

**Hello Climate Warriors!!**

**Whew! We made it through the NCUC Duke Carbon Plan Hearings Monday night!** Betty and I were able to testify, as well as 10 other people. Sadly, not all 20 spaces were filled, which Duke will take as a lack of interest in the subject. But all 12 people did very well and offered diverse perspectives on the issue of Duke's continued efforts to prolong the life of fossil-fuel generated energy in NC. [Here's the link to the recording.](#)

**There is still time to write comments and either mail or email them to the NCUC.** Here is the [link to submit comments on the website](#). You can peek at [Betty's and my testimonies and some other sample letters](#) for some ideas of what to say, as well as the [The docket text](#), a [reference sheet](#) and a [recording of a previous training webinar](#) will all help inform your actions. There is also a link to a dozen actual letters sent to NCUC in ACTIONS.

**I try to attend every virtual event I post in the Dump.** Yes, I really do! (Just ask Bob!) At least I register for them all. But I'm starting to approach zoom overload, and miss (or blow off) some. So if you do attend one that you think is particularly interesting and you get a recording, will you please pass that along to share, so we don't miss good things? Thanks.

**We had a great time at PineyFest yesterday, and we even got into a [Facebook videos](#) about it.** We met some very enthusiastic 'newbies', Tina enchanted the kids and their parents with her compost and planting play. And Natalee and her girls were great ambassadors talking to people walking by and getting signatures on the petition. Thanks to all the rest who showed up and helped: Betty, Michelle, Nancy, Susan, and of course the Bobs. 😊 Next event is Party for the Pine on Apr 18!! Save the date!! Come and help!!

**This coming Saturday is a FULL day!! Hope you're join us!** No Kings from 11 to 12, Daybreak here 1 to 4, then CCWG monthly meeting here or zoom. Since we already set up the tent, we'll have a more 'normal' meeting with lots to discuss - I'll send out an agenda later this week. All the details are in the EVENTS section, of course.

**There are a few events and actions for TOMORROW, and they are highlighted in bright yellow instead of light.** So scroll through looking for those items first!

**Here is the in-between Events and Actions Mini-Dump to keep you apprised of upcoming events for the next 2 weeks.** As usual, you can click on the green font link to go to the full EVENTS doc - the list below is just the next 2 weeks. Remember, [the newest additions to the list of events are highlighted in yellow.](#)

**Here is the link to the [google doc](#) for this newsletter**, in our [CCWG MASTER FOLDER](#). I invite you all to look at them as you wish.

**IMAGES**

Oil and gas prices are soaring. Some countries are ready with solar panels and EVs



**"A wind project off the shore of Connecticut, that Trump STOPPED in December is up and running after a judge overturned his petty, unlawful decision. It will provide clean, cheap electricity for over 350,000 homes with no worry of what Iran or Russia does.**

**THAT'S THE ENERGY INDEPENDENCE WE NEED!"**

OCCUPY DEMOCRATS @BYTHEPEOPLE18





**NOW IS A GOOD TIME TO REMIND EVERYONE THAT SOLAR AND WIND ENERGY DOESN'T HAVE TO CROSS THE STRAIT OF HORMUZ, SO IT WILL STAY CHEAP AND CLEAN NO MATTER WHAT IRAN DOES.**



Cumberland County

**DATA CENTER SPEAK OUT!**

Join us for a press conference & public comment!



**MARCH 23**

Press Conference: 5:45 PM  
Public comment: 6:30 PM

Room 118 - Judge E. Maurice Braswell Cumberland County Courthouse  
117 Dick St, Fayetteville, NC 28301

**EVENTS**

\*\*\*\*\*

**Bob Howell's "decidedly unofficial calendar of a few local community events that may be of interest to you".** Topics include: community engagement, civil discourse, racial equity, social justice, enlightened leadership, environmental responsibility, spiritual nourishment. (LO) He also gives links to county and municipal websites for further information. Sign up for his weekly calendar - email [bobhowell2@gmail.com](mailto:bobhowell2@gmail.com) and you'll always be informed!

