

A photograph of two young children, a boy in a blue shirt and a girl in a yellow shirt, playing under a waterfall. They are reaching out with their hands to touch the falling water, which is creating a spray of droplets. The background is a lush green forest.

**WATERKEEPER ALLIANCE
2018 ANNUAL REPORT**

OUR REACH



WATERKEEPER® ALLIANCE

WATERKEEPER ORGANIZATIONS AND AFFILIATES PATROL AND PROTECT

2.69 MILLION
SQUARE
MILES

OF WATERSHEDS THAT PROVIDE MORE THAN
690 MILLION PEOPLE
WITH WATER FOR DRINKING, FISHING, AND SWIMMING.

WATERKEEPER ALLIANCE IS A TOP-RANKED 501(C)(3) CHARITY,
WITH TOP-RATED STATUS FROM CHARITY WATCH, 4 STARS FROM
CHARITY NAVIGATOR, AND PLATINUM STATUS FROM GUIDESTAR.

WE ADDED EIGHT COUNTRIES:
BELIZE, IRELAND, MALI, NIGERIA, TANZANIA, UGANDA, THAILAND, AND JORDAN.

THERE ARE
340
WATERKEEPER
ORGANIZATIONS
AND AFFILIATES IN
44 COUNTRIES.

MOVEMENT-WIDE WE HAVE OVER
1,020 STAFF,
471,290 VOLUNTEERS
& SUPPORTERS,
AND A COLLECTIVE BUDGET OF APPROXIMATELY
\$73 MILLION.

THROUGH OUR WEBSITE, EMAIL, SOCIAL MEDIA,
AND NEWS MEDIA OUTREACH, WE REACH
1.43 MILLION PEOPLE PER MONTH.

WATERKEEPER MAGAZINE REACHED
50,000 NEW READERS IN FY18.

**AS OF JUNE 30, 2018

WATERKEEPER ALLIANCE
STRENGTHENS AND
GROWS A GLOBAL
NETWORK OF
GRASSROOTS
LEADERS PROTECTING
EVERYONE'S
RIGHT TO CLEAN WATER.

Waterkeeper Alliance holds polluters accountable. We're the largest and fastest growing nonprofit solely focused on clean water. We preserve and protect water by connecting local Waterkeeper groups worldwide. Our goal is drinkable, fishable, swimmable water everywhere.

Every day around the world, polluters are poisoning our waterways, and people everywhere are suffering the consequences. When a coal company discharges millions of gallons of toxic coal ash into a river, families who depend on that waterway as a drinking water source are the innocent victims. When a developer demolishes a forest of mangroves, it destroys fisheries and devastates the local economy. When hog farms dump untreated waste into a waterway, people and marine life get sick. These are just a few examples of the battles that Waterkeeper Alliance fights every day around the world on behalf of the common good and to protect everyone's right to clean water.

The Waterkeeper movement was started by a band of blue-collar fishermen on New York's Hudson River in 1966 because industrial polluters were destroying their way of life. Their tough, grassroots brand of environmental activism sparked the Hudson's miraculous recovery and inspired others to launch Waterkeeper groups around the world.

Today, Waterkeeper Alliance unites more than 300 Waterkeeper Organizations and Affiliates that are on the frontlines of the global water crisis, patrolling and protecting more than 2.5 million square miles of rivers, lakes and coastal waterways on 6 continents.

From Alaska to the Himalayas, the Great Lakes to Australia, the Waterkeeper movement defends the fundamental human right to drinkable, fishable and swimmable waters, and combines firsthand knowledge of their local waterways with an unwavering commitment to the rights of their communities.

Whether they're on the water tracking down polluters, in courtrooms enforcing environmental laws, advocating in town meetings or teaching in classrooms, the Waterkeeper movement speaks for the waters it defends – with the collective strength of Waterkeeper Alliance and the backing of local communities.

