




# **PERFORMING EMBODIED ACTION IN ENVIRONMENTAL INJUSTICE ZONES**

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# YOUTH CLIMATE STRIKE TODAY!

- WHERE: GLOBAL! – AND HERE AT PITTSBURGH'S CITY HALL 12 MINUTES AWAY
  - KAIROS + ACTIVISM = HOPE
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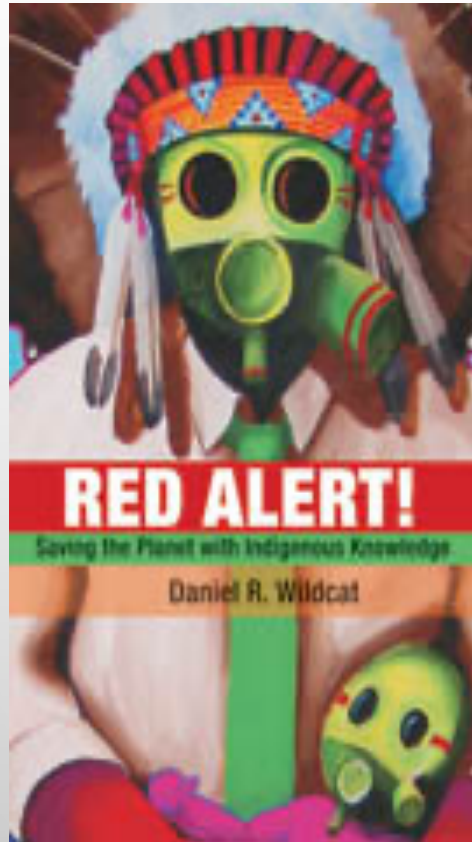
# SIGNPOSTING

- SENSORY RHETORICS
  - EFFECTS/AFFECTS OF STORY AND SENSATION
    - EMBODIED SENSATIONS AT FEMINIST INTERSECTIONS WITH ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS
  - HOPE & RESILIENCE
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DANIEL WILDCAT (YUGI MUSCOGEE)


## “PLACE-SHAPED KNOWLEDGES” & “INDIGENUITY”



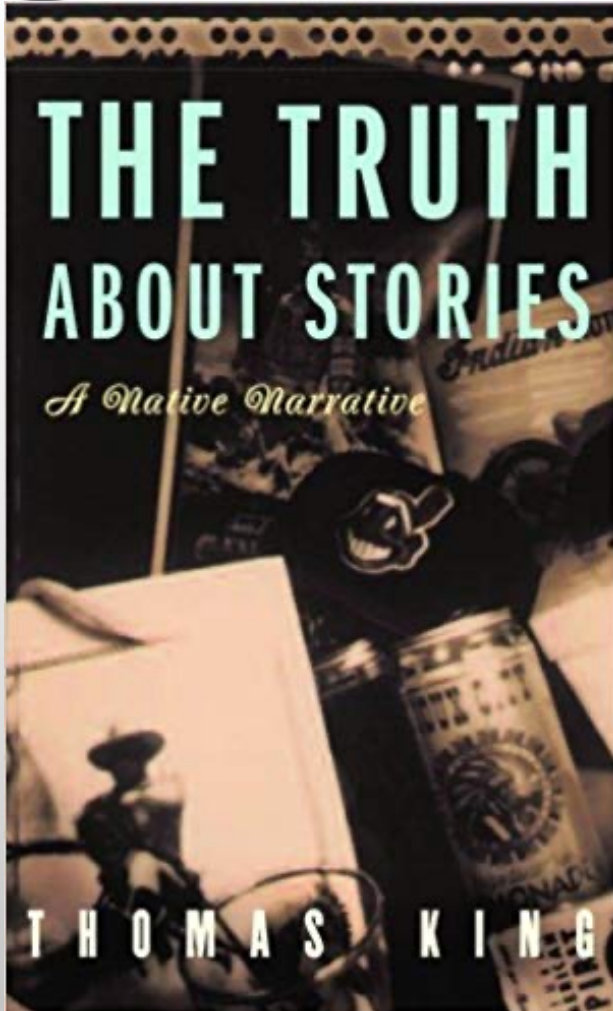
- **Multi-generational knowledge transfer about places & spaces**
- **“Respect for the relationships and relatives that constitute the complex web of life”**
- **“Indigenuity: [imaginative] ability to solve. . . issues facing humankind by situating solutions in Earth-based local indigenous. . . knowledges. . . constitutes a practical merger of knowing with doing” (p. 48)**



