

STEM FOR ALL

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Advancing Environmental Justice Through Historical Reflections of Warren County, N.C.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) advances Environmental Justice (EJ) through STEM education and career exposure to K-16 students, particularly those in underserved communities. Throughout 2024, the EPA's Research Triangle Park facility hosted "We Birthed The Movement," which was an exhibit made possible by a collaboration between UNC librarians and the Warren County Environmental Action Team. The exhibit showcases how Warren County, N.C., became the birthplace of the EJ movement. More than 170 students and 40 educators/community partners visited the exhibit and provided feedback on an EPA-developed activity that promotes participant interaction in person or virtually and deepens understanding of the EJ movement and furthers EJ initiatives in North Carolina communities.

Presentation Target:

High School

Presenter(s):

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