

## Annual Report 2023



In 2023, we continued our work toward a cleaner, healthier North Carolina despite navigating a challenging political landscape. We were successful making progress on several key issues and on fighting rollbacks to existing protections. With your generous support, we accomplished the following positive outcomes:

- 1. Secured increased funding for environmental protection in the state budget, including support for clean energy, resiliency, increased enforcement, and more.
- 2. Successfully urged Governor Cooper to sign an Executive Order to address environmental justice issues. This Executive Order directs all state agencies to address the impacts of environmental justice across the state.
- 3. Working with our partners, successfully urged the Environmental Protection Agency to deny the importation of the forever chemical GenX into NC, after they initially approved the request.
- 4. Along with partners, pushed the NC Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) to significantly lower standards for releases of the forever chemical PFAS from groundwater around Chemours' contaminated facility on the Cape Fear. In response, DEQ set the lowest discharge standards for forever chemicals in the nation. In the spring of 2024, the company finished building its groundwater treatment system and PFAS concentrations in the river have dropped again.
- 5. As the North Carolina partner in a national campaign, kept up sustained pressure on outdoor retailer REI—and won an important victory when they announced that it will ban PFAS in all textiles and cookware.

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#### **Campus Fellows**

The Campus Fellows Program enables NCCN to increase our organizing capacity across North Carolina, engage young people in timely issue campaigns, and create a pathway for future leaders in the environmental movement.

Since the start of the Campus Fellows Program in Spring of 2022, the program has grown to include 23 fellows across 11 North Carolina campuses. This expansion has allowed our fellows to further educate and mobilize their peers on issues impacting the state, including addressing forever chemical pollution, advocating for environmental justice, and promoting clean energy. Fellows also educate their peers about voting in our state's elections by distributing non-partisan voter guides and early voting information, attending letter writing events, and initiating peer-to-peer texts.

We anticipate this program will grow across more North Carolina campuses in upcoming years.

# Revenue 2% Dues 6% Interest & Misc 20% Grants 72% Contributions Expenses 15% Mgmt and General 4% Fundraising 81% Program

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