



Quarterly Board Meeting
Thursday August 10, 2023
3:00 PM –6:00 PM
Green Square Training Room
217 West Jones Street
Raleigh, NC 27603

Agenda

Board Meeting: 3:00 PM

I. Call to Order, *Vice Chair Johnson-Thompson* 3:00 (5 min)

Old Business

II. Adopt May 2023 meeting minutes, *EJEAB* - 3:05 (5 min)

New Business

III. Welcoming Remarks, [DEQ](#) - 3:10 (5 min)

IV. Thriving Communities Technical Assistance Centers Program (TCTAC) – 3:15 (50 min, includes 15 min Board Q&A or discussion)

- *Dr. James Harrington (RTI), Dr. Janelle Armstrong-Brown (RTI), and Dr. Undi Hoffler (NCCU)– (30 min)*
- *Board Q&A or discussion (20 min)*

V. Animal Feeding Operations – 4:05 (10 min)

- *Josh Kastrinsky (NC DEQ) – (5 min)*
- *Board Q&A or discussion (5 min)*

VI. EJEAB Sampson County Tour Reflections – 4:15 (15 min)

VII. EJEAB Cumulative Impacts Updates – 4:30 (20 min)

Break at 4:50 PM (10 min)

VIII. Public Comment Period 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM (1 hr.)





Resource for Assistance and Community Training (REACT4EJ) EPA Region 4 Environmental Justice Thriving Communities Technical Assistance Center

Overview

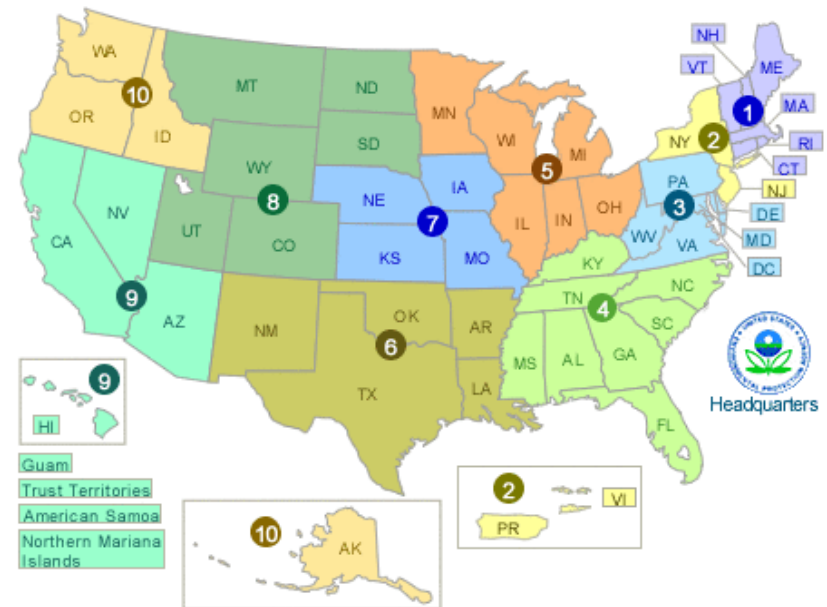
Purpose/Goals of EJ TC-TAC Program

- Goal: To establish a **network** of Regional and National EJ TCTACs providing technical assistance
- Partnership with Department of Energy (DOE) and Thriving Communities Network
- Seek existing networks
- Provide Technical Assistance and training services

