



CHOICES SUMMER TRAINING

CHOICES – CRCQL’s youth group!

Chester Residents Concerned with Quality Living (CRCQL) has been fighting to shut down the incinerator since 1992 under the leadership of Ms. Zulene Mayfield.

- the incinerator burns trash which pollutes the air. Ban the burn!
- we have the right to breathe **clean air**.
- we fight for access to **safe and green spaces**
- we want to see our **community smile** :)

As a part of CHOICES, you will...

- learn about zero-waste & solar energy
- inform other residents about community issues
- have fun with your community members
- become a leader of your community!



ENVIRONMENTAL RACISM

are practices that target low-income communities of color when building environmentally destructive industries

- Chester has the largest incinerator in America
- Chester’s youth asthma rate is 5x the national average
- Chester residents suffer from higher rates of cancer, heart disease, diabetes, etc.

ASTHMA

High rates of pollution lead to increased rates of asthma. Chester’s **youth asthma rate is 5x** the national average.

If you have an asthma attack,

- stay calm and try to control your breathing
- sit upright to help open your airways
- call 911 for medical assistance



COVANTA INCINERATOR

The Covanta Incinerator, or what they like to rebrand as “trash-to-steam,” is the #1 polluter in Delaware County.

- Covanta is the **largest incinerator** in the U.S.
- It burns trash from NYC, Philly, all of Delaware County, MD, and Chester
- Thanks to CRCQL’s constant efforts, the city recently decided to divert more than a quarter million tons of trash within the next three years

PENN LNG

Covanta incinerator attracts many other polluting facilities, like Penn LNG, the liquefied natural gas (LNG) plant proposed to come to Chester.

- Penn LNG plans to displace hundreds of residents to create a “buffer zone”
- It **causes pollution** and has a **high risk for explosions**
- Although the plan has momentarily paused, we must keep fighting for a definite cease

CHESTER WATERFRONT PLAN

- Chester residents should have **access to the waterfront!**
- Subaru Stadium, Harrah’s Casino, and the Covanta Incinerator currently occupy the waterfront areas, blocking residents from using the spaces
- We deserve to have a **voice in the decision-making process** of what will happen in our community

REDUCING WASTE – Zero Waste

Zero waste is a practice that aims to reduce, reuse, recycle, and compost as much as you can to divert waste from incinerators and landfills. Here are some recycling tips:

- #1, 2, 5 plastics are recyclable
- #7 plastics are compostable
- other numbers go to trash trash