\*\*\*\*\*

**CCWG/COMMUNITY EVENTS** (community events where CCWG is participating)

Th - Mar 26, 1-2pm - [CCWG New Member Chat](#) - Pine Scone Cafe, 905 Linden Rd, Pinehurst – Come have a beverage and chat to learn more about CCWG and what we're all about, and how you can help. Sign up in link to RSVP. Bring your own cup and I'll treat! 😊

Sa - Mar 28, 1:00 pm - [Daybreak Game Play](#) - Laurie and Bob's - if you're curious, come join and watch us as we again attempt to solve the climate crisis and reach drawdown! Reply to email in link to RSVP and get address. Limited seating. We saved the world in February! Come help us try again! There will be brownies!! 😊

Sa - Mar 28, 4:00pm - [CCWG Monthly meeting in person](#) - Laurie and Bob's - come join us at Laurie and Bob's home. We're practicing setting up the tent for upcoming events, and there will be a fun 'Stump the Chump' game with Bob Ganis and his rocks! No zoom this time! RSVP using the links and get the address.


-----  
**Sa - Apr 4, 1-2pm - [CCWG New Member Chat - Laurie and Bob's](#)** – Come have a beverage and chat to learn more about CCWG and what we're all about, and how you can help. Sign up in [link to RSVP](#). Bring your own cup and I'll treat! 😊

## **UPCOMING CCWG BOOTHS**

**Sa - Apr 18, 10-3pm - Party for the Pine - Weymouth Woods** - We will have a booth and will need your help. Always a fun event. More details as they come.

-----  
➔ **Sa - Apr 25, 10-2pm - Garden Carnival - Sandhills Horticultural Gardens** - we will have a booth. We will need your help! More details as the come.

## **IN PERSON**

 **Mo - Mar 23, 5:45pm - [Speak out against data centers on March 23!](#) - Judge E. Maurice Braswell Courthouse, room 118 (117 Dick St, Fayetteville)** - Recently, it was revealed that the county has been secretly working on a data center ordinance since at least last October. No public input was sought, and no information was given to the public until now. This ordinance is proposing allowing data centers by right in certain industrial zones.

-----  
**Tu - Mar 24, 5:30-7pm - [The Invitation: Gathering Courage from the Natural World](#) - Hill Hall, 145 East Cameron Avenue** - Ada Limón reflecting on her time as U.S. Poet Laureate and her signature project, Limón will offer small lessons from the earth and from the stewards who work toward saving our most precious places.

-----  
**Sa - Mar 28, 11-noon - No Kings March - Morganton Rd** - We will line up along the north side of., between Pavilion Way (Brucewood) and Patriot Blvd- Come join, bring signs, let's gather together!

## **VIRTUAL**

**Mo - Mar 23, noon-1pm - [Car Optional: Greensboro's Ambitious Plan to Implement True Transportation Choice - Clean Connected Communities](#)** - Greensboro Transportation Director Hanna Cockburn will join us for our March webinar to share more about the plan, how implementation is going so far, and the challenges they face.

-----  
**Tu, We - Mar 24, 5 - 1:30-3pm - [The Cycle of PFAS and its Evolving Landscape](#)** - Expert speakers will “pull back the curtain,” unmasking the realities of PFAS and providing attendees with a clearer understanding of how, where, and why these chemicals appear in daily life.

 **Tu - Mar 24, 4pm - [Data Centers' Impact on North Carolina and Beyond](#)** - Join NC Council of Churches' Eco-Justice Connection initiative

**Tu - Mar 24, 7pm - [Why AI Matters For Climate \(in more ways than one\)](#)** - Climate change is one of the most pressing issues of our time, requiring rapid transformation across virtually every sector of society. Priya Donti will discuss what this means for research and practice in AI.