# COMMON WESTERN RESPONSE TO CLIMATE CHANGE

- UNWILLINGNESS TO FACE PROBLEM + INSULATION OF BUILT ENVIRONS
  - IMPENDING DOOMSAYING = DESPAIR AND IMMOBILIZATION
  - ENGINEERING/TECH/SCIENCE = CLEAN UP THE MESS
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# STORIED AFFECTS & LINGERING



“

stories can control our lives...

[They are] wondrous things. . . .

And they are dangerous. . . .

you have to be careful with the stories you tell,

[for they] cannot be called back

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(King p.9)

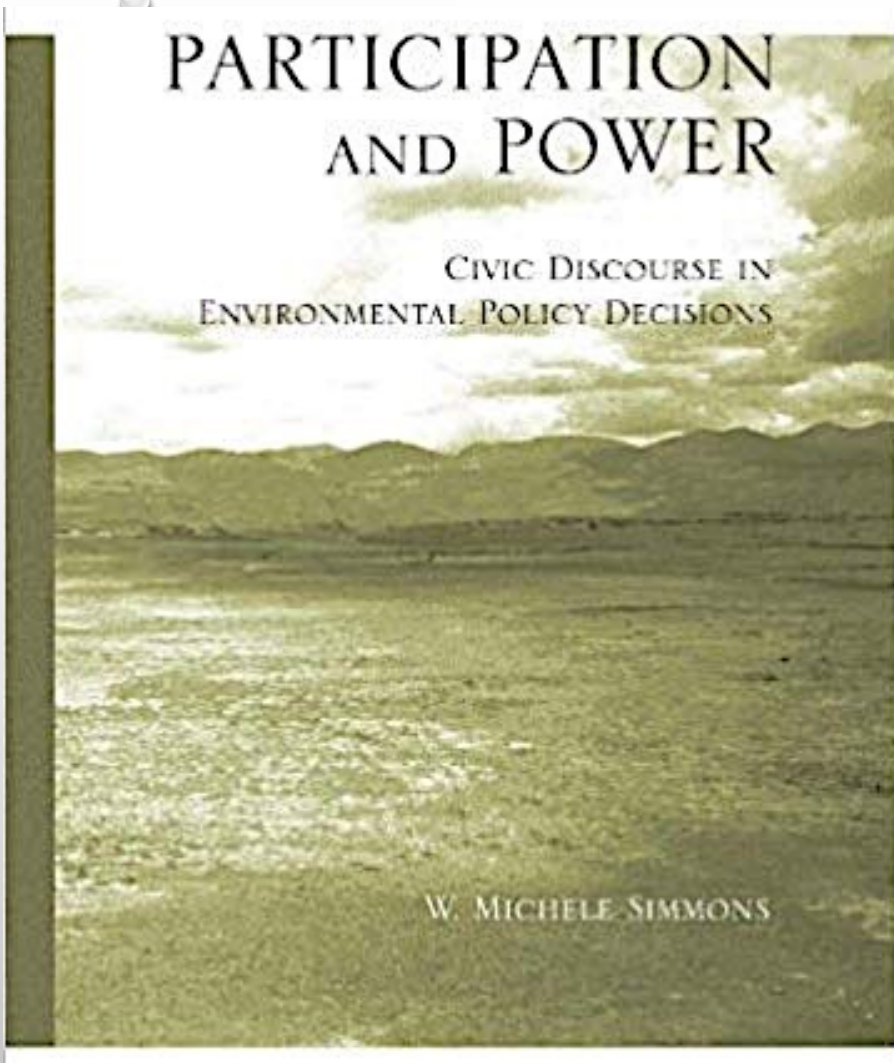


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- Hog smog: toxic odor and volatile organic compounds associated with confined animal feeding operations (CAFOs)
- CAFOs responsible for 20% of U.S. air pollution

