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Sixteen Nonprofits Receive \$320,000 in Grants from Triangle Community Foundation

Awardees Focus Their Work on Climate Education and Resilience

Research Triangle Park, NC: Triangle Community Foundation is pleased to share the 2023 grantees from the Environmental Resilience subset of its [Sustainable Communities](#) impact area. Sixteen grants of \$20,000 each were awarded for one year of unrestricted support to organizations that align with impact area goals of increasing education and awareness of conservation and climate resiliency, particularly in low-income communities.

"We're all seeing the effects of climate change, and there is a growing sense of urgency to take action," said Sarah Guidi, Senior Program Officer for Arts and Sustainable Communities Initiatives. "Climate change is a global, complicated issue, but we know that building awareness and investing in nature-based strategies like land and water conservation at the local level makes a difference in our communities. The organizations selected this year are all combatting climate change and include a focus on communities most negatively impacted by this existential threat."

The Foundation's Sustainable Communities impact area is made up of two segments, Environmental Resilience and Economic Resilience, and both take a holistic approach to supporting strong, resilient communities in the Triangle. The main objectives of the current grant program are to fund organizations implementing nature-based strategies that allow communities to adapt to climate change threats (with priority on low-income communities), providing education and communications around conservation and/or climate issues, and engaging in local advocacy efforts related to conservation and/or climate issues.

Collectively these organizations are making a significant impact across the Triangle:

- 75% are implementing nature-based solutions that have environmental, social, and economic benefits such as urban tree planting, land and water conservation, installing rain gardens, and restoring wetlands.
- 94% are providing education and communications to increase awareness around conservation and/or climate issues.
- 88% are integrating advocacy activities focused on conservation and climate change through programs like community organizing around tree and water protections in rapidly developing areas and pushing for changes to natural resources tracking and classification.
- 88% are centering all or part of their work on communities of color and/or low-income communities.

2023 Environmental Resilience grantees are:

- [City of Oaks Foundation](#)
- [Ellerbe Creek Watershed Association](#)
- [Eno River Association](#)
- [Environmental Educators of North Carolina](#)
- [Extra Terrestrial Projects](#)

- [Haw River Assembly, Inc.](#)
- [Keep Durham Beautiful](#)
- [Partners for Environmental Justice](#)
- [Piedmont Conservation Council](#)
- [Toxic Free North Carolina Inc.](#)
- [Triangle Bikeworks](#)
- [Triangle Land Conservancy](#)
- [Triangle Native American Society](#)
- [Urban Community Agrinomics Catawba Trail Farm](#)
- [Urban Sustainability Solutions](#)
- [We Plant it Forward](#)

About Triangle Community Foundation | Founded in 1983, Triangle Community Foundation works to build a brighter future for everyone in the Triangle region of North Carolina. By working with dedicated donors and strong nonprofits, the Foundation is able to guide gifts in strategic ways to fill in gaps, reduce inequities, and solve the region's most pressing challenges. Learn more at trianglecf.org.

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