



WHERE WE STAND – ENVIRONMENT

Everyone in Brunswick County deserves clean water, clean air, and access to the natural environment. Unfortunately, many of our residents are dealing with impacts of past contamination, and ongoing business and agricultural practices that threaten their health. Often, these impacts fall disproportionately on people living in economically disadvantaged areas.

We must ensure that those who cherish our natural environment, whether for beach-going, boating, fishing, hunting, cycling, dog-walking, or simply living and raising their family in healthy surroundings, will find what they seek in Brunswick County today and in the future.

We believe that businesses operating in or impacting Brunswick County must address past contamination and protect our air, water, and soil. North Carolina's Department of Environmental Quality must be funded and empowered to protect our collective interests. Developers planning residential and commercial projects must demonstrate that they will preserve open space, protect wildlife habitat, and control stormwater runoff. Our coastal wetlands, vital for controlling flooding, should be preserved.



We oppose exploratory drilling and extraction of petroleum resources off our coast. Oil spills could adversely damage our beach communities and our commercial fishing industry. Given the role of fossil fuels in accelerating climate change impacts, we should embrace renewable energy sources such as solar and wind power, for which Brunswick County is ideally suited.

Environmental protection and clean energy are essential for our economic development. With the involvement of all stakeholders – residents, manufacturing, agriculture, utilities, small businesses, nonprofits, academia, and government – we can safeguard Brunswick County for generations to come.

Flip this over to learn how YOU can get involved!

Here's what DEMOCRATS are doing to PROTECT our ENVIRONMENT:

- The Biden administration is taking [climate action](#) to cut U.S. greenhouse gas emissions in half by 2030 and reach net-zero by 2050; it has protected numerous American lands and waters and set initiatives to develop clean energy and reduce pollution, while lowering costs and creating jobs.
- Democratic Governor Cooper signed a 2021 [law](#) to sharply cut carbon emissions from coal-fired power plants in NC, building on [previous legislation](#) that bolstered the solar energy industry. He also issued an [executive order](#) emphasizing NC's commitment to offshore wind power.
- Proposing updates to the [Safe Water Drinking Act](#), along with Democratic-sponsored bills in the NC [House](#) and [Senate](#), to establish maximum contaminant levels - including "forever chemicals" like PFAS - for drinking water.
- In NC, introducing the "[Defend Our Coast Act](#)," to prohibit offshore drilling off the mid-Atlantic coast and to help protect North Carolina's coastline, beach communities, and fishing industry.

Here's what MAGA REPUBLICANS are doing to ENDANGER our ENVIRONMENT:

- In the U.S. House, passed the "[Lower Energy Costs Act](#)" to expand mining and fossil fuel production and gut efforts to convert to clean energy, while benefiting major oil and gas companies.
- The Trump administration rolled back regulations to address climate change, reducing restrictions on [toxic industrial emissions](#) like airborne mercury, and withdrawing the U.S. from the international Paris Agreement to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.
- Previously, Republicans [weakened](#) the North Carolina Environmental Policy Act, in place for decades to protect the environment, by raising the threshold for triggering environmental impact reviews of taxpayer-funded projects.



TAKE ACTION!

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