Waterkeeper Alliance ensures that the world's Waterkeeper groups are as connected to each other as they are to their local waters, organizing the fight for clean water into a coordinated global movement. **W**

CLIMATE CHANGE IS ALTERING THE CHEMISTRY OF OUR OCEANS

Climate change is altering the chemistry of our oceans, the character of our coastlines, and the timing and intensity of rain and snow, wreaking havoc all around the world. With increasingly strong storms like Hurricanes Florence and Michael and Typhoon Mungkhat, and extended periods of drought in places like Australia, Honduras, California, Iran, and Syria, many people are now realizing that climate change is a water issue. And water is our most precious resource.

Needless to say, we have a global climate and water crisis. Our water supplies in many places are shrinking and it is estimated that by 2025, 1.8 billion people will live in areas faced with water-scarcity, while about two-thirds of the world will live in water-stressed areas. As we face growing water-scarcity, we are poisoning what available water we have left. Every day, we dump two million tons of sewage, industrial, and agricultural waste into the world's waters. These issues are deeply troubling and are manifesting in human health impacts: Over half the hospital beds in the world are filled with people suffering from waterborne diseases;

perhaps they drank water poisoned by fossil fuels, or they didn't have enough water to drink because they live in an area suffering from drought exacerbated by climate change. Every year, 3.2 million children under the age of five die as a result of unsafe drinking water and poor sanitation. What is truly shocking is that more people die from unsafe water annually than from all forms of violence, including war.

Despite the magnitude and gravity of these challenges, we know that humans have the ingenuity to rise to the occasion and solve these crises. We understand that highly trained, effective local leaders—like Waterkeepers—are critical to solving these crises because we know that change starts at the local level. Our Waterkeepers work on the front lines of their local communities to address climate change through mitigation, adaptation, and resilience. Here are a few examples from this last year:

Columbia Riverkeeper has combined sophisticated grassroots organizing with savvy legal strategies to defeat proposed fossil fuel infrastructure in the Pacific Northwest. This includes two proposed coal export terminals, two proposed liquefied natural gas export terminals, and three proposed oil terminals.

Waterkeepers Bangladesh is coordinating a national campaign to prevent the construction of more than 20 new coal-fired power plants across one of the most climate vulnerable nations in the world. Several of the proposed coal plants in Bangladesh are within 30

kilometers of the Sundarbans UNESCO World Heritage site. If constructed, these plants will cause significant harm to the world's largest mangrove forest, home to the endangered Bengal tiger and Irrawaddy dolphin.

Huong River Waterkeeper in Vietnam is using ecosystem-based adaptation to enhance flood resilience in urban and coastal areas. The project also focuses on gender issues in relation to disaster risk management and climate change adaptation by exploring and empowering women's roles in disaster response and environmental protection.

Miami Waterkeeper is promoting green infrastructure and natural defenses such as coral reefs and mangroves, educating the public about sea level rise science, and taking legal action to ensure proper sea level rise planning. Miami Waterkeeper knows that responding to sea level rise is an urgent matter, and is devoted to using the best available science and management practices to be prepared and ready.

Marañón Waterkeeper in Peru continues to fight the construction of more than 20 proposed dams along one of South America's last free-flowing rivers. The dams' reservoirs would not only become sources of greenhouse gases but displace communities that depend on the Marañón for their livelihood.

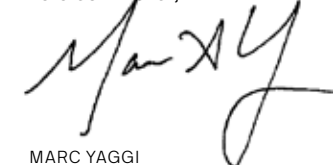
Based on the great work of our Waterkeepers and our unwavering belief in local leadership, over the next 20 years, we are committing to significantly strengthen and grow our network of watershed advocates.

To do this, we plan to scale our organization to have a trained, effective local Waterkeeper on every habitable watershed on the planet—protecting more than 20 million square miles.