**Tu - Mar 24, 7pm - [Parks Not Prisons: Defending our Communities & Lands from Border Walls and Detention Camps](#) - Sierra Club** - Across the country, some of America's most treasured landscapes are facing new threats from border wall construction, militarization, and proposals for detention facilities.

-----  
**We - Mar 25, 2pm - [Jokes on you: How Environmental and Climate Campaigns Can Effectively Use Humor Online](#)** - showcase the value and effectiveness of using humor in online political organizing and campaigns. It will feature examples from both Crooked Media and Fossil Free Media's social media

-----

**Fr - Mar 27, 3-3:30pm - [Monthly Climate Change Briefing - Env Law Inst](#)** - As a special service to the public, the Environmental Law Institute provides a series of monthly webinars with national experts on climate law and policy to keep you up to date

\*\*\*\*\*

**We - Apr 1, 6:30pm - [RSVP: Duke Energy Progress Rate Hike Hearings - virtual](#)** - attend or [testify](#) against Duke's requesting an increase to its return on equity, meaning its profit, to be the 3rd largest on any utility in the country

-----  
**♥️👤 Sat - Apr 4, 1pm - [Beyond Plastics Grassroots Advocacy Training](#)** - helps folks learn how to create real, lasting change to protect our health and environment in their communities. One, two-hour session. We're offering it at three times to make sure it's accessible to all. Pick the session that works best for you,

-----  
**♥️👤 Tu - Apr 7, 7pm - [Beyond Plastics Grassroots Advocacy Training](#)** - helps folks learn how to create real, lasting change to protect our health and environment in their communities. One, two-hour session. We're offering it at three times to make sure it's accessible to all. Pick the session that works best for you,

-----  
**👤♥️ We - Apr 8, 7pm - [Beyond Plastics Network Monthly Meeting](#)** - Local groups and affiliates sharing success stories and upcoming events, info

-----  
**♥️👤 Th - Apr 9, 7pm - [Beyond Plastics Grassroots Advocacy Training](#)** - helps folks learn how to create real, lasting change to protect our health and environment in their communities. One, two-hour session. We're offering it at three times to make sure it's accessible to all. Pick the session that works best for you,

## **MULTI-DAY EVENTS**

**🎮 Mar 11 - Apr 22 various days (6 total) [AI Knowledge Hub Training Series](#) - Climate Advocacy Lag** - Each training session builds on the knowledge of the previous sessions, but you can join one or all of them! *I will add them to the upcoming weeks as they come up.*

**Wednesdays Mar 18-May 20, 12-2 and 7-9pm - [Emergent Intelligence of Trees: How Symbiosis Shapes Living Systems](#)** - ed by Restoration Biologist and Futurist Jim Laurie - 10-week course examines how trees actively shape the planet's habitability. \$200, sliding scales available

**\*Mondays - [Climate Changemakers Virtual Hour of Action with Team Monday](#)** - the most productive, impactful hour of your week. Expect a high-leverage action plan, an experienced facilitator, and a friendly community space.

**Tuesdays 12-1:30 - [Join Elders to Promote the Vote for Weekly Environmental Voter Phone Banks!](#)** - turn low propensity environmental voters out to vote! Each session will start with an overview of our phone banking program and the scripts we'll be using, then we'll get to work calling voters in designated states.

**♥️ 4th Tuesdays 4-5pm - [Eco-Justice Connection initiative Advocacy Forum](#)** - Each session features a special guest speaker addressing key eco-justice and advocacy issues impacting North Carolina.

**👤 3rd Tuesdays through March - [Free the Fruit call](#)** - a 6-month long campaign, sponsored by FoCo Trash Mob, Inland Ocean Coalition, BFFP, Zonta, 5 Gyres, Centro Ecologista Jalisco, and Mi Familiar Vota. Free the fruit from plastic mesh bags! Come learn more!

**4th Tuesdays, 7pm - [Elders Climate Action Monthly National Call](#)**

**➡️ Fridays, 3-4:30pm - [Climate Cafe - a weekly Zoom discussion group](#)** . Hosted by Hart Hagan, Biodiversity proponent. Link is to his email, to request the link. Good opportunity for discussion. Topics can include: Wildfires: Fact & Fiction, Water & Climate, War & The Environment.

