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## Environmental Policy Legislation Workgroup Convening

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Georgia Coalition for Environmental Policy &  
Protection



# Tonight's Agenda

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# Welcome & Recap

- 2023- 2024 Session: We successfully facilitated the collaboration of two legislators to introduce a single EJ Bill
- Environmental Justice Day at the Capitol: Constituents from all over the state were able to engage their lawmakers
- SR 754: Hearing on Committee
- What have we learned?
  - Focus on rural GA: [Environmental Justice in Rural GA](#)
  - Focus on impact of pollution on the economy and economic development
  - Start early!



# OUR MISSION

“ Georgia General Assembly’s adoption of  
environmental legislation in the 2025 Legislative Session ”



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**2024- 2025**

**Legislative Priorities**

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# 2025 Legislative Priorities

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**Legislative: Senate Study Committee on Cumulative Impact of Pollution on Economic Development and Growth**



**Support: Bad Actor Bill (enable EPD to deny permits for known bad actors from outside and inside the state)**



**Support: Consumer Utility Counselor at the Public Service Commission**

# 2025 Engagement Strategy

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## Community Conversations: Brunswick, Savannah, Augusta, Newnan, Metro ATL

- Virtual student coffees
- Monthly workgroup convenings

## Environmental Justice Day at the Capital 2025

- Confirm day after the election
- Mailing of legislative and regulatory priorities to state house and senate representatives

## Engage in the rulemaking process w/ EPD, DOA, DNR

- Letter to the EPD requested a cumulative impact study

## Social Media

- Flyers (Coffees), a student toolkit, and social media posts for student engagement
- Website



# Georgia Public Service Commission

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## Biomass Contract Approved 4-1

- Thank you for your comments, public and written, to the PSC.

## GA WAND, GCV vs. The GA Secretary of State

- HB 1312 extended the terms of currently serving commissioners beyond the GA Constitutionally mandated 6 year terms.
- The judge should release his ruling after the election.

## PSC Election - June/November 2025

- Districts 2, 3 and possibly 5
- The election date and number of districts on the ballot will be determined by the court



# Call To Action

- Vote on November 5th
- For every position on the ballot
- Encourage everyone you know and interact with to vote!

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**Q&A**



**THANK YOU**

