Your investment in this process is an authentic expression of reparative justice. We are so excited that you have put your money where your mouth is and where your heart lives.

HARAMBEE MEANS LET'S PULL TOGETHER, so.....HARAMBEE!!!

For Justice,  
Dr.Mildred McClain