

Harambee House | \$155,500 Raised

Convening frontline community organizers for environmental justice in the Southeast

Harambee House is a nonprofit organization based in Savannah, Georgia, founded in 1990 by environmental justice pioneer Dr. Mildred McClain. The organization empowers communities by promoting environmental justice, leadership development, and sustainable living.

With support from 1.5°Climate, Harambee House organized the Southeast Environmental Justice Summit, convening community-based organizations and frontline leaders from eight states and six tribal nations. The Summit created a powerful platform for leaders to share their experiences confronting legacy pollution and the impacts of climate change, and to strategize on how to ensure that all communities—regardless of race, income, or social status—have equal access to a healthy and safe environment.

The Southeast Region Environmental Justice Network continues to play a vital role in convening and supporting communities working to protect their air, water, and land. As federal environmental protections face rollbacks and extreme weather events become more frequent, Harambee House's work to build resilience, foster leadership, and advance environmental justice has never been more urgent—or more impactful.



Harambee House has convened, educated, and inspired environmental justice advocates across the Southeast.



The Summit – and the multi-year effort that it launched – catalyzed several key initiatives, including:

- **The Southeast Region Environmental Justice Strategic Action Plan:**
A 10-year blueprint to guide the network's actions, with a focus on advancing green business enterprises, entrepreneurship, land acquisition, and workforce development.
- **A capacity-building initiative:**
Designed to help communities secure diverse sources of government and philanthropic funding to support their environmental justice work.
- **Monthly State Circles:**
Held on the first Tuesday of each month, these gatherings provide resources, foster collaboration, and ensure alignment on the Strategic Action Plan within each state.



Presentation



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Summit Program



Southeast Region Environmental Justice Strategic Action Plan