

## SOL Nation February Newsletter



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## **Black History Month = Black Climate Week!**

SOL Nation celebrates Black Climate Week sponsored by The Solutions Project.



**Black communities make the smallest carbon footprint, yet they face the worst of environmental degradation.** This proximity to the problems means frontline communities are also at the forefront of climate solutions. Yet, they receive the least amount of support. To create equitable climate solutions, we must honor the leadership, voices, and stories of Black communities. Philanthropy **MUST** dismantle historical barriers & move forward with transparency, accountability, and solidarity.

**Hosted by The Solutions Project, Black Climate Week is about highlighting Black voices, Black leadership and Black stories.** This week long event honors the innovative climate solutions and promotes the development of new climate justice solutions. These efforts are aimed at creating a future where everyone has access to clean energy, fresh air, safe drinking water, affordable housing, nutritious food, and sustainable job opportunities.

Now in its fifth year, this award-winning campaign is focused on philanthropy and its power to create the future we want by showing up in solidarity with Black communities advancing a just transition to an equitable and regenerative economy. As climate action rises in importance across all communities, a spotlight on Black leadership offers a powerful path forward.



#### **Black Climate Week Community Clean Up**

**February 22 | 10am - 12pm**

Meet us at the corner of Cindy Lane and Juniper Lane off Beatties Ford Rd, Charlotte, NC 28216.

Close out Black Climate Week by supporting the Historic Westend with the reduction of pollution. Small action, creates BIG change!

[Sign Up to Volunteer](https://www.solnation.org/volunteer)



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# West Charlotte HS Calming Rooms

**Support Emotional Regulation for Teen Students!**

Why Calming Rooms Matter:

- ✓ A safe space to manage stress or sudden grief.
- ✓ An alternative to visiting the principal's office for emotional breaks.
- ✓ A tool for mental health and emotional resilience.

Your donation today will help us create these much-needed spaces, providing teens with the support they need to thrive.

**Donate to help establish emotional stability for our youth:  
[bit.ly/wccalmingrooms](https://bit.ly/wccalmingrooms)**



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## Featured Programs & Events

**Community Clean Up & Canvassing on  
MLK Jr. Day - 01/20**



### Why Community Clean Up?

Black communities deserve clean spaces with breathable air and free of trash.

SOL Nation would like to thank everyone who came out to support the start of this important initiative.

Together, we're not just cleaning streets—we're building stronger, healthier communities and fostering conversations that drive real change. Your efforts are helping to create a future where every neighborhood can thrive.





**Everyone deserves the opportunity to enjoy the community they live in.**

Everyone deserves to not just live in their community, but to enjoy it. A neighborhood should be more than just a place to sleep—it should be a space where people can gather, relax, and feel proud of their surroundings. Too often, Black and Brown communities are overlooked when it comes to clean, green, and welcoming public spaces. Residents shouldn't have to leave their neighborhoods to find parks worth visiting, streets free of litter, or spaces designed for leisure and connection.

Investing in and caring for our own communities means creating places where people want to spend time, not just pass through. When a neighborhood is clean and well-maintained, it fosters pride, safety, and a stronger sense of belonging. Everyone deserves access to beauty, peace, and joy—right where they live.





## SOLAIRE | SOL Nation + CleanAIRE NC Engagement Survey

Sol Nation and CleanAIRE NC are partnered to implement climate solutions that are community-led. We are listening to and amplifying the voices of community members who have been historically impacted and burdened by environmental injustices. Please take five minutes to share your thoughts and opinions about environmental injustices in your community. If you have any questions please reach out to [Kennedy@cleanairenc.org](mailto:Kennedy@cleanairenc.org) or [Hello@solnation.org](mailto>Hello@solnation.org)!

[Take the Survey](#)

## Energy & Storage Company Brings 150 Jobs to Western NC

Paradigm Energy and Storage will make its headquarters on an approximately 85-acre property on Route 19E in Burnsville, county officials said. The energy company will bring 150 jobs to Western North Carolina as part of its \$175 million investment in Yancey County. Yancey County said the company is "an innovative producer of energy solutions," and is "poised to revolutionize the energy sector in North Carolina."

[Read Full Press Release](#)





# Hurricane Helene Relief Donation List

- Canned food (meat, fruit, veggies, and ready to eat meals)
- Rice
- Canned and dry beans
- Shelf stable food
- Snack foods
- Shelf stable milk
- Condiments
- Coffee and creamer
- Hygiene: Shampoo/conditioner, body wash, razors, shaving cream, soap
- Feminine hygiene products
- Electric heaters
- Towels/washcloths (NEW ONLY)
- Sponges/scrub brushes
- Mops/brooms
- Laundry detergent
- Dish soap
- Kitchen trash bags (ALL SIZES)
- Paper cups
- Paper plates/bowls
- Utensils
- Toilet paper
- DAMP RID
- Dehumidifiers

## Charlotte Drop Off Hubs

SOL Nation inc  
516 E 15th St.  
*Must make drop off appt.*

Archive Clt  
2023 Beatties Ford Rd. Suite D  
(980) 800-9975



## Cash Donation:

<https://bit.ly/supportboone>



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