

A Laudato Si' Focus on Environmental Justice

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He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God. — Micah 6:8

Creator God,

You call us, as inhabitants of this world, to act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with you. Yet this is so often absent from our experience and feels beyond our ability. We find hope as we recognize and confess our failings – whether as individuals or institutions. Confronting racial injustice and recognizing its harm towards others can be painful, but the pain for those subjected to this injustice is greater. May we have the courage to act justly. May we love mercy in order to avoid harming others by action or inaction. May we find the humility to acknowledge our failings. For the sake of our country, world, your creation, and those created in your image, may this come to pass.

-Prayer from Climate Caretakers



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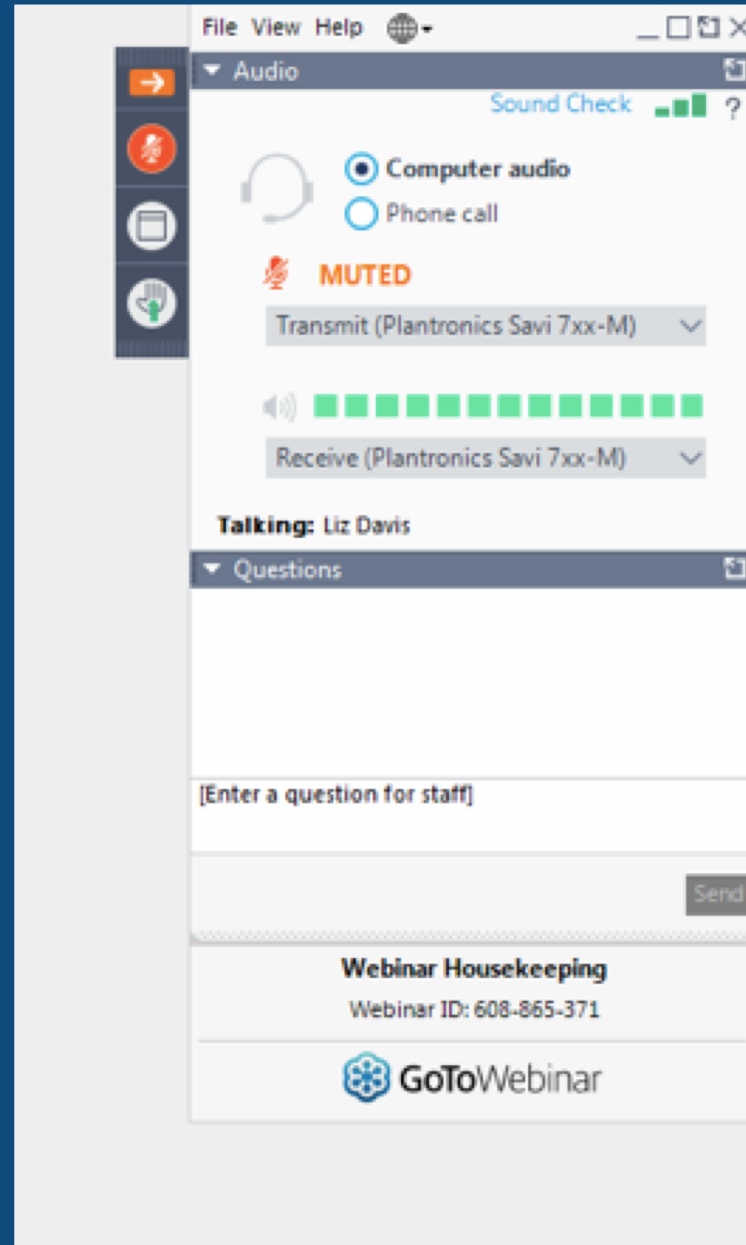
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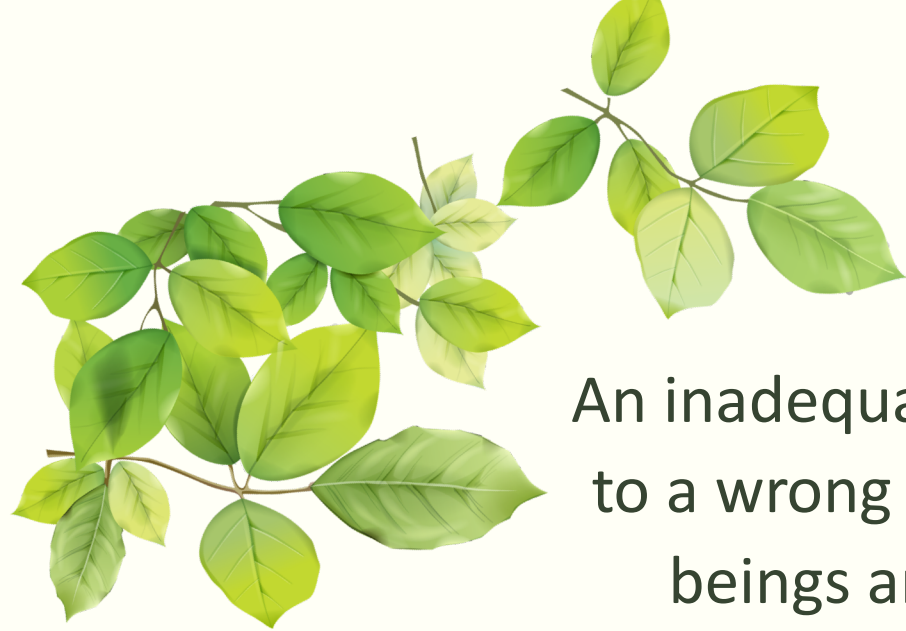
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Framework for Environmental Justice in Laudato Si'