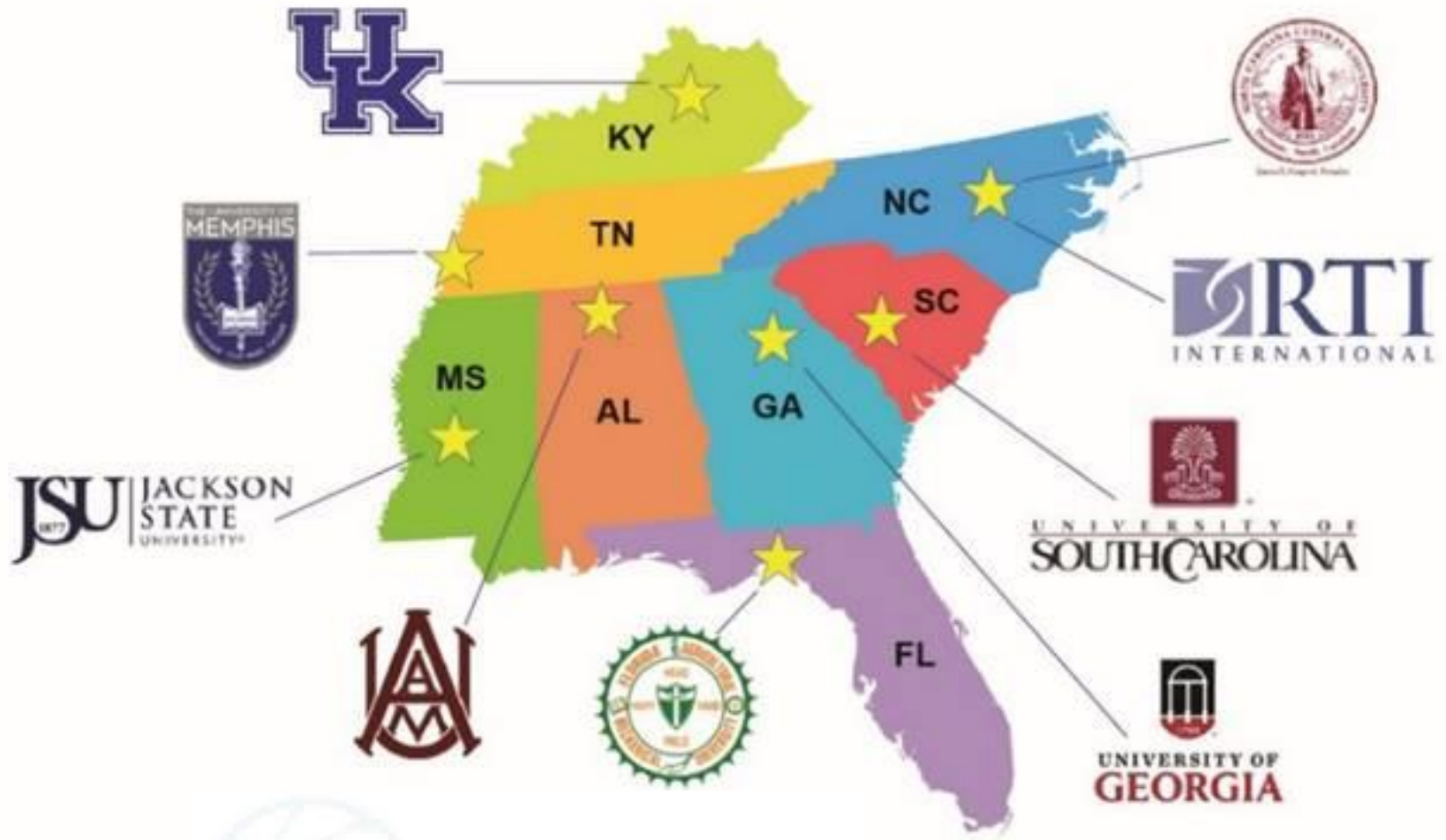


Regional TCTAC

- Region 1: University of Connecticut
- Region 2: WE ACT for EJ, and Inter-American University of Puerto Rico-Metro Campus
- Region 3: National Wildlife Federation
- Region 4: Deep South Center for Environmental Justice, and REACT4EJ
- Region 5: Blacks in Green, and University of Minnesota
- Region 6: New Mexico State University, and DSCEJ
- Region 7: Wichita State University
- Region 9: University of Arizona, and San Diego State University
- Region 10: Willamette Partnership, and University of Washington



REACT4EJ Network Partners



 **Environmental Protection Network** (informal)



Communication & Outreach

- Plain-language Materials
- Guidance Documents
- State-specific and general use
- Connecting with peers, funders, EPA, partner agencies
- Identifying funding
- Multilingual, culturally appropriate

