

ISAIAH PLAN

All Things New » Isaiah 65:17-25



Advance Carolina's Isaiah Plan (Overview)

Who is Advance Carolina?

Advance North Carolina ("Advance Carolina") educates and mobilizes Black and progressive voters to take charge of our communities amid inclusive, committed and authentic engagement (organizing) in order to advance community-based political solutions.

Advance Carolina invests in the training and development of hundreds of institutional leaders, affiliated households, and young adult networks to strategize and lead campaigns, build benefit programs, lecture on benefits of Advance Carolina, run for office and govern, and lead economic development efforts from our rural areas to our inner cities.

What is the Isaiah Plan and why do we need it?

We seek to produce a plan that is bold, innovative and necessary. Our future will not be led by the timid but driven by risk takers, dreamers, and builders. We gather together in the footsteps of the great Colored Farmers Alliance of the 1890's and the Black Cooperative movements of the 20th century.

This plan is to make "a new History, a new Hope, and a new Black Rural Future."

10-Point Isaiah Plan for Eastern Rural Development

1. Guaranteed Employment (*Living wage*)
2. High-Speed Broadband Internet
3. Infrastructure (*Roads Sewer, Utilities, etc.*)
4. New Housing Construction
5. Investment in Local Industries
6. Investment in Family Farms
7. Town Centers (*including Senior & Youth Centers*)
8. Education Infrastructure
9. New Homestead Act
10. Ending of Environmental Injustice

Current counties involved in the Isaiah Plan *(as of Feb. 2017)*



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County Committee Next Steps

- County delegates are to convene a team of leaders from a cross-section of their county to start developing local plans. (*Leaders to include: Business, Farmers, Clergy, Teachers, Community Leaders, Elected Officials, etc.*)
- Start a petition drive around main points of the “Isaiah Plan”
- Letter or Resolution of Support from Local School Boards, City and Town Councils, County Commissions, State Legislators, City and Town Mayor, Civic Organizations and Chamber of Commerce/Businesses
- Steering Committee Representatives: Select 3 members from your county committee, 2 committee members, and 1 alternate member

The steering committee is a group of county representatives that meet monthly to coordinate/oversee the Isaiah Plan's work. They will work with industry professionals to build the comprehensive plan and coordinate meetings with key stakeholders to help implement the Isaiah Plan in our rural communities.

Additional Isaiah Plan Elements

Transforming a town or county requires a critical mass of investment and opportunity; hence, a multi-billion-dollar investment portfolio injected simultaneously in all our counties, towns, and unincorporated areas.

- Rural Homestead Act: This investment pool will provide any professional (*Doctor, Lawyer, Dentist, Accountant, etc.*), entrepreneur, or person wanting to engage in farming.
- Public Safety Infrastructure Block Grant: These grants will establish state of the art rural medical services, EMS, Fire & Police service in every town.
- High-Speed Broadband Internet: Internet should be accessible through the private sector, public/private partnerships, broadband cooperatives, or municipal systems.
- New 21st century K-12 public school: Build schools with a STEM, Arts, and Construction trade focus.
- Housing Fund: A \$200 million, zero (0) interest revolving loan fund to build up to 10,000 units/year of affordable housing (*both single family and rental*).
- Town Center Recreation Fund: This money will go to rebuild town centers to include demolitions of old buildings and developing new town industries.
- Universal Infrastructure: Providing sewer/water disposal systems and water purification, replacing dirt roads with well-lit paved roads, and providing resources for flood plain mitigation in every community.
- Protecting, Investing & Expanding Black Family-Owned Farming:
 - Strengthen legal protection for family ownership
 - Guarantee Living income for family farmers

If you are interested and your county isn't already a part of our current list – please convene a team and contact an Advance Carolina team member. (Contact Information Below)

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