



Together for Hope
Black Belt

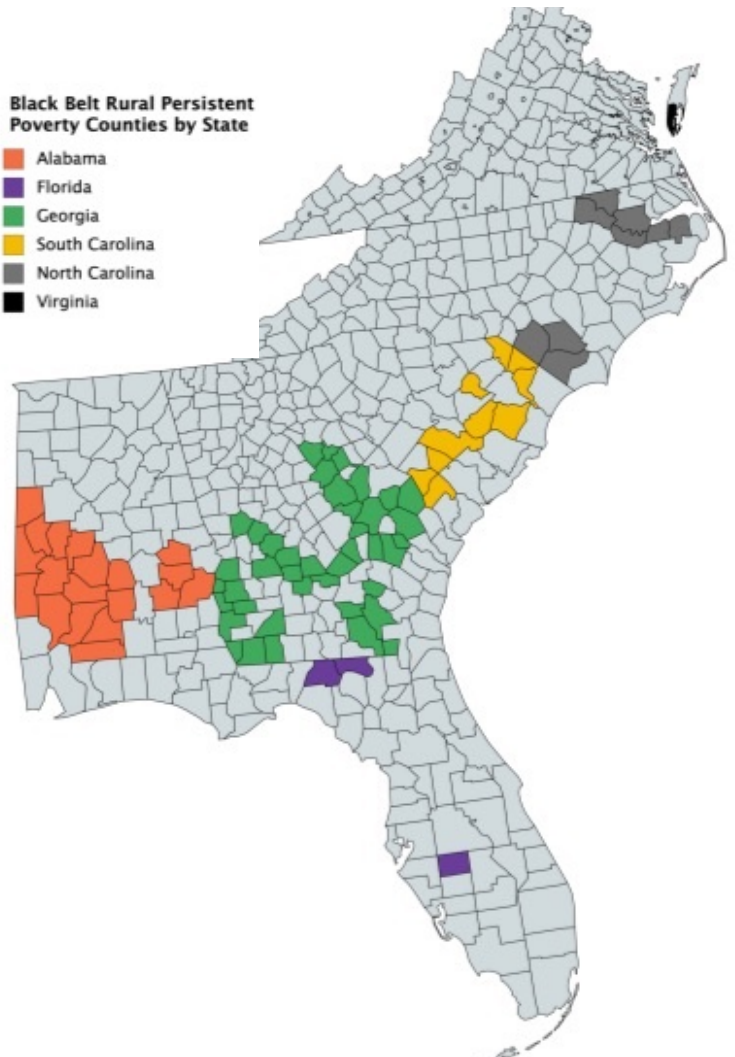
SOUTH CAROLINA

SC Persistent Poverty Counties:

Allendale	Lee
Bamberg	Marion
Clarendon	Marlboro
Dillon	Orangeburg
Hampton	Williamsburg

Persistent Rural Poverty is present when 20% or more of a county has lived below the federal poverty line for 30+ years. There are 301 counties of persistent rural poverty in the United States that have been identified by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The number of counties listed above may change (and could potentially grow in number) based on the data received through the U.S. Census.

Black Belt Rural Persistent Poverty Counties by State



TOGETHER FOR HOPE, BLACK BELT A Rural Development Coalition

Together for Hope is a network of individuals and organizations in rural counties of persistent poverty in the Black Belt Region that have committed to work within their communities on four priorities of hope.

Priorities of Hope:

- Education
- Health & Nutrition
- Housing & Environment
- Social Enterprise

Asset-Based Approach to Community Development

Asset-Based Community Development (ABCD) is a model of community development that seeks to identify and uplift the strengths that reside in a community instead of focusing on the needs and deficits. When communities come together to identify and build upon their strengths that relate to the four priorities of hope, doors are opened to stronger community relationships and shared priorities pave a common path toward the alleviation of endemic poverty.