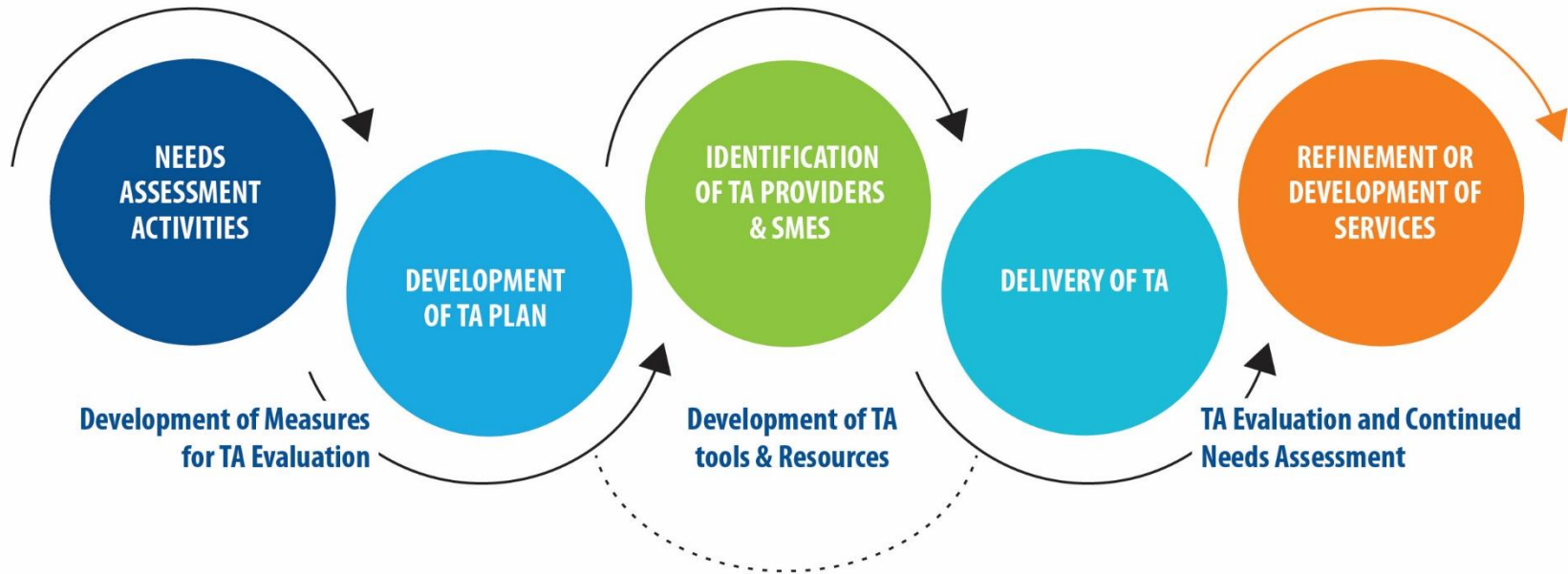
Training

- Subject-specific training offerings
- Webinars
- In-person training sessions
- Peer-to-peer (P2P) learning
- Web-based workshops
- One-on-one/ad hoc training
- Mentoring

Subject-matter experts

- Environmental quality
- Environmental health
- Mapping/GIS
- Clean Energy adoption
- Grant proposal development/review
- Grant management
- Grant systems