♥ [Mothers Out Front National Event Calendar](#) - So many events they would double the size of this already huge list of events. Click on the link to pick your events and register - and report back with what you learn!!

\*[The Monthly Climate Brief - Climate Central](#) - Join our webinar series for a clear, data-driven look at the latest global climate statistics. Each month we review recent extremes and their drivers, including climate change, and preview the upcoming season's weather.

## NOTES/RECORDINGS

### MEETINGS

[Public Witness Hearing - E-100 Sub 207 - Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC and Duke Energy Progress, LLC](#)

### WEBINARS

[The Monthly Climate Brief - Climate Central; Snow Drought Current Conditions and Impacts in the West](#)

**The Monthly Climate Brief**

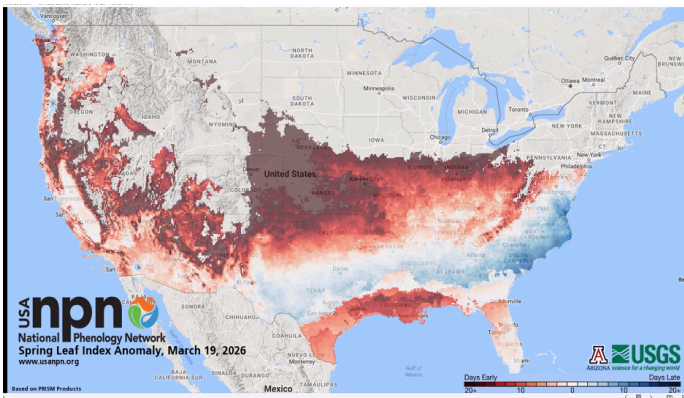
- **Background global warmth:** February ranked as 2<sup>nd</sup> warmest on record for global oceans
- **ENSO Update:** Potential for El Niño conditions is growing for later in 2026
- **Missing western winter:** snow drought worsening across the Rockies and Cascades
- **Shifting baselines:** warmest CONUS daytime highs on record for winter 2025-2026
- **Snowpack concerns:** growing impacts for water availability across Colorado River Basin
- **Next 2 weeks:** strong climate signal for record heat across the Southwest

Sign up for Climate Matters!

SCAN ME

Our next webinar is April 21, 2026, with a special topic on the changing drivers of U.S. cold outbreaks.

CLIMATE CENTRAL



[Disinformation 101: How to Identify and Fight It](#)

➔ [Spring Into Action - gardening 3-part series](#)

[Data Center Power Play - Union of Concerned Scientists](#)

[Shining a Light on Science at COP30](#)

## ACTIONS

[Discover and Document Changes in Nature Near You - Nature's Notebook](#) - Track changes in the timing of plant and animal seasonal activity with the Nature's Notebook program.

### ONGOING

[CCWG - WE NEED YOU! WHAT DO YOU LIKE TO DO?](#) Link is full list of volunteer opportunities. Fill out the [Volunteer Chat form](#) and let's chat!

♥ [CAN Action Carousel \(Climate Action Now\)](#) - knock off multiple actions in a matter of minutes! It's easy! You will be prompted to set up a profile once on each device you use. *Be sure to log in the first time using the Carousel linked on our website.* The Carousel will remember which actions you've taken, and the Carousel will also keep track of how many actions we take together as a group in the "Impact" section!

[Hour of Action with Team Monday - Climate Changemakers - Every Monday 8pm](#) - You'll plug into a coordinated, nationwide grassroots effort (especially because this event is in partnership with The Climate Reality Project!) *Click on link above, pick a date, check out links to learn more, and take action!!*

[Climate Changemakers Action Hub](#) - current Featured Action is High Voltage Highways.

[Host a Postcard Party!!!](#) - gather some folks together and write postcards to our representatives! Let me know if you're interested and we'll work together to set it up. I have 120 postcards ready to be written!

