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Hosted Events on Climate & Clean Energy Issues

- December 1, 2012
“**Solar Power: Putting It to Work in Coastal Georgia**” – Public forum held at the Coastal Georgia Center, Savannah.
- November 13, 2015
“**Using the Law to Protect Georgia’s Coast: Pipelines, Offshore Drilling, LNG and Climate Change.**”
A presentation in Savannah by Jessica Wentz, Associate Director of the Sabin Center for Climate Change Law, Columbia University.
- November 11, 2016
“**Wisdom to Survive: Climate-Change, Capitalism & Community**” – Savannah Screening of the Award-Winning Film, followed by a public discussion of its implications for coastal Georgia.
- June 17, 2017
“**Why neglecting nature threatens our prosperity**” – A presentation by Professor Geoffrey Heal, Columbia University.
- October 20, 2018
“**Climate Change and Coastal Georgia**” – Conference held at the Coastal Georgia Center, Savannah.
- Feb 23, 2019
“**The Green New Deal: Can Savannah prevent the worst damage of climate change?**” – Savannah public forum.

Collaborative Activities on Climate & Clean Energy Issues

- September 22, 2019
An estimated one-thousand people of all ages came to Savannah’s Forsyth Park to strengthen support for expedient, effective action on the climate crisis, in tribute to the Global Climate Strike. The Center initiated this collaboratively organized event, which greatly boosted public awareness of the urgency of global climate issues. This was not only the largest climate event ever held in coastal Georgia, but the best-attended environmental rally in the history of Georgia’s coast.
- November 2019 – March 2020
The Center actively collaborated in drafting and advocating a Clean Energy Resolution, paralleling similar initiatives in many other cities across Georgia and the U.S. The resolution, committing Savannah to using 100% clean energy by 2035, was unanimously adopted by the Savannah City Council on March 26, 2020. The city’s sustainability department is now developing a multi-faceted strategy to implement the resolution’s objectives.
- 2019 - Present
In keeping with the Center’s commitment to collaborative endeavors, our board and staff have been working with Savannah’s Climate Reality Project group to advance action on climate change and clean energy through a series of monthly meetings of volunteers comprising a diverse array of individuals sharing common priorities. Over the past year, the Center’s co-director has been serving as chair-person for the initiative.
- 2020 – 2021
To ensure that county and regional planning reports in coastal Georgia address priorities to prepare for climate change, the Center made suggestions for updating comprehensive plans to help protect the public interest. Our comments underscored the importance of reducing risks caused by rising sea-level, escalating storm intensity, increasingly destructive storm-surge, and – above all – the emission of heat-trapping greenhouse gases. Updated plans of the Savannah-Chatham County Metropolitan Planning Commission and Georgia’s Coastal Regional Commission adopted our written recommendations.



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Published Commentary on Climate Change & Clean Energy

2022

1. Action needed on climate change, *Savannah Morning News*, January
2. Carbon capture distinctions are critical, *Coastal Courier* and *The Brunswick News*, February
3. Environmental groups challenge Sea Island, *Coastal Courier*, February
4. Superfund sites worsened by climate change, *The Brunswick News* and *Coastal Courier*, March
5. Limits to growth must be honored, *Coastal Courier*

2021

6. Economic policies jeopardize our future, *Savannah Morning News*, January
7. Toward a sustainable, just economy, *Coastal Courier*, *Jesup Press-Sentinel*, February
8. Georgia Senate bill blocks clean energy, *Jesup Press-Sentinel*, March
9. SPLOST should be used to combat sea-rise, *The Brunswick News*, March
10. Georgia voters must demand legislative accountability, *Coastal Courier*, March
11. Time to embrace responsible climate initiatives, *Savannah Morning News*, March
12. State legislators again protect corporate interests, *Savannah Morning News*, April
13. Earth Day must become Truth Day, *Like the Dew*, *Jesup Press-Sentinel*, April
14. Voting is essential to action on climate issues, *The Savannah Morning News*, April
15. The crux of our climate predicament, *The Brunswick News*, May
16. Crucial need for honesty in energy policies, *The Brunswick News*, *Coastal Courier*, June
17. Redefining prosperity and how to achieve it, *Jesup Press-Sentinel*, June
18. Wood-pellet industry worsens climate change, *Savannah Morning News*, June
19. Acknowledging the “truth” of climate change, *Savannah Morning News*, July
20. Corporate opportunists must be held accountable, *Savannah Morning News*, August
21. Causes of the climate crisis must be addressed, *The Brunswick News*, August
22. Policy reforms vital to timely climate action, *The Brunswick News*, September
23. Transforming anxieties into effective political action, *Savannah Morning News*, September
24. Demand Justice, *Coastal Courier*, October
25. Addressing climate change an urgent priority, *Savannah Morning News*, November
26. Examining a convergence of moral imperatives, *Coastal Courier*, November
27. Creating a sustainable economy, *Coastal Courier*, *The Brunswick News*, *Jesup Press-Sentinel*, December