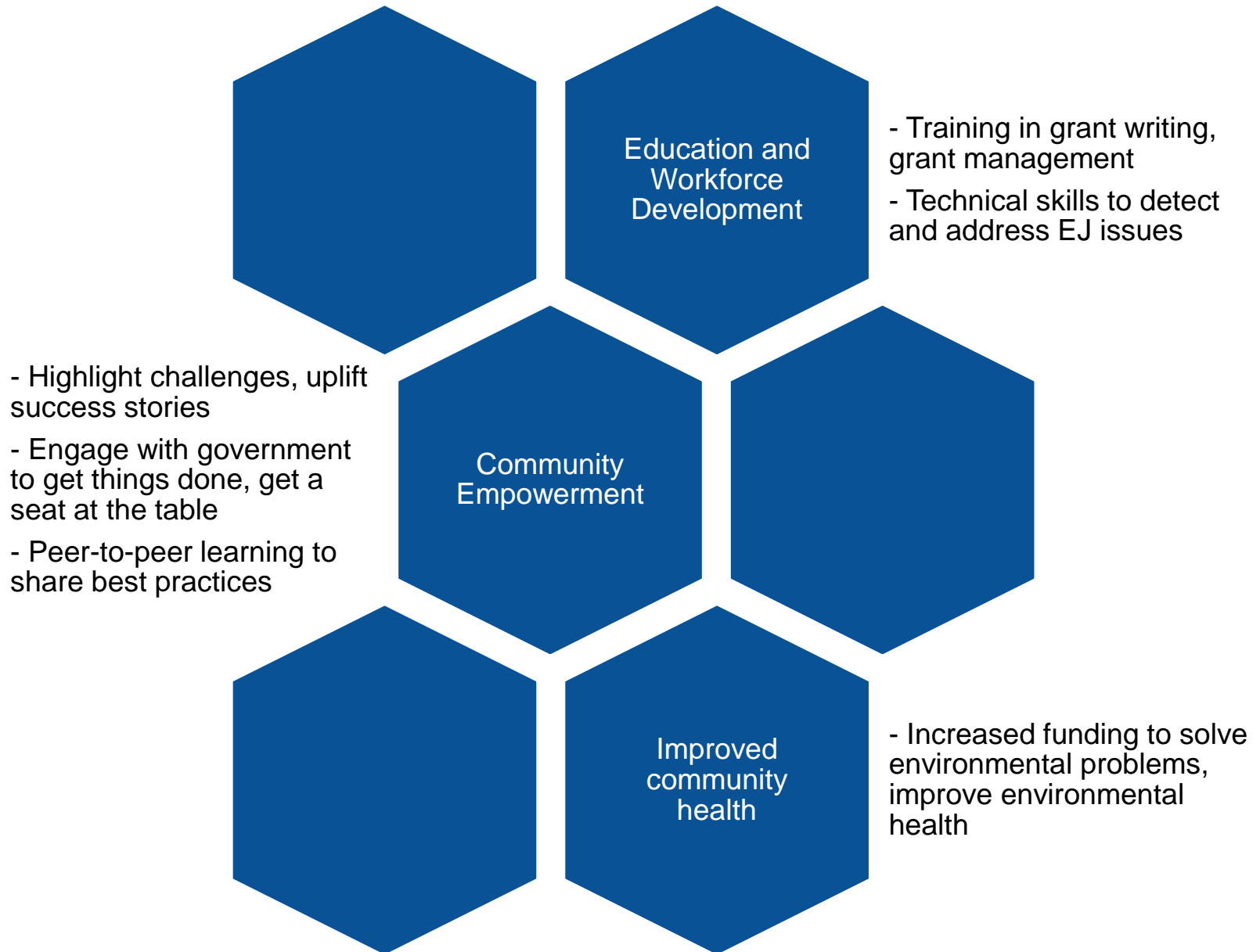
Technical Assistance Process



Emphasis on:

