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### **COMMISSIONER BARNES RECEIVES NACo APPOINTMENT**

NEWTON, NC - Catawba County Commissioner Kitty Barnes was appointed to serve as Chair of the National Association of Counties' (NACo) Environment, Energy & Land Use Steering Committee during the 2017 NACo Annual Conference, which was held July 21-24 in Columbus, Ohio.

Barnes, who has previously served as Vice Chair of the committee, was joined at the conference by Commissioners Barbara Beatty, Sherry Butler and Dan Hunsucker.

The Environment, Energy & Land Use Steering Committee develops policy platforms, resolutions, and legislative priorities for NACo related to all matters pertaining to air, water, energy and land use. Barnes will work with several other NACo members appointed to serve on the committee from across the country.

"A safe and healthy environment is fundamental to sustaining growing communities," said Barnes. "I am grateful for the opportunity to help guide NACo toward addressing issues that have significant local and national environmental and economic impact."

The [National Association of Counties](#) (NACo) is the only national organization that represents county governments in the United States. Founded in 1935, NACo assists America's 3,069 counties in pursuing excellence in public service to produce healthy, vibrant, safe and resilient counties. NACo promotes sound public policies, fosters county solutions and innovation, promotes intergovernmental and public-private collaboration and provides value-added services to save counties and taxpayers money.

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