Our Common Origin
Mutual Belonging
Shared Destiny

Today, however, we have to realize that a true ecological approach always becomes a social approach; it must integrate questions of justice in debates on the environment, so as to hear both the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor.



An inadequate presentation of Christian anthropology gave rise to a wrong understanding of the relationship between human beings and the world. Often, what was handed on was a Promethean vision of mastery of the world, which gave the impression that the protection of nature was something only the faint-hearted cared about. Instead, our “dominion” over the universe should be understood more properly in the sense of responsible stewardship.

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Intersectionality Matters

Intersectionality is the complex, culminative way in which the effects of multiple forms of discrimination (racism, sexism, classism, speciesism) combine, overlap or intersect



Podcast: Vulnerabilities that COVID Lays Bare
March 30, 2020

“You tell me your zip code,
and I can tell you how
healthy you are.”

DR. ROBERT BULLARD — SCHOLAR, ACTIVIST, AND
THE FATHER OF ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE.



Robert Bullard is photographed in Washington, D.C., on Sept. 24, 2013.

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THREE INTERSECTING DIMENSIONS OF LOVING OUR NEIGHBORS

Economic Well Being

Access to Safe work; Living Wage;
Sustainable Economies; Don't take more
than what can be sustained by the planet
(regenerative economies); Circular
Economies; Inviting innovation; Economies in
Service of Humanity and Planet...



E-WASTE DISPOSAL IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES



Ecological Well Being

Safe Places; Clean Drinking Water; Sanitation; Beauty; Healthy Food; Recreation; Breathable air; Non-heat islands; Protection from rising sea levels; ecosystems informing human practices.

JULY 2020 OIL SPILL HAS ENDANGERED WORLD-RENOWNED CORAL REEFS AND LAGOONS AND THE WAY OF LIFE IN MAURITIUS



JEAN AURELIO PRUDENCE/L'EXPRESS MAURICE/AFP VIA GETTY IMAGES

Social Well Being

Healthy Communities and Families;
Interconnected Communities; Access to Goods of
Society (healthcare; education; jobs); Ability to
Contribute to Society; All have Value and Worth

SIGNPOSTS FROM
LAUDATO SI

God, Creator: The Deep Roots of Our Common Origin





Incarnation

Source of our Mutual Belonging and Shared Destiny

Signpost from Laudato Si'

The Trinity: Perfect Communion

Our Model for Abundant Planetary Table Fellowship



Signpost from Laudato Si'



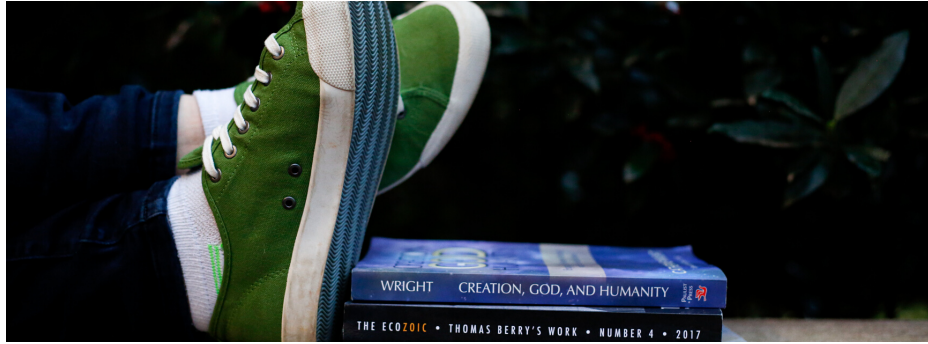
“The human person grows more, matures more and is sanctified more to the extent that he or she enters into relationships, going out from themselves to live in communion with God, with others and with all creatures.