## **TELL YOUR STORY**

[Climate Change Conversations: Share Your Experience](#) - NC State students working on a research project focused on climate change communication and community storytelling.

## **LETTERS - use as template for your own!**

[E-100 Sub 207CS Consumer Statement of Position \(12\)](#) - Here are a dozen examples of comments sent to the NCUC about the Duke Energy Carbon Plan - use them to help guide you toward writing your own! Here is the [link to submit comments on the website](#) and other links are in the introduction to the Events/Actions Dump.

[Re: No Immunity for Big Oil](#) - use this letter as it stands and send to Hudson, Tillis and Budd, or let it inform and inspire you to send your own. This is from Climate Reality's Make Polluters Pay national campaign. (see link below for contact info.

[CONTACT YOUR REPRESENTATIVES](#) - googledoc with our state and national reps info

[Elected Officials & Districts](#) - Find your elected officials & districts using our address-based lookup tool

**PUBLIC COMMENT** - to lawmakers and gov't agencies - add a personal comment for more impact!

### **Tell the Administration**

**DUE MAR 23** - EPA - [Fight back against cross state air pollution!](#)

EPA - [Clean Air is Vital to Lung Health](#)

DOI - [Stop Censoring Science & History at Our National Parks](#)

**DUE MAR 23** -BLM - [Don't log Oregon's old-growth forests](#)

### **Tell Congress**

[Tell Congress: we need relief from high energy bills! HR7977](#) needs co-sponsors and supporters. More info [here](#)

[Keep Our Forests Standing](#)

[Defend the Roadless Rule Now](#)

[Save America's Wildlife Protections](#)

[Forest Defense is Climate Defense](#)

[Ensure There Are No More Wars For Oil, Clean Energy is Peaceful Energy](#)

[Senators: Protect public lands from mining and drilling](#) - [SPEED ACT](#)

### **Tell the Governor**

#### **Tell NCUC**

[Say "No" to Duke Energy Progress' Rate Hike and Profit Increase Request](#)

**RSVP: Duke Energy Progress Rate Hike Hearings**

#### **Tell NC General Assembly**


 [Stop Data Centers From Expanding In Our State](#)


[Defend Our State's Wetlands from Federal Rollbacks](#)




**PETITIONS** - to companies and groups - add a personal comment to make more impact!

[UK - Stop Subsidizing the Destruction of Vital Woodpecker Habitat](#)

## **CAMPAIGNS**

 [Give Your Neighbor a Bag](#) - offer one of your reusable bags to the person in front of you at the grocery checkout: "If I give you this bag, will you use and reuse it to reduce plastic pollution?"

 [Recommend a Better Earth Business](#) - tell us the name and info about a local business that is doing their part to make the earth a better place - plastic reduction, homegrown, composting.


   **Moore Montessori - NexTrex® Recycling Challenge is collecting 1,000 pounds of plastic film** in 12 months to be recycled by Trex®, manufacturer of decking, railing, furniture, and other outdoor products made from 95% recycled materials. **Collection points:** Moore Montessori School - weekends and after school hours, Southern Pines library - business hours, Community Congregational Church of Pinehurst - Sunday services. Email [Ariadne](#) for details

**The full list will be in the Dump next weekend. But just in case you want to check out the other sections, here are links to all of them:**

[EVENTS](#), [ACTIONS](#), [RESOURCES](#), [LEGISLATION](#), [VIDEOS/PODCASTS](#), [NOTES/RECORDINGS](#), [ARTICLES/LINKS](#)

**Key to symbols:**


 - PLASTIC

 - COMPOSTING, AGRICULTURE

 - WATER

 - PARTNER

 - BLACK HISTORY, ENV JUSTICE

 - YOUTH, SCHOOLS

 - SOLAR

 - WIND

 - DATA CENTERS, AI

 - RECYCLING

**That's it!**

**Have a great week! Please join us this Saturday!!**