



DELAWARE CONCERNED RESIDENTS FOR EJ

DCR4EJ@CHEC

Brief Description

Delaware Concerned Residents for Environmental Justice (DCR4EJ) @ CHEC is an environmental justice initiative established by community residents in direct response to the inequities many of them have faced for decades. The purpose of this environmental justice initiative is to bring residents together to make the connections between toxic pollutions, the climate crisis, food apartheid and public health. The value of the DCR4EJ is being a collective where grassroots, blacks indigenous and people of color are united to a bottom-up process rooted in EJ principles.

Our mission is to inform and empower communities to take action to protect the fundamental rights to clean air, water, land and food.

DCR4EJ @CHEC is a partner of the Delaware Environmental Justice Community Partnership and a sponsored organization of the Community Housing & Empowerment Connections Inc. and actively advocate for climate and environmental justice at local, regional and national levels. Other programs that DCR4EJ is partner to include:

- Community Air Monitoring Network
- Clean Energy Future for All Campaign
- Co-author of Environmental Justice for Delaware: Mitigating Toxic Pollution in New Castle County Communities report.



Community Housing and Empowerment Connections Inc. (CHEC), established in 2001 is a community-based non-profit organization specializing in environmental justice,

community outreach and engagement. CHEC have a trained staff of volunteers with 30 years of experience implementing nationally recognized evidenced-based programs on: Fair Housing; Substance Abuse and Violence Prevention. CHEC also is a major actor in environmental justice advocacy in low income communities of color where high levels of air pollutants exist. CHEC led the establishment of the Wilmington Prevention Coalition and the New Castle Prevention Coalition. Additionally, through its' partnership efforts, Delaware Environmental Justice Community Partnerships was established. CHEC is currently the lead partner in establishing a Community Air Monitoring Network in New Castle County, Delaware where residents track and measure their own air quality in real time.

DCR4EJ will assist in the implementation of various campaigns that will engage and educate youth and families in EJ throughout Delaware.

DCR4EJ @CHEC member presentation