In this way, they make their own, the trinitarian dynamism which God imprinted on them when they were created.

Everything is interconnected and this invites us to develop a spirituality of global solidarity that flows from the mystery of the Trinity”



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Praise Be!

Catherine Wright

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Principles of Environmental Justice

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The fair treatment of people of all races, income levels, and cultures with respect to the development, implementation, and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations, and policies, and their meaningful involvement in government decision-making processes.



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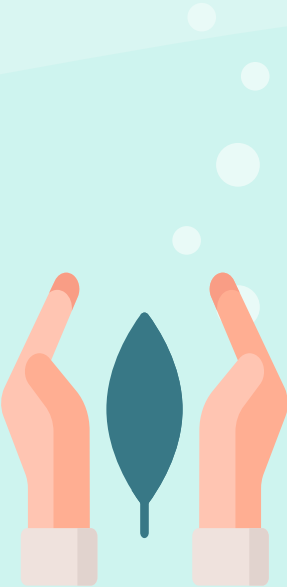
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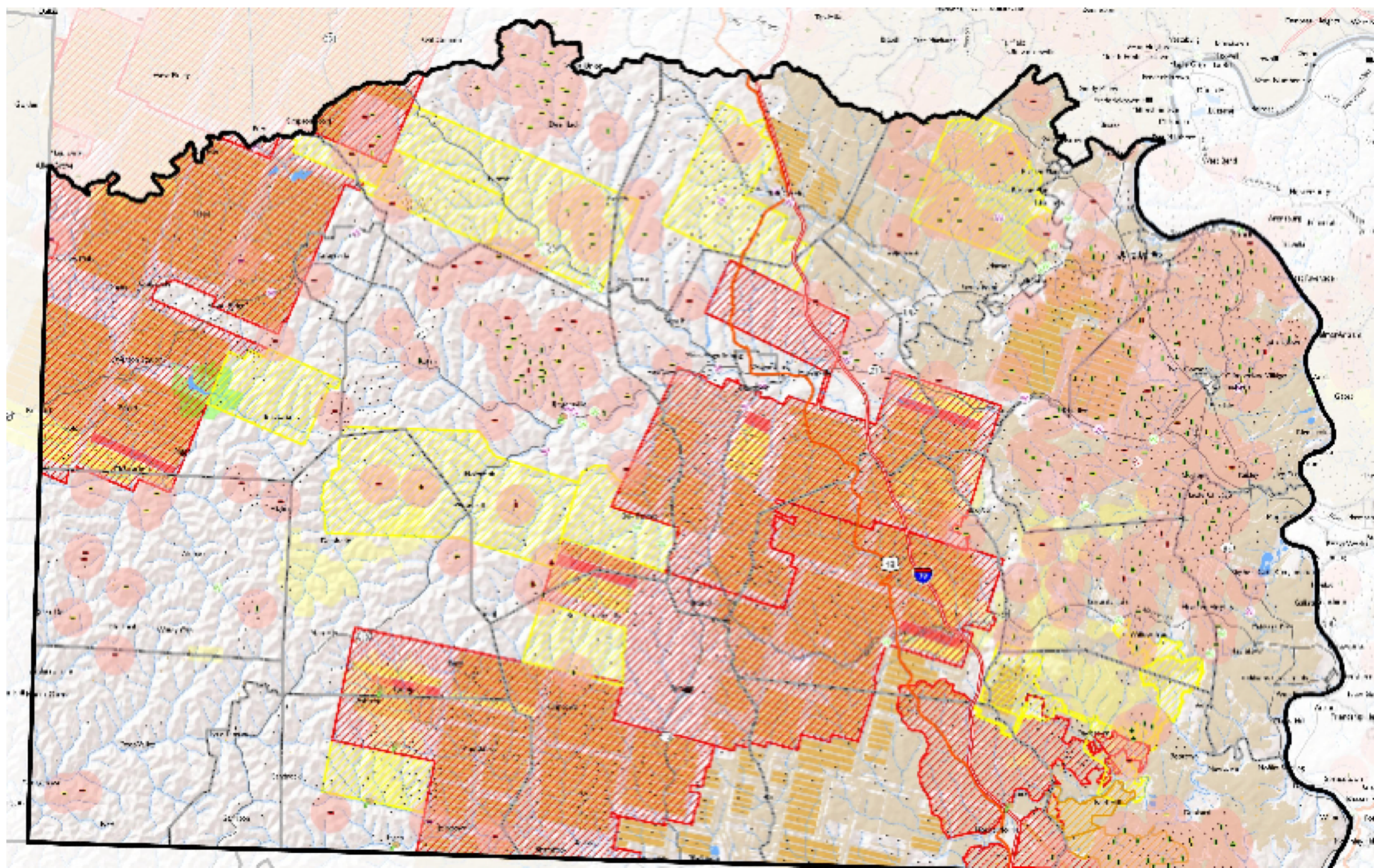
Civic
Engagement





