

2018
JANUARY
 The Lilies Project Winner of National Creative Placemaking Fund with ArtPlace America
 Families Reach 1000 Days of Living on Bottled Water Press Conferences
FEBRUARY
 Annexation of Walnut Tree Community

2017
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 Democracy for Sale Tour with Tracey Edwards, Rev. Barber & Zach Gallifanakis

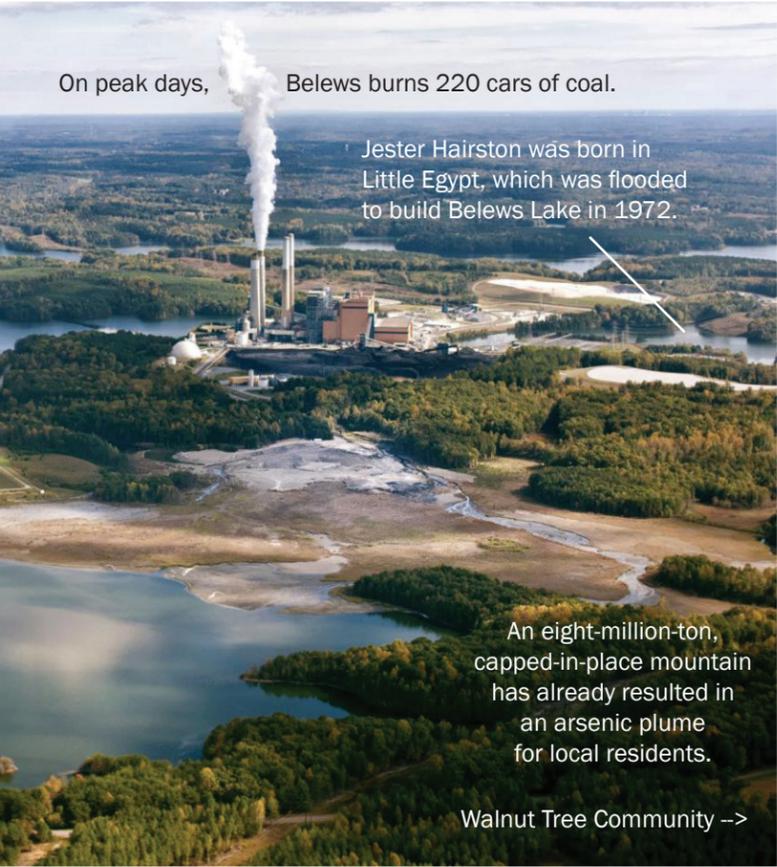
2016
JANUARY
 We invited McCrory to dinner after revelation of secret dinner with Lynn Good
 Began meeting with researchers at NC A&T
EASTER
 DEQ Hearing on Maundy Thursday US Civil Rights Commission on Coal Ash at Walnut Cove Public Library

2015
JANUARY 31ST
 Dan River Anniversary/Annie Brown Prayer Vigil at Boat Docks
MARCH
 Do Not Drink Letters sent from NC DEQ
MAY
 Visits by Karenna Gore and Rev. Barber to Rising Star Baptist Church in Walnut Cove

2014
FEBRUARY 2ND
 Dan River Spill happens thirty miles downstream in Eden
APRIL
 At What Cost film, features Annie Brown

2012
SPRING
 No Fracking in Stokes Forms

2010
MAY
 Danielle Bailey-Lash diagnosed with brain tumor



Together we can come up with creative solutions to address coal ash, 20 million tons of which sits in our community.