- **Co-Creation**
- **Partnership**
- **Relationship development**

Community Benefits

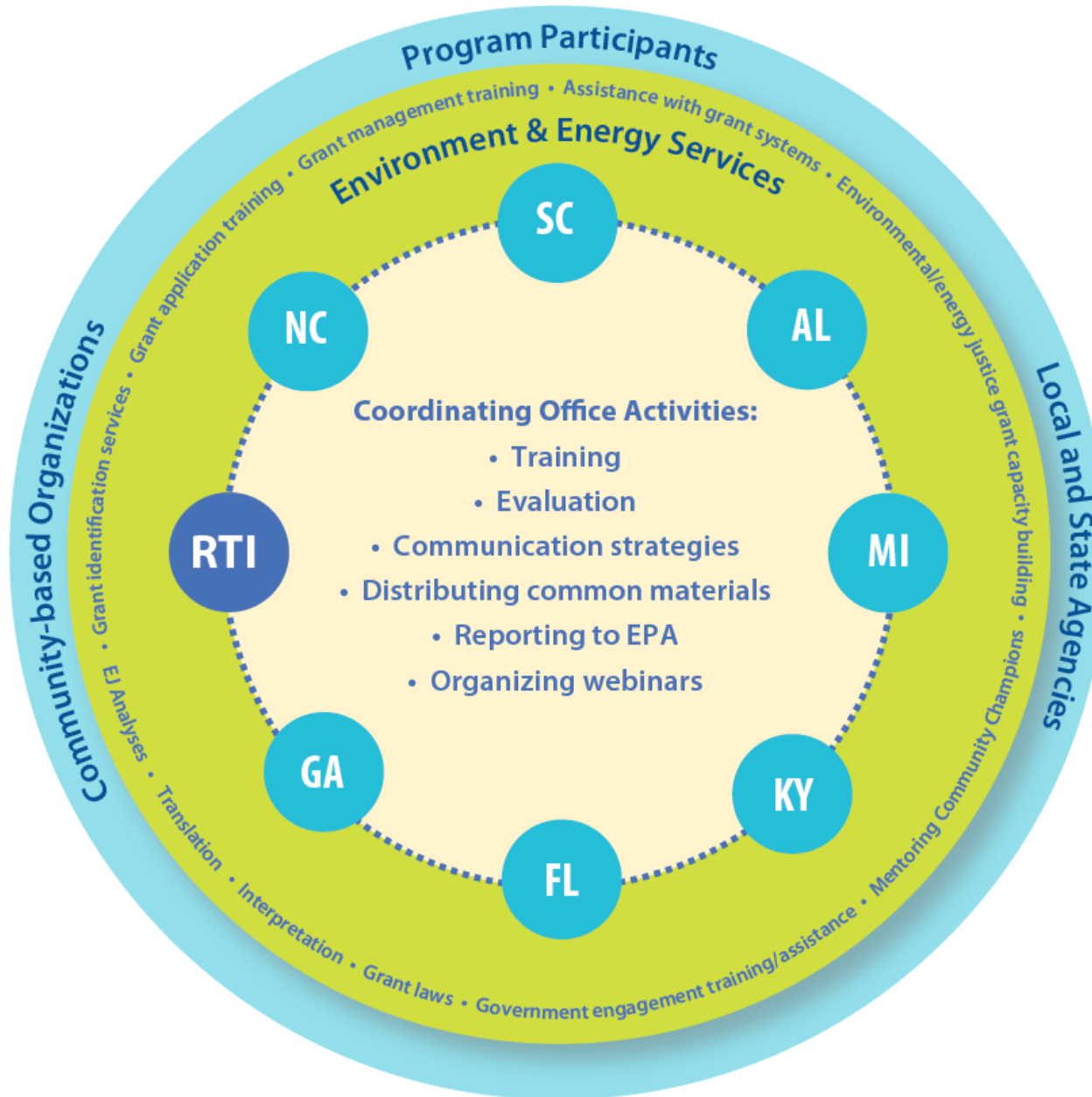


RTI/NCCU Partnership

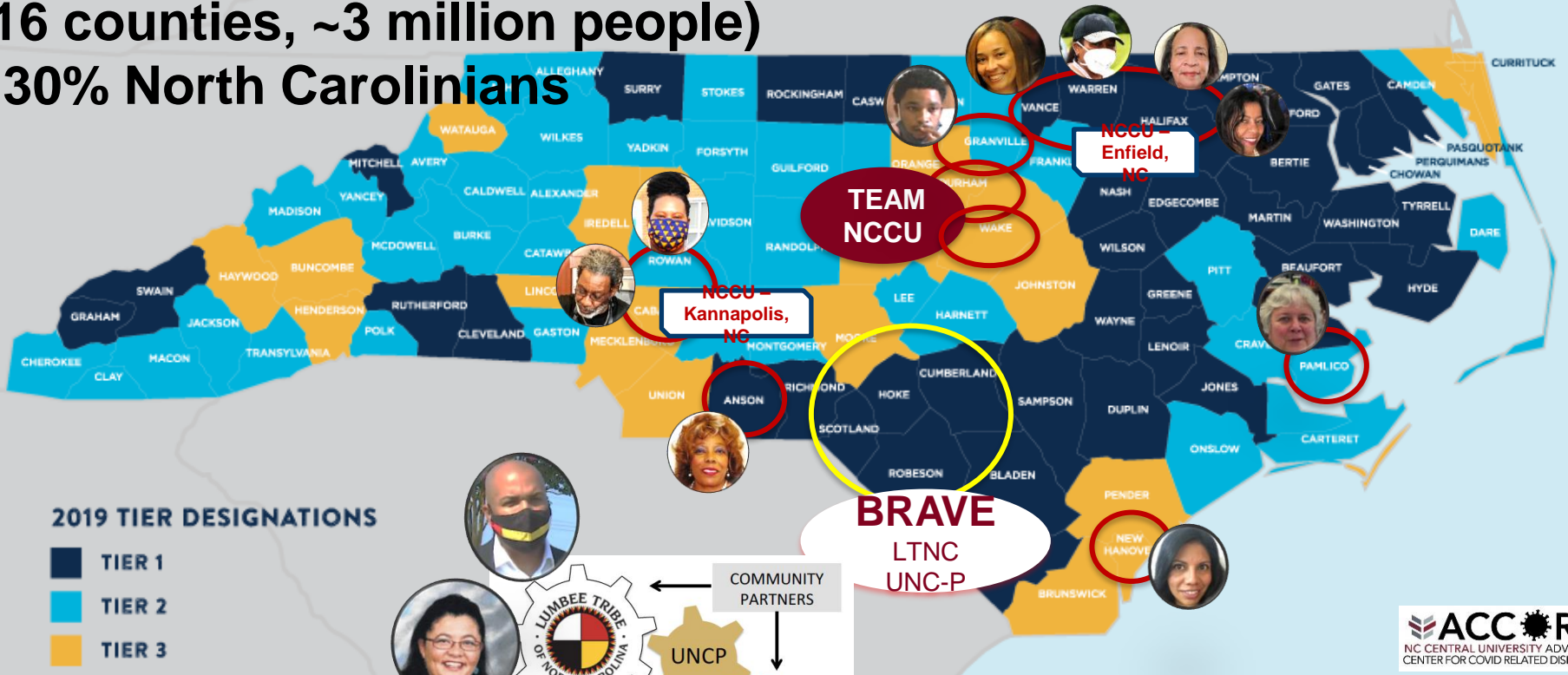
- RTI & NCCU established bilateral research partnership in 2020
- Draws on respective strengths to drive innovation and training of students
- In 2022, established NCCU/RTI Center for Applied Research in Environmental Science
 - Professional development for students in environmental justice research
 - Shared lab space at RTI for environmental toxicology
- Established network for community engagement is critical for outreach



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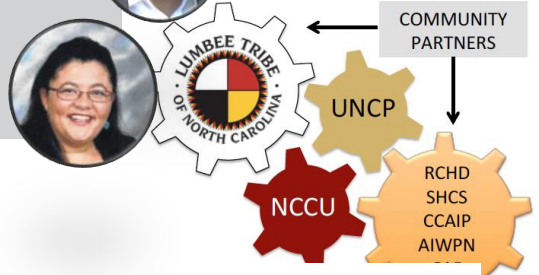


REACH - WHERE WE ARE: (16 counties, ~3 million people) ~30% North Carolinians



NCCU-RTI Center for Applied Research in Environmental Sciences (CARES)

