

Our Community Voices



"Looking at a cleared logging site, 'Ya, this used to be a beautiful section of swamp to come down to on the river.' But you're starting to see a lot of this, where the industry is coming down specifically for the bottomland hardwoods... I'm really worried about the rivers and **what will pass as a 'forest' in the next 15 years,**" Tim McCormick, River Guide, Southampton, VA.



"If they want to fill the demand for biomass from wood, they'll have to fill it with **industrial clearcutting.** There's no way to fill this demand without industrial logging...If we're talking about clean energy, actually green energy, the first thing you have to do is acknowledge that **biomass moves us backwards,** not forwards," Ecologist Dr. Andrew George, Adjunct Faculty, UNC Chapel Hill.



"We believe that everyone should have a clean, safe place to live, work, and play. Enviva has come in and detracted the living conditions of the community. **This is what the community has to live with and it's an injustice to them,**" Belinda Joyner, Northeastern Organizer, Clean Water for NC.



"They've **traced our roads** up completely so we can't go that way, we have to go out another way. We hear noise, the buffer from the **forests is gone,** and we hear more noise from the highway," Jane Thornton, Local Resident, Sampson County, NC.



"Our homes are here and the industry has put a facility right in the middle of the community. It just ain't right. I didn't think anyone could just rob us of our sleep," Isolene Sherrill, Local Resident, Northampton County, NC.



"I can't even stand to be out on the back deck. I have to go inside when I'm out in the yard for an extended time for a **breathing treatment** because my allergies are so flared up," Kayla Walker, Bayou Wood Pellet Plant, KNOE.



"[When you look at biomass clearcuts] it looks like **a bomb has gone off,** or a tornado has come through. The devastation is going to **last for decades.** Repairing the ecosystem that has been destroyed is going to take a long time," James (JC) Woodley, Sierra Club.



"My husband has to get up at 4am to go to work. He can't get any sleep. His **bronchitis** is acting up, my son's **sinuses** and **allergies** are acting up real bad..." Kathy Claiborne, Local Resident, Garysburg, NC.