WERA’s First Virtual Dinner - Nov 20, 2020 - 5:30 to 7:00-PM

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Say your personal grace and proceed to enjoy your meal! 😊

THEME: “Collaborative Partners Removing Social and Physical Barriers”

Reminder Our Veterans, Active Duty Service Persons, and Families

Welcome - WERA Family and Collaborative Partners…………………………… Evon Connally
Song – “A Change is Gonna Come” (Sam Cooke) by Brian Owens https://youtu.be/cEXhZ8PwM-Y
Scripture – Amos 7:7-8 “Set a Plumbline”…………………. Brenda Wilson and Virginia Douglas

7This is what He showed me: Behold, the Lord was standing by a wall true to plumb, with a plumb line in His hand. 8“Amos, what do you see?” asked the LORD. “A plumb line,” I replied. “Behold,” said the Lord, “I am setting a plumb line among My people Israel; I will no longer spare them:

Prayer - Indigenous – Jason Keck (Choctaw) from Occaneechi Saponi Tribe, Alamance County and Caswell County, NC

Prayer – Pastor Jason Gaskin, Storied Church, United Methodist Church, Mebane, NC

Program Highlights:

1) Introductions – Name, City, State, Organization, and WERA Affiliation (brief :)
3) **Funding, Partnership, Projects, and Progress:**

- **Funding:** Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation, Winston-Salem, NC (since 1997); WE ACT for Environmental Justice, Harlem, NY; Windward Fund, Washington, DC; MOSIAC Momentum; Union for Concerned Scientists, Cambridge, MA; Dr. William and Gloria Evans, Bena, VA (*William was born in the West End Community over 85-years ago*).

- **Partnerships:** Melfield United Church of Christ-Food Pantry, Haw River, NC; Alamance County – NAACP; Occaneechi Saponi Tribe -Alamance County and Caswell County; Alamance Community Remembrance Coalition for Wyatt Outlaw (*lynched 1870*) & Equity Justice Initiative; Neighbors for Better Neighborhoods, Winston-Salem; Shaw University, Raleigh, NC; Haw River Assembly; NC Conservation Network; National Wild Life Federation/Environmental Justice; North Carolina Environmental Justice Network; Michigan Environmental Justice Coalition; LAMC, North Charleston, SC; National EJ Forums; National Black EJ Network; and more.

- **Projects:** Mini-grants for COVID-19 masks/PPE/Sanitation to Mebane Police & Firefighters, Alamance County Rescue, Burlington Housing Authority, Charles R. Drew Medical Clinic, White Oak Minor Nursing House, Dental Hygienists, and more; Laptop Grants for WERA board & local partners; Implementation of WERA Community-Owned and Managed Research (COMR) Model with National Citizen Science Association/Environmental Justice Working Group; American Public Health Association/Environmental Justice Working Group; Duke University Environmental Law Clinic; School of Public Health at University of Maryland-College Park; Department of Forestry and Environmental Resources at NCSU; Office of Environmental Justice at U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

- **Progress:**
  - **Taskforce Model: Black, Indigenous, and Latinx Communities Matter! Meetings** – for safe drinking water and sewer connection services in Alamance County and Orange County. **EMAIL 11-20-20** "As I said at the Task Force meeting, these are my best attempt to reflect what the areas shown on the CDBG applications submitted by the City with support from the West End Revitalization Association. Those pre-digital age maps show areas but there are some details I could not pick out. I attempted to follow streets and streams as my boundaries in identifying the West End, East End, White Level, Perry Hills, Buckhorn communities but I am sure that there are errors that need to be corrected. If you want to give me feedback on how to improve this map, I will be happy to make corrections and redistribute for further review and approval for distribution to a larger audience. If there is a date you have in mind for larger distribution, please let me know so I can plan accordingly. Thank you in advance for all of your time in this matter.
  
  *Sincerely*, **Cy Stober, AICP**, Development Director, City of Mebane, NC, and Extraterritorial Jurisdiction (ETJ) in Alamance County and Orange County, NC

  - Supported “Indigenous People Day Proclamation by City of Mebane” Oct 12, 2020
Media Coverage links:


Raleigh News & Observer: - Nov 20, 2020: “Alamance County brings new felony charges against leader of march to polls”, https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/#inbox/QgrcJHsBnjDXSrfnQknMdghfNhggcpwCzZq


WERA Board Members
Evon Connally, Board Chair – White Level Community
Donald Tate – West End Community / Rachel Hester – West End & Buckhorn Communities
Patricia Torain – Buckhorn & Perry Hill Communities
Joe Johnson – West End Community / Chatarsha V. Garner – West End Community
George Wilson – Kimrey Road in Hawfields Community
Omega Wilson, President / Project Manager – West End Community
Brenda Wilson & Virginia Douglas - Volunteers - West End & Indian Trail Communities

Memorial Chairs:
Marilyn H. Snipes – West End,
Herman Cousin – Buckhorn / Perry Hill Communities
Patricia Torain – Buckhorn / Perry Hill Communities

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