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Thank you for signing up to learn more about this project. This newsletter will serve as a resource for project details, relevant stories, and ways to stay engaged. Check out the information below and stay tuned for more.

Project Updates



SEAP+ Adopted by Charlotte City Council: On Tuesday, May 27, the Charlotte City Council [officially adopted the Strategic Energy Action Plan Plus \(SEAP+\)](#)! This is a significant milestone, as SEAP+ serves as the updated and expanded roadmap to achieving Charlotte's ambitious climate and energy goals. Charlotte Mayor Vi Lyles emphasized the importance of this adoption, stating, "SEAP+ adoption is another strong step toward our goal of becoming a global leader in environmental sustainability. I am proud of our achievements so far, and I am eager to continue the bold work laid out in this plan." This comprehensive plan was developed with significant community input, including a public survey, numerous outreach events, and guidance from a Technical Advisory Committee of local sustainability experts.

The updated SEAP+ brings several key advancements, including an updated Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory, a focus on climate risks, and a complete reimagining of our focus areas. We've reaffirmed the importance of Buildings, Energy Generation, and Transportation while integrating workforce development as a key component within each. Additionally, a new Cross-Sectional focus area now ties together crucial aspects like water conservation, waste diversion and reduction, smart data approaches, urban heat mitigation, and our city's tree canopy.

Acknowledgments: SEAP+ is a testament to Charlotte's commitment to becoming a more sustainable city. This ambitious undertaking wouldn't have been possible without the dedication of many individuals and organizations.

The plan was developed by the City of Charlotte's Office of Sustainability and Resilience (OSR), spearheaded by Sarah Hazel, Dr. Robyn Byers, Heather Bolick, and Aaron Tauber. Their efforts were significantly bolstered by the support of EY US and public engagement specialists at Civility Localized.

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Upcoming Events and Opportunities

Charlotte Sustainability Summit June 7: Join SHARE Charlotte and Carben Events for the Charlotte Sustainability Summit on Saturday, June 7, at The Dubois Center at UNCC Center City. This full-day event is designed for Charlotte residents interested in learning more about city-wide sustainability initiatives and how to make a positive impact. Attendees can participate in workshops and discussions featuring insights from nonprofit organizations, corporate leaders, and city and county officials, including keynote speakers Heather Bolick and Ethan Blumenthal. [Learn more and register.](#)

UNC Charlotte 3rd Annual Juneteenth Block Party June 21: Celebrate community and culture at the 3rd Annual Juneteenth Block Party hosted by the UNC Charlotte Black Alumni Chapter. This free family-friendly event takes place on June 21 from 6–9 p.m. at the Hauser Alumni Pavilion. It will feature a live DJ, delicious food from two local food trucks, fun activities, and a chance to connect with Niner Nation. All are welcome. It's free to attend but registration is required. [Register.](#)

Solarize Charlotte-Mecklenburg Launch Event June 25: Introducing Solarize Charlotte-Mecklenburg — a community-based solar group-purchase program designed to make solar energy more affordable and accessible for homeowners and businesses in our region. Join Solarize Charlotte-Mecklenburg for a Launch Event on June 25 at 6 p.m. at The Innovation Barn. This event will feature exciting speakers, program info, community networking and the opportunity to learn how you or someone you know can benefit from going solar. [Reserve your spot on Eventbrite.](#)

Film Screening and Discussion June 26: Join the City of Charlotte Office of sustainability and Resilience for Urban Heat Movie Night with a screening of *Cooked*, followed by a panel discussion on extreme heat in Charlotte. [Register here.](#)




Local Resources and Stories

CleanAIRE NC Launches AirKeeper Dashboard:

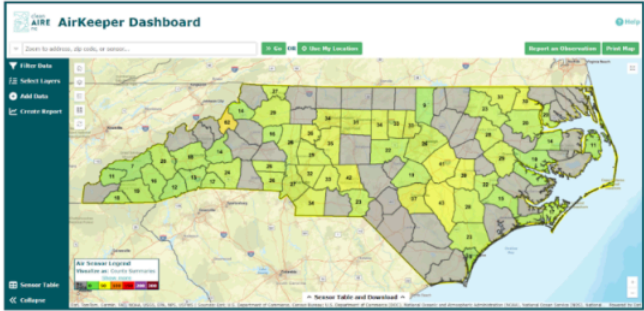
We're excited to share a valuable new local resource: CleanAIRE NC officially launched their AirKeeper Dashboard on June 3! This innovative, interactive platform is a new tool for

North Carolina air quality data and advocacy. The AirKeeper Dashboard seamlessly combines real-time air quality readings, pollution source locations, vital demographic data, and health statistics all in one dynamic place. Learn more and explore the [AirKeeper Dashboard](#).

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Explore Your Air Quality

Get ready to dive into the world of air quality with the AirKeeper Dashboard – your go-to North Carolina air quality data and advocacy tool! This interactive powerhouse seamlessly combines real-time air quality readings, pollution source locations, vital demographic data, and health statistics into one dynamic platform. With this innovative tool, individuals and communities can now access and communicate their environmental realities like never before.

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Sol Nation Bloom Into Action Benefit Brunch: On Friday, May 31, Sol Nation hosted its Bloom Into Action Benefit Brunch at the beautiful Nine Eighteen Nine Gallery inside Charlotte's VAPA Center. This vibrant event was dedicated to recognizing community members through connection, creativity, and celebration. Together, Sol Nation and their guests honored folks embodying the work of environmental justice. Among those recognized were Three Sisters Market, Tammy Hill, and Black Girl Environmentalists for their dedication to climate work. The 2025 Bloom Into Action Brunch served as a powerful reminder of the impact of collective effort and the Charlotte community's dedication to environmental justice. [Learn more and support.](#)

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Your engagement means a lot to us, and we're committed to bringing you the latest information and resources. Thank you for working with us to help Charlotte strive to lead as a global city by continuously improving, protecting, and preserving the environment, its community, and its economy while ensuring equity and resilience — for today and future generations. To unsubscribe from this newsletter, please use the link provided below.

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