WHEN:
 January 1, 2018 - June 30, 2020

WHAT TO EXPECT:
 Ten Quarterly Workshops featuring Oral History | Visual Art | Spirituals | Public Health | Civil Rights | Renewable Energy

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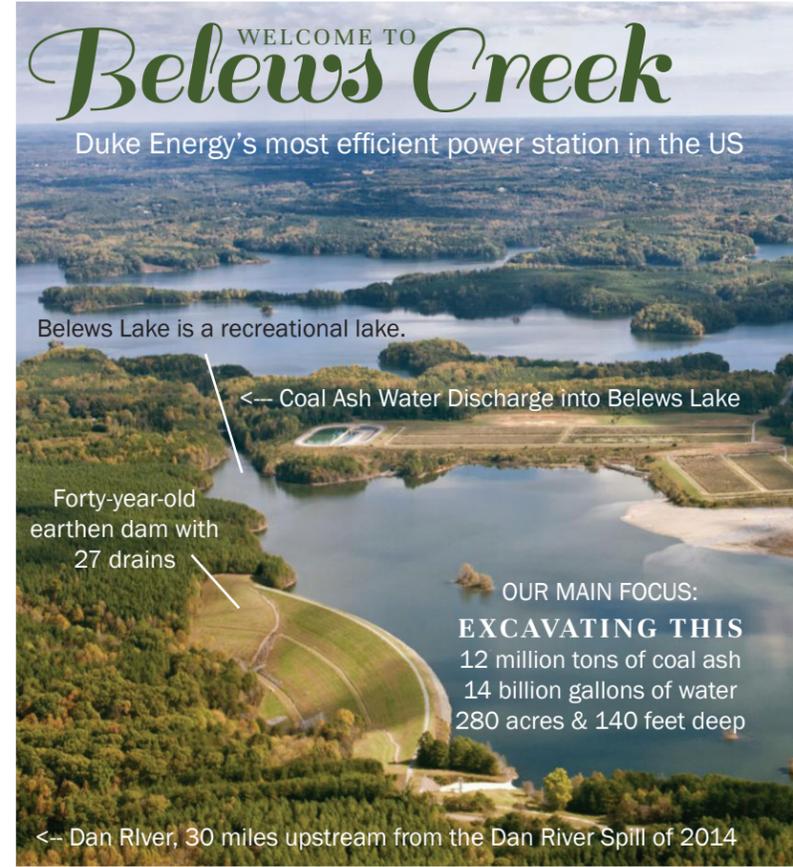
Public Art made out of coal ash in Walnut Cove with accompanying art throughout Southeastern Stokes County

LEAD ORGANIZATIONS:
 Stokes County Arts Council | Stokes County Historical Society
 Appalachian Voices | NC A&T State University

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WELCOME TO
Bishop William J. Barber II,
Former Vice President Al Gore & Karenna Gore
RISING STAR BAPTIST CHURCH, WALNUT COVE, NC
MONDAY, AUGUST 13TH, 2018



Duke has discharged water from this pit continuously into the Dan River since 2006, impacting downstream drinking water supplies.

NC DEQ plans to permit 30-year-old illegal seeps and draining 14 billion gallons into the Dan River without filtering any of the toxins.

MAY
 CNN Visits Belews Creek with Sanjay Gupta
AUGUST
 Celebrating Courage Weekend & Visit from Rev. Barber, Former VP Al Gore & Karenna Gore

NOVEMBER
 Write-in campaign against unopposed candidate to elect Charles Mitchell, first African-American Mayor of Walnut Cove

MAY
 Prayer for a Better Way Press Conference
SEPTEMBER
 People's Power Party at Beloved Community in Greensboro
 Prayer Vigil on Good Neighbor Day
NOVEMBER
 Roy Cooper eventually beats Pat McCrory by 10,277 votes. There are about 1000 NC families living on bottled water in NC.

JULY
 First Meeting of ACT against Coal Ash held at Belews Creek
SEPTEMBER
 Passage of Local No Fracking Moratorium; In two days, NCGA passes state law overturning local ordinances during midnight session
 Coal Ash Press Conference in Raleigh on Day Pope Visits White House

SEPTEMBER 24TH
 First Statewide Press Conference in Raleigh
SEPTEMBER 28TH
 Annie Brown, mother of Tracey Edwards, died after suffering from a massive heart attack

DECEMBER
 Appalachian Voices begins organizing in Belews Creek

AUGUST
 Your God is Too Small
 Too Small artwork activates Belews Creek coal ash movement

“May we pursue the most excellent way...

on how coal ash should be handled, not only in North Carolina, but all over the world.”

