

# ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE TAKE ACTION FORUM AND LISTENING SESSION

**RECAP**

Saturday, October 28th, 2023  
New Life Community Center

**Hosted by:** Representative Becky Evans of Georgia House 89,  
New Life Community Alliance and Science for Georgia

## WHO ATTENDED?

- Chapel Hill Organization
- Citizens for a Health and Safe Environment
- Commissioner Ted Terry, Super District 6
- Georgia Conservation Voters (GCV) Education Fund
- Georgia Department of Natural Resources: Environmental Protection Division (EPD)
- Georgia Interfaith Power and Light (GIPL)
- Georgia Power
- Georgia State University
- Georgia WAND
- New Life Community Alliance (NLCA)
- Rep. Becky Evans (House 89)
- Science for Georgia
- Snapping Shoals
- South River Watershed Alliance



## WHAT WE LEARNED

Attendees heard from community leaders and researchers about the critical issues facing South DeKalb, they they discussed opportunities to take action.



- Making Justice 40 Initiative a Reality
- Ambient Air Quality Monitoring
- Climate Pollution Reduction Grant
- Energy Affordability and Efficiency
- Indoor Air Quality Testing (Radon Testing)
- Community Mobilization Against Environmental Injustice
- Pollution Mitigation and Awareness
- Improving Science Engagement and Advocacy
- Ecological Restoration of South River

## NEXT STEPS

### FOLLOW UP EJ TOWN HALL

On Jan 27, meeting hosts will present what they learned about:

1. Environmental monitoring projects in the area
2. Potential citizen science / monitoring projects
3. Potential topics for educational workshops



### TOOLS AND RESOURCES

Resources and more information are available at [bit.ly/EJ-Listen-Oct2023](https://bit.ly/EJ-Listen-Oct2023)



Attend the Follow-Up  
Town Hall  
Saturday, January 27th, 2024  
10-12  
New Life Community Alliance

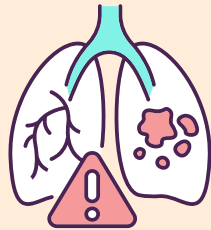
# TOP 5

## ISSUES RAISED IN SOUTH DEKALB EJ TAKE ACTION FORUM

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### LACK OF POLLUTION TESTING

26% of attendees believed a lack or air and water pollution testing was the biggest issue facing S. Dekalb.



### LACK OF PUBLIC EDUCATION ON HEALTH ISSUES

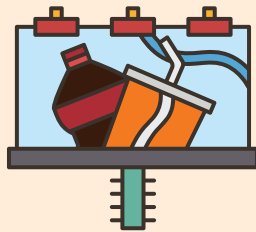
23% voted for greater public education of local environmental health issues.

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### HEALTH IMPACT OF POLLUTED WATER SOURCES

18% were concerned about the impact of natural and storm water on community health.



### PREDATORY CORPORATE ADVERTISING

18% were concerned about the predatory marketing tactics of corporate interests on societal indifference.

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### NEED FOR MORE GRANT WORKSHOPS

15% stated that the community was in greater need of county-led workshops covering state and federal grants.



*Attend the 2nd EJ Take Action Forum on January 27, 2024 to learn more about these issues!*