2020

28. Delusions and downsides of so-called free markets, *Jesup Press Sentinel*, *The Brunswick News*, February
29. Center challenges oil lobbyist, *Savannah Morning News*, March
30. COVID-19 offers lesson on global crises, *Savannah Morning News*, April
31. Business as usual won't work anymore, *Coastal Courier*, April
32. Accelerating change threatens our future, *Jesup Press Sentinel*, April
33. Beware misuse of language, omission of facts, *Savannah Morning News*, May
34. Market failures make government controls necessary, *The Brunswick News*, May
35. Hostilities jeopardize our future, *The Augusta Chronicle*, June
36. Prejudicial policies, reforms on horizon, *The Brunswick News*, June
37. Policies & prejudices: Correcting systemic injustices, *Savannah Morning News*, *Jesup Press-Sentinel*, June
38. Freedom from what?, *Savannah Morning News*, *Brunswick News*, *Coastal Courier*, *Jesup Press Sentinel*, July
39. A crucial time for comprehensive reforms, *Savannah Morning News*, *Brunswick News*, *Coastal Courier*, August



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40. Climate is still a priority, *Connect Savannah, Coastal Courier, Like the Dew*, September
41. Partial offshore drilling moratorium is a misleading distraction, *The Brunswick News, Jesup Press Sentinel*, September
42. The vital importance of truth, *The Brunswick News, Coastal Courier, Savannah Morning News*, October
43. Circumstances justify bold energy reforms, *The Brunswick News*, October
44. A call to action for the challenge ahead, *The Brunswick News, Coastal Courier*, November
45. Reflections on America's future, *Like the Dew*, December
46. Creating a 'new normal' in the post-COVID future, *The Brunswick News*, December

2019

47. Clarifying the cause of rising sea-level, *Savannah Morning News*, January
48. We keep ignoring science – and the environment pays the price, *Florida Times-Union*, January
49. Misconceived policies harm national interest, *Augusta Chronicle*, February
50. Green energy goals and biomass, *Coastal Courier*, February
51. Rep. Carter opposes offshore drilling but still favors fossil-fuels, *Savannah Morning News*, March
52. Beware the politics of stealth, *Coastal Courier* and *The Brunswick News*, March
53. Inept opportunism harms national interest, *Connect Savannah*, April
54. Georgians deserve better on shoreline protections, *Savannah Morning News*, April
55. Green New Deal justifiably omits nuclear power, *Coastal Courier, Augusta Chronicle, Savannah Morning News,* and *Florida Times-Union*, April
56. Prevention of climate-change damage is subverted by calculated misinformation, *Like the Dew*, April
57. Move to clean energy before it's too late, *Savannah Morning News*, May
58. Sensors can only inform, not impact decisions, *Savannah Morning News*, May
59. Report underscores threats the world is facing, *The Brunswick News*, May
60. Extinctions predict dire future: Reforms urgently needed, *Coastal Courier*, May
61. Corporations put profits before other concerns, *The Brunswick News*, June
62. Abandoning Science Has Costly Consequences for Americans, *Like the Dew* and *Connect Savannah*, June
63. Collaborating to reduce greenhouse gases in Savannah, *Savannah Morning News*, June
64. Climate change threatens water quality, economy, *The Brunswick News*, August
65. Reconsidering federal flood insurance subsidies, *Coastal Courier* and *Connect Savannah*, August
66. Facts are stubborn things, essential to our survival, *The Brunswick News*, August
67. Responsible remedies for dire global limitations urgently needed, *Jesup Press Sentinel* and *Coastal Courier*, August
68. Distinctions are Devious, *Augusta Chronicle, Florida Times-Union,* and *Coastal Courier*, September
69. The Tragedy of Willful Negligence, *The Brunswick News*, September
70. Political interests distorting terminology, *Savannah Morning News*, September
71. Propaganda, politics, and the tragedy of profitable disinformation, *Like the Dew*, September
72. Disheartened by energy industry propaganda, *Savannah Morning News*, September
73. Rallying locals for the Global Climate Strike, *Savannah Morning News*, September
74. Credit for Rep. Carter is misinformed, misleading, *The Brunswick News*, September
75. Clean energy subsidies are cut as big oil bailouts continue, *Florida Times-Union & Jesup Press Sentinel*, September
76. Unite behind the science, *Coastal Courier*, October 2019, *Jesup Press-Sentinel*, November 2019, and *Savannah Morning News*, December
77. Zoning overhaul must address rising sea levels, *The Brunswick News*, October
78. Troubled by cuts to clean energy subsidies, *Savannah Morning News*, October
79. Climate-change column is deceptive, deeply flawed, *Florida Times-Union*, October
80. Big Oil keeps getting government handouts, *Coastal Courier*, November
81. Administration ignores climate damages, *Savannah Morning News*, November
82. Sustaining the future of coastal Georgia is essential, *The Brunswick News*, November
83. Coastal areas of Florida & Georgia are threatened by climate change, *Florida Times Union*, December