— CAROLINE ARMIJO, BELEWS CREEK ADVOCATE, FROM PRAYER “IN HOPE FOR A BETTER WAY,” MAY 19TH, 2016

FOR OUR COMMUNITY MEMBERS, WE SEEK:



no coal ash basins capped in place



permanent clean water supply



groundwater standards for critical populations



stop the importation of coal ash



minimize transportation of coal ash



stop the burial of coal ash in landfills



improved health & quality of life



a rapid shift to renewable energy, bypassing natural gas



the decentralization of electricity

At Belews Creek, We Want to Lead By

LAUNCHING A NEW INDUSTRY WITH NCA&T'S COAL ASH ENCAPSULATION PROJECT

We would like to build a pilot plant to be leased by NC A&T State University, which would allow researchers to develop industrial products that do not rot, mold and burn. They repel insects and remove the heavy metals of coal ash from our environment. The process does not require reburial of the ash, unlike the current concrete processors. It can use dried pond ash. However, we can start with the 60,000 tons of coal ash buried at Belews Creek annually.

Using a polymer to bind the coal ash together, the process can use hemp to remediate the soil, strengthen the product, and find a place to store the plants that absorbed the local toxins.

Private industry and NC DOT are working with A&T to discover ways to use the 180 million tons of ash in NC. Research includes the strength capacity of building products in A&T's \$25 million NASA lab. However, these industries want to see the actual equipment and process in a production facility before investing.

Building the pilot plant is the missing link.

We pray for the resurrection of the Appalachian Mountains buried in our midst.

FUNNELING PROFITS INTO A COMMUNITY FOUNDATION & IMPACTED NEIGHBORS' POCKETS

By developing a business from within the community, we have the opportunity to funnel money directly into a community foundation and neighbors' pockets as community shareholders.

Historically money has been passed through other organizations outside of Stokes County, predominantly in neighboring Forsyth or Guilford Counties. While we value their partnerships, it is time for the citizens of Stokes County to have an opportunity to make decisions about how to invest, rebuild and develop our own community.

We seek guidance on establishing a new economic opportunity for our community through this revolutionary industry.

The stone that the builders rejected has now become THE cornerstone.

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DEMONSTRATING SUCCESSFUL RENEWABLE TECHNIQUES THROUGHOUT THE AREA

Duke Energy announced its intent to convert Belews Creek into a fifty-fifty coal and gas plant. We would like to prevent the gas infrastructure from coming into our community. Instead we would like to see a rapid shift to renewables.

We would also like for our community to be a demonstration destination for renewables. We hope for more solar farms and other energy alternatives that we will draw visitors in from around the world to discover what an ideal remediation of coal ash looks like and to see what it is like to live surrounded by renewable energy.

We hope this includes greenways connecting our rural areas, enhancing our health, protecting our waterways, building our communities and showcasing our creativity.

Include Belews Creek in the advancement of energy technology as a place to showcase the very best solutions for climate change.

SHARING OUR STORIES, SONGS & ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE RESOURCES WITH OTHER COMMUNITIES

We have a powerful story to tell. It has been shared all over the world through national and international news, countless films and more. As described by Marie Garlock, “[this is] where ‘justice is what love looks like in public’ across environmental, health, racial, community realms.”

We want to share the numerous resources developed here and help others bring forth their own reconciliation and restoration across the 1400 coal ash communities through out our nation.

Please continue to use our community as a resource for how to lead with love in the face of environmental injustices.

FILM RESOURCES

Democracy For Sale
Celebrating Courage
Sacrifice Zone
Tracing The Hairstons
The Story We Want

WASH. RINSE. REPEAT. :: Replicate the Belews Creek model across the US.