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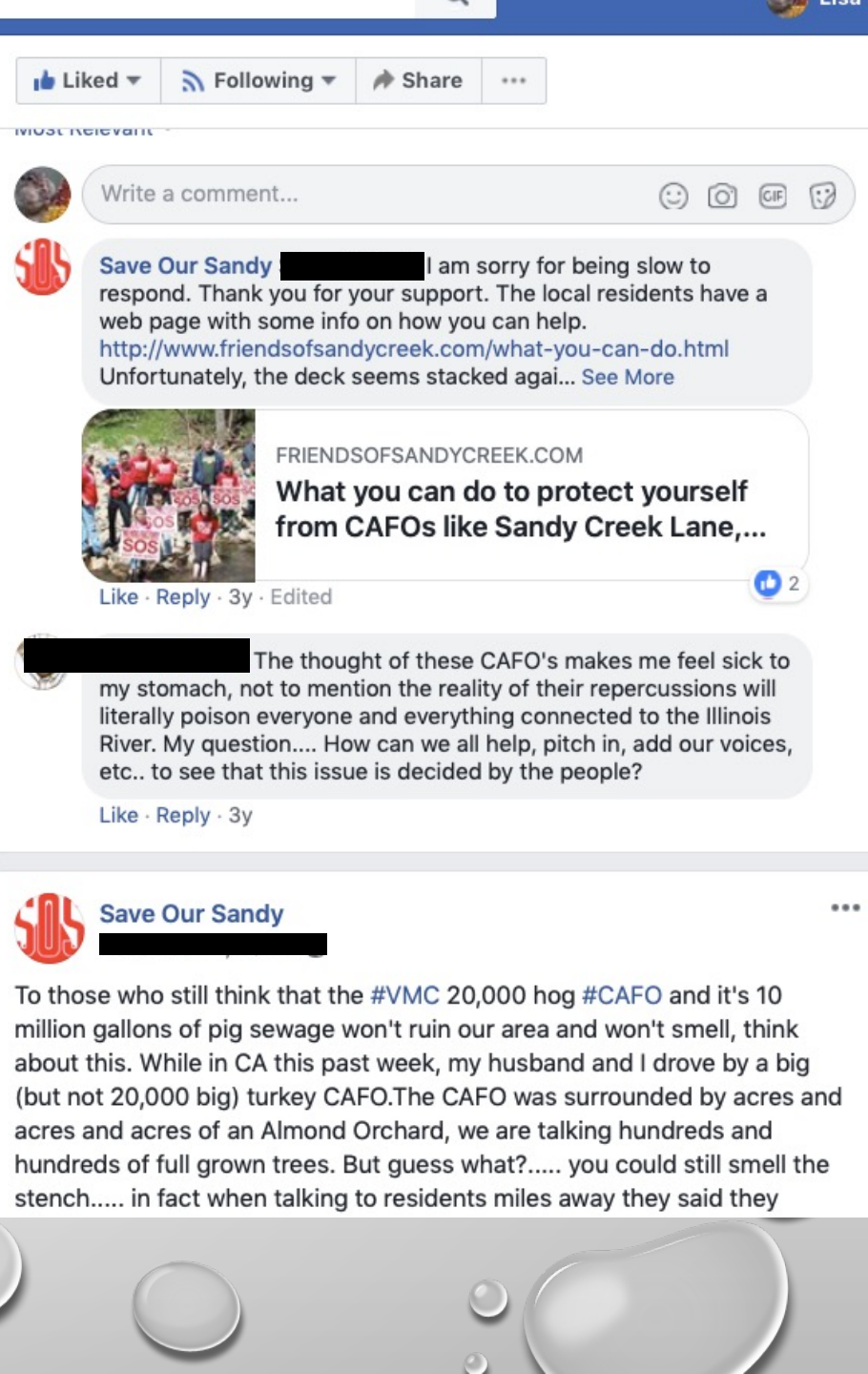
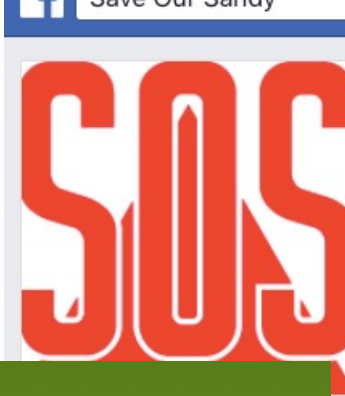