Waterkeepers are the boots on the ground on the frontlines of climate change. They use citizen action and science to enforce the law and to urge political leaders to take action to save our communities and waterways from the cataclysmic ravages of climate chaos. Their advocacy includes keeping fossil fuels in the ground, stopping new fossil fuel plants and retiring existing fossil fuel facilities, while advocating for a shift of financing from coal and other dirty fossil fuel projects to clean energy like wind and solar. Waterkeepers further advocate for climate adaptation and resiliency so their communities can thrive far into the future.

We are very grateful for your support and ask you to please join us as we transform the local fight for clean water into a powerful, coordinated global movement to solve the biggest challenge of our time.

To clean water,



MARC YAGGI
Executive Director

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PROTECTIONS.”

- LARISSA LIEBMANN,
STAFF ATTORNEY

U.S. COAL

Coal Ash Disposal

For decades, irresponsible disposal of coal ash and inadequate regulation of the wastewater released from coal plants have polluted our water. Lax regulations allowed toxic chemicals and harmful heavy metals, including lead, mercury, and arsenic, to contaminate groundwater and waterways, making coal ash the largest source of toxic water pollution, by volume, in the United States.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), under the Obama administration, set minimum standards for coal ash disposal that limit water pollution, but the Trump administration has made it a priority to roll back those regulations as it tries to revitalize the dying coal industry.

Waterkeeper Alliance President Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. joined Waterkeeper Alliance attorneys and representatives from six Waterkeeper Organizations at a July 2017 public hearing in Washington, D.C. to speak out against EPA's proposal to delay compliance with Obama-era limits on coal ash water pollution. Once EPA nevertheless finalized that rule, Waterkeeper Alliance challenged EPA's decision in federal court, arguing that coal-fired power plants should immediately be required to begin reducing their water pollution.

We also sued EPA for violating the Freedom of Information Act by refusing to provide us with documents related to the agency's collusion with industry rollbacks to coal ash regulations. A federal judge found in October

2017 that EPA was impermissibly delaying the release of documents we requested, and ordered EPA to provide the documents to us on a strict timeline.

Defending Public Reporting Requirements

Coal-fired power plants around the nation in March 2018 posted the results of their groundwater monitoring, confirming widespread groundwater pollution. The day before these were released, EPA announced plans to weaken the coal ash disposal rule requiring this information to be collected and made public. Waterkeeper Alliance joined **Mobile Baykeeper**, **Altamaha Riverkeeper**, **Grand Riverkeeper**, **Lower Susquehanna Riverkeeper**, and **Potomac Riverkeeper** at a public hearing opposing this rollback.

State Coal Ash Regulations

Under a law passed in 2016, states are able to create their own coal ash disposal regulations. EPA is required to approve only those programs that are adequately protective; it's also required to make regulations that shield public participation in the state programs. Oklahoma was the first state to ask EPA to approve its coal ash regulations. We joined Waterkeeper Organizations in Oklahoma in March 2018 commenting on the inadequacies of the state's regulations.

Waterkeeper Alliance will keep fighting, alongside Waterkeeper groups and national partners, to ensure states and EPA do not erode our protections from toxic coal ash.

INTER-NATIONAL COAL

Divestment

Waterkeeper Alliance provided support to our global partners at Re:Common in Italy, Urgewald in Germany and Friends of the Earth France in their three-year battle to pressure European insurance companies to divest from coal. In December 2017, French Insurer AXA announced it would divest more than \$3.5 billion from coal and oil sands. The company also began phasing out of insurance coverage for new coal and oil sands businesses. Italian insurer Assicurazioni Generali S.p.A. announced in February 2018 that it would divest \$2.6 billion from coal. And German insurer Allianz SE announced in May 2018 that it would stop insuring coal-fired power plants and coal mines.

Empowering Local Communities

In May 2018, Waterkeeper Alliance staff spent three weeks in Chile to conduct trainings and investigations with **Maule Itata Coastkeeper**, Terram, Mujeres de Zona de Sacrificio Quintero - Puchuncavi en Resistencia, local fishing conservation groups, Defensoria Ambiental, and others. The investigations measured surface water and groundwater pollution from coal-fired power plants and a coal ash landfill. Concerns from the local communities about high levels of heavy metals in their children's blood and a desire by the communities to restore their beaches and fisheries spurred the training and investigation.

