Toxic algae blooms have shut down multiple lakes throughout the state including several beaches in Hopatcong State Park, the largest lake in New Jersey. This same cyanobacteria strain was responsible for the death of three dogs in North Carolina this summer.

Approximately 15,000 homes in the City of Newark are at risk of elevated levels of lead in their drinking water. Lead is a potent neurotoxin that can lead to developmental impairment, neurological disorders, and behavioral change.

Sources: City of Newark, National Institutes of Health

We’ve had more than 100 beach closures in the past four years due in large part to fecal bacteria. At concentration levels that prompt advisories and closures, these bacteria may be harmful to human health. They also pose an economic threat to New Jersey’s beach tourism economy.

Sources: Department of Environmental Protection

There have been 21 days so far this year with elevated levels of ozone. Ozone, aka smog, can inflame the lungs, increase risk of stroke, exacerbate COPD, and increase the risk of heart attack.

Sources: Department of Environmental Protection, American Lung Association

Industrial toxins like those polluting the Ford Motor Company Superfund Site in Ringwood have deleterious effects on the health and wellbeing of frontline communities like the native Ramapough Turtle Clan.

The past few years have seen a slew of new environmental catastrophes in New Jersey. Industrial externalities and poor government management have allowed the inalienable rights of state residents to be violated. A Green Amendment would entrust the government to uphold this inviolable right for all residents, present and future. The self-executing amendment will allow residents legal redress when this right is violated.

**New Jersey Needs a Constitutional Amendment to Protect Our Right to Pure Water, Clean Air, Stable Climate and Healthy Environments!**

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