My Story and Impacts of Environmental Justice







Jemez Principles



Be Inclusive



Work Together
in Solidarity and
Mutuality



Emphasis on
Bottom-Up
Organizing



Build Just
Relationships
Among
Ourselves



Let People
Speak for
Themselves



Commitment to
Self-Transformation

What Can You Do?



Invest in
Impacted
Communities



Speak Out
Against Harm



Amplify the
voices of
impacted
people

THANKS

DO YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS?

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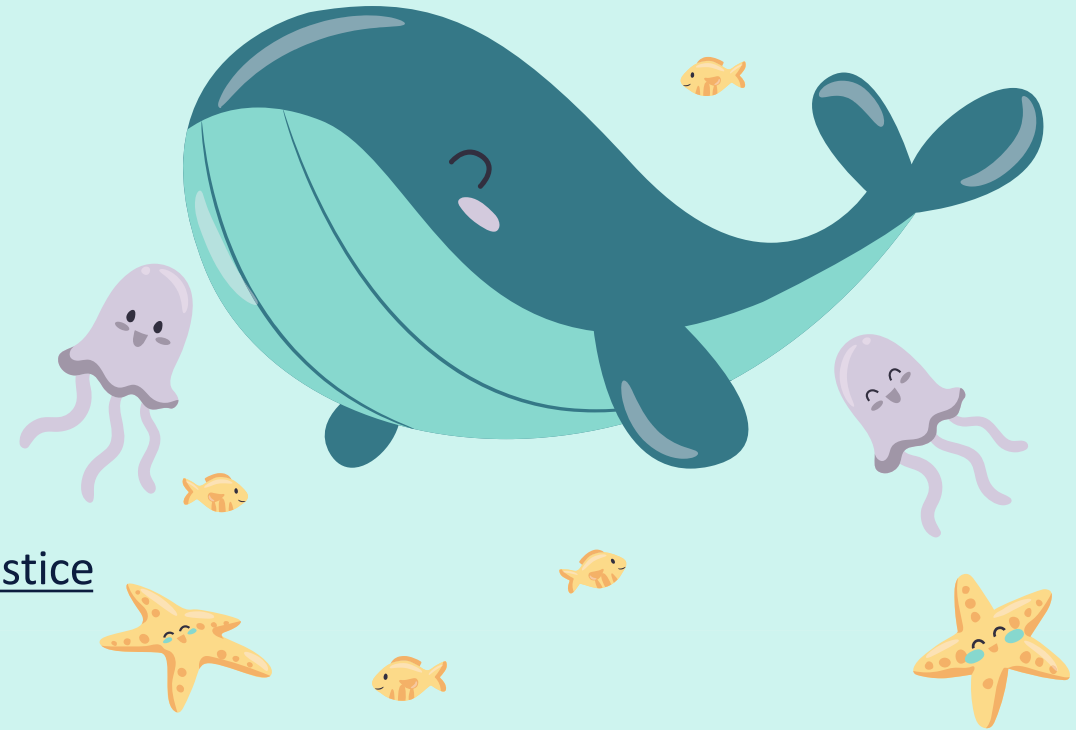
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[New Yorker: Future of Coal](#)

[Refinery29 Video: Communities Fight for Environmental Justice](#)

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