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84. Reconsidering reality in a period of rapid change, *Savannah Morning News, Coastal Courier*, December



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2018

85. Offshore drilling not needed, imposes unacceptable risks, *Savannah Morning News*, January
86. Reduce avoidable coastal storm damage, *Savannah Morning News*, January
87. Offshore drilling unacceptable, *The Brunswick News*, January
88. Study coastal hazards, *Augusta Chronicle*, February
89. Growing coastal hazards justify study and action plan, *The Brunswick News*, February
90. Confronting deceptive practices of big oil, *Augusta Chronicle*, April
91. Vital truths vs. well financed deceptions, *The Brunswick News*, April
92. EPA corner-cutting is a fool's bargain, *Coastal Courier*, May
93. Urgent need for coastal hazard plan in Georgia, *Saporta Report*, May
94. Hidden costs of dirty energy are high, *Savannah Morning News*, May
95. Fossil fuels' hold on politics impedes clean energy, *Augusta Chronicle*, July
96. Coastal properties at risk, *Savannah Morning News*, *Coastal Courier*, *Augusta Chronicle*, July
97. Renewable energy and urgent necessity, *The Coastal Courier*, July
98. Rising sea level casts dire warning, *Savannah Morning News*, *Coastal Courier*, July
99. Scoff all you like, climate change is real, *Florida Times-Union*, July
100. Further thoughts on sea-level rise and climate change, *Coastal Courier*, August
101. We're all responsible for the future, *Savannah Morning News*, *Augusta Chronicle*, *Like the Dew*, August
102. Time to end corporate welfare for big oil, *Florida Times Union*, *Coastal Courier*, August
103. Renewable energy not only practical but urgently needed, *Connect Savannah*, August
104. Laws favor corporations at public expense, *Atlanta Journal Constitution*, September
105. Climate change harms increasing, *Savannah Morning News*, September
106. Steps must be taken to curb climate change, *The Brunswick News*, September
107. Immediate action is needed to stop climate change, *The Brunswick News*, October
108. A call to fight climate change, *Savannah Morning News*, October
109. Climate change a serious threat with only one urgent solution, *Augusta Chronicle*, October
110. Hurricane Florence shows cost of inadequate regulation, *Coastal Courier*, October
111. Candidate incorrectly uses idea of energy independence, *The Brunswick News*, October
112. Urgent need to address cause of climate change, *The Brunswick News*, October
113. Targeted policies urgently needed for a speedy transition to clean energy, *Saporta Report*, November
114. Climate change another strike against offshore drilling, *Savannah Morning News*, December
115. Why we oppose offshore drilling more than ever, *Like the Dew* and *Connect Savannah*, December
116. Reducing greenhouse gas emissions will boost the American economy, *The Brunswick News*, December