

Raymond is Mapping Community-Led Climate Solutions

Educating and Assisting Hollygrove-Dixon in Using Mobile Solar Generators to Combat the Urban Heat Island Effect and Heat-Related Illnesses During Extreme Weather

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So my community is why I do my climate and health work, so I help my community understand the power that they have to fight against some of the things that are happening to them.

And the more and more as time goes by, the hotter it gets, the more rain events we have, the hotter it gets, the more hurricanes that we have, which means that we have a higher likelihood of having power outages. And because it's getting hot and hot and hot over and over again, the increase to our energy burdens it becomes great as well and to be able to help my community fight against some of those things with their own agency and helping to see them learn and see their minds kind of light up, "oh I didn't know I could do this, I didn't know this was in my control." And then once they know it then they can share it with other people in other communities just like theirs. And so that really inspires me just to be able to see my community grow and learn and and be able to take action based on the information that they have. So I'm just excited to understand that we can change the narrative and the context for our discussions and our problems in the Hollygrove Dixon neighborhood.