PEDS Preschool Environmental Experiences and Development Study

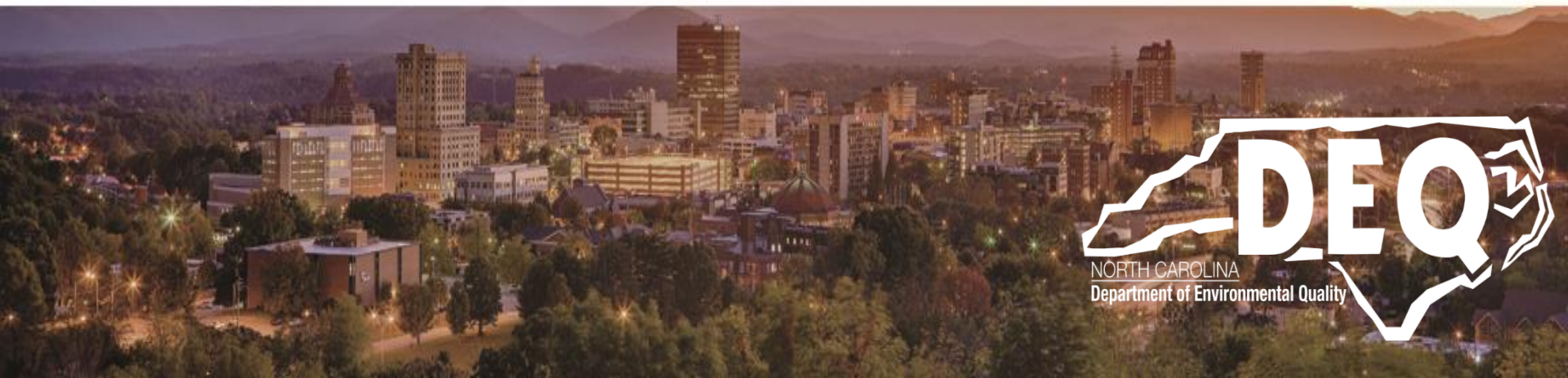


RADx-UP partners



**General Permits Renewal
Animal Feeding Operations**

Department of Environmental Quality



Background – General Permits

- 3 State General Permits
 - AWG100000 - Swine
 - AWG200000 - Cattle/Dairy
 - AWG300000 - Poultry with Liquid Waste Management System
 - Last Issued Oct. 1, 2019
- 3 State Farm Digester General Permits
 - AWG400000 – Swine
 - AWG500000 - Cattle/Dairy
 - AWG600000 - Poultry with Liquid Waste Management System
 - First Issued July 1, 2022
- All expire Sept. 30, 2024
- New General Permits shall be effective Oct. 1, 2024 – Sept. 30, 2029



General Permits Development Process

General Permits development will have significant public input

Stakeholder Process

- Technical Workgroup Sessions – April 24 & May 3, 2023
- Public Input Session, Sampson Co. Expo Center – May 9, 2023
- Accepted oral and written comments – due by June 5, 2023

Post Draft General Permits online for public review – Aug. 3, 2023

Public Comment Period – Aug. 4-Nov. 3, 2023

- Four public meetings – 3 in person; 1 online
- Accept oral, written, and electronic comments

General Permit Finalized by Jan. 2024



Public Meetings Schedule

- Comment period began Aug. 4; runs through Nov. 3
- Four public meetings are scheduled for receiving comments on the draft general permits:
 1. October 5, 2023: James Sprunt Community College, 133 James Sprunt Dr, Kenansville NC 28349
 2. October 10, 2023: Wayne Community College, 3000 Wayne Memorial Dr, Goldsboro NC 27534
 3. October 24, 2023: Statesville Civic Center, 300 S. Center St, Statesville NC 28677
 4. October 26, 2023: Virtual Via Webex

Speaker registration and meeting links can be found here: <https://www.deq.nc.gov/animalpermits2024>



Inclement Weather Provision

- In the event of weather conditions preventing a public meeting, a backup in-person hearing will be held October 19, 2023: James Sprunt Community College, 133 James Sprunt Drive, Kenansville, NC 28349
- Copies of the draft permits, draft annual report forms and related fact sheets are available at <https://www.deq.nc.gov/animalpermits2024> or by contacting:
- **By mail:** Ramesh Ravella,
Animal Feeding Operations
N.C. Division of Water Resources
1636 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, NC 27699-1636



Ways to Submit Comments

- **Email:** publiccommentsDWR@deq.nc.gov
- **Phone:** 919-707-3705
- **Mail:** Ramesh Ravella
Animal Feeding Operations
NC Division of Water Resources
1636 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, NC 27699-1636
- Translated materials:
 - Press release
 - Permits (6) + annual report + groundwater monitoring report
 - Technical Fact Sheet
 - Voicemail
 - Interpretation



Additional outreach

- One-pager for community members + translation
- Interpretation, Spanish-language materials at hearings
- Dual-language voicemail line with instructions for comments
- Email/calls/mailing of materials to identified sensitive receptors (selected based on an AFO odor proximity analysis)
- Distribution of information through English and Spanish-language radio and print/online publications
- Engagement with 5 state or federally recognized tribes as recommended by the draft EJ report
- Consult known community leaders for additional outreach options



Timeline

- Comments received from Aug. 4-Nov. 3, 2023
- Permits to be finalized in January 2024
- Applications for the new permit mailed beginning in Feb. 2024
- Completed permit applications received by April 1, 2024 (180 days prior to expiration of current permits)
- Permits in effect Oct. 1, 2024



Questions?

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