## Four Typical Risk Communication Models

- 1) No public involvement;
- 2) One-way flow of technical communication to bring public perception of risk into conformity with the [desired] perception;
- 3) Superficial participation to placate [the] public; and,
- 4) A wished-for negotiation model

# Community-Generated Social Media Campaigns and Information/Action Website



## Friends of Sandy Creek

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**Donate** To help pay fees associated with protecting Sandy Creek and the neighboring community

### Dont let Factory Farms Ruin Rural America

Sign the petition to get Illinois to change the Livestock Management Facilities Act to protect it's rural residents. Follow the link to sign the petition and watch a short video of the damage factory farms can do.

[Petition to change the Livestock Management Facilities Act](#)  
[Living in Confinement Video \(what factory farms do to neighbors\)](#)

### Write to your Illinois state legislators to tell them the Department of Ag's requirements do not protect Illinois Citizen's rights

House Bill 5637 would change the LMFA (Livestock Management Facilities Act) so that county boards have the authority to refuse new factory farm proposals and neighboring residents have the right to call for public hearings on new applications. Local citizens would also have the right to challenge IDOA siting decisions if a factory farm proposal does not meet the requirements of the law. The bill would also increase siting setbacks from towns, neighboring residences and waterways since factory farm pollution rarely remains within the confines of the property on which these facilities are located. Write your legislators and ask them to support the bill. This bill will give more rights to the individual counties. Right now the Department of Ag can approve even without the county's consent, this needs to be changed. Click the links below to read the House Bill and find your Illinois representatives. Here is a sample message you may use to contact your representatives:

My name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I am a constituent. I am asking Representative \_\_\_\_\_ to support HB 5637. This bill is necessary to protect neighbors and the environment from the negative impacts of industrial livestock farms. Please support HB5637!

[Read House Bill 5637](#)      [Find your Illinois Representatives](#)

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## Welcome

Friends of Sandy Creek is a community group that has formed to protect our quality of life, health and environment along the Sandy Creek in Marshall County IL. There is a proposed CAFO that is threatening our current way of life.



Resources

Donate



Click the Photos below to visit each page



News stories and events



Photos and History of Sandy Creek



What you can do to help

**"The bottom line is that there are three elements of all life: clean air, clean water and healthy food. Everyone should understand that the CAFO model destroys all of these."**

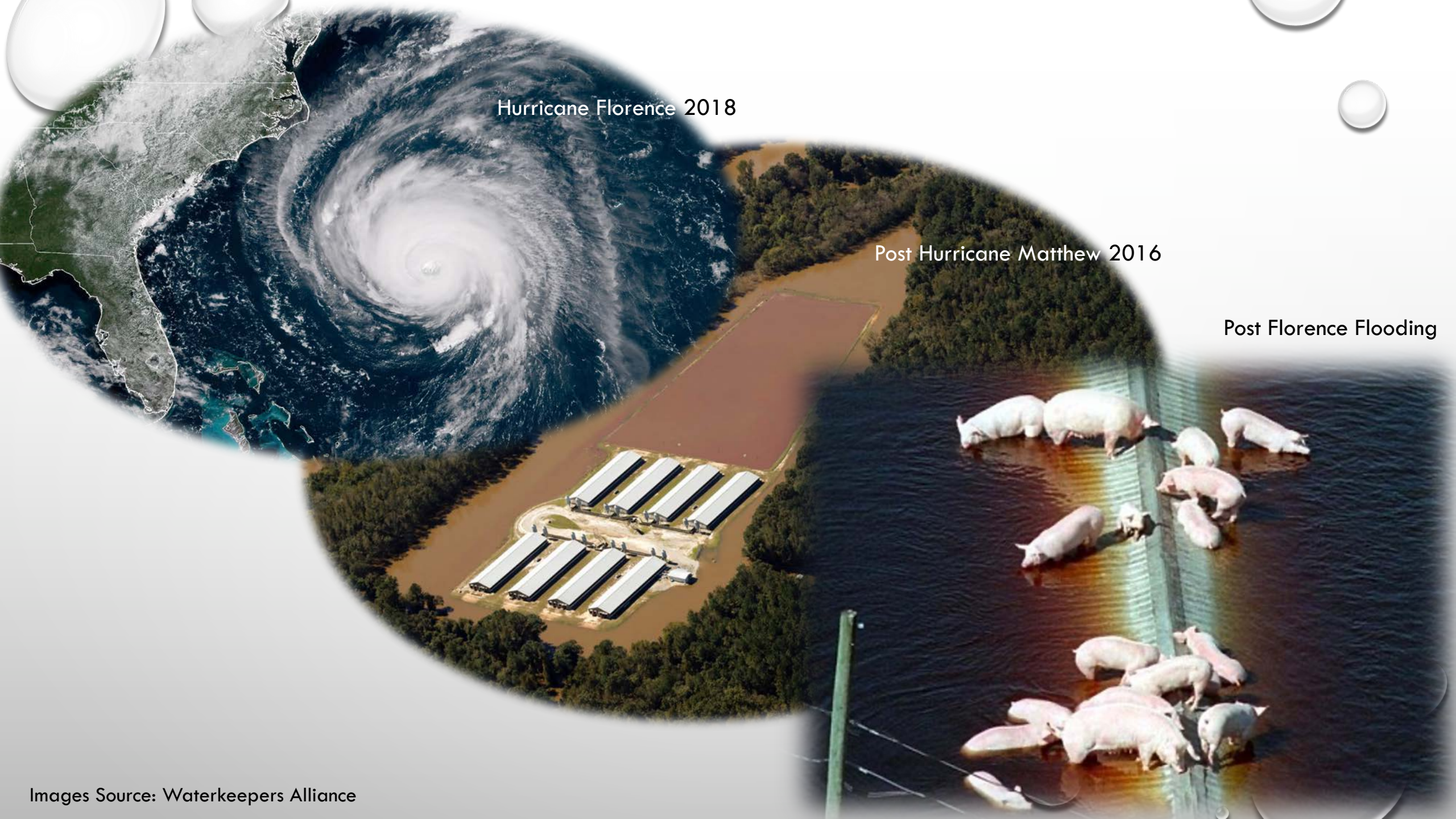
**Terry Spence**

From the article "Paradise Lost" in The MAGAZINE of the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health  
a fourth-generation farmer and a consultant for the Socially Responsible Agricultural Project.



A vulture sits on top a dead pig. (Photo courtesy of Waterkeeper Alliance.)

It is legal to dump dead animals outside—no burial or cremation required—which impacts local wildlife and waterways.



Hurricane Florence 2018

Post Hurricane Matthew 2016

Post Florence Flooding



Thanks for listening

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# AS WE SPEAK THE **KIDS** ARE **MARCHING**

- I'M LEAVING AS SOON AS WE'RE DONE HERE TO JOIN THEM. **JOIN ME?**



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