PIPELINES

Bayou Bridge

Waterkeeper Alliance, represented by Earthjustice and joined by **Atchafalaya Basinkeeper** and other co-plaintiffs, in January 2018 challenged the decision of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to allow the Bayou Bridge pipeline to be constructed through the Atchafalaya Basin. The Atchafalaya is one of the most productive wetlands in the world, the largest river swamp in North America, and the most important ecosystem for migratory birds in the Western Hemisphere. We had a significant victory in February 2018 when a federal district court judge granted our motion for a preliminary injunction, halting the construction. While that injunction was later overturned and construction resumed, the underlying suit continues. If the court finds in our favor, it could order the company to shut down the pipeline and require significant restoration efforts for the Atchafalaya Basin, which has been ravaged by unregulated pipeline construction.

Constitution Pipeline

Waterkeeper Alliance successfully intervened in a Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) proceeding, supporting state authority to protect water quality under the Clean Water Act. When the Constitution Pipeline Company, LLC proposed a new gas pipeline that would

have cut through hundreds of treasured trout streams and other high-quality waterways in central New York, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) denied its request for a necessary water quality certificate. The company petitioned FERC to find that the state had waived its authority under the Clean Water Act. Waterkeeper Alliance intervened in the proceeding to support the state's denial. FERC ultimately agreed with DEC and Waterkeeper Alliance that the state had not waived its Clean Water Act authority and upheld the state's denial.

Energy Transfer Partners

In partnership with Greenpeace USA, we published a report on Bayou Bridge pipeline majority owner Energy Transfer Partners' poor safety record, analyzing 16 years of operations for the company's oil and hazardous liquids pipelines. We found the company and its subsidiary Sunoco's pipeline network has suffered 527 pipeline spills from 2002 to 2017—an average of one leak every 11 days. Waterkeeper Alliance used this report at an action and press conference at the U.S. Bank annual shareholder meeting in Albuquerque in April 2018 to highlight the bank's high-risk investment in a serial polluter and encourage them to stop loaning money to Energy Transfer Partners for more leaky pipelines.



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OFFSHORE DRILLING

We submitted comments on behalf of Waterkeeper Alliance and 72 Waterkeeper Organizations and Affiliates opposing the Trump Administration's offshore drilling proposal, which would be the largest expansion of offshore drilling ever.

PUBLIC LANDS ADVOCACY

In January 2018, the Bureau of Land Management introduced a new policy designed to fast-track the leasing process by virtually eliminating lease-specific environmental reviews. To fight back, we built a link between partner groups and potentially affected Waterkeeper Organizations and Waterkeeper Affiliates in Colorado, Utah, Montana, New Mexico, Nevada, and Wyoming. As a result, Waterkeeper groups in Colorado, Nevada, Utah, and Wyoming have joined protests of six lease sales since March 2018, including the first lease protest in Nevada joined by **Las Vegas Water Defender, a Waterkeeper Alliance Affiliate**. Waterkeeper Alliance has joined two of these protests, objecting to lease sales in the headwaters of the threatened Colorado River. In addition, **Colorado Riverkeeper** is a party to litigation challenging two previously protested Colorado lease sales.





NORTH CAROLINA

Title VI Civil Rights Settlement

EPA's investigation of our civil rights complaint against the state of North Carolina resulted in EPA issuing a Letter of Concern to the state environmental agency in January 2017. EPA expressed concern that the state's failure to adequately regulate more than 2,200 industrial hog operations has a disparate, discriminatory impact on African American, Latino, and Native American communities in eastern North Carolina. Waterkeeper Alliance seized the opportunity presented by EPA's action, coupled with a change in state administration, to enter mediation with the state's environmental agency. Under our mediated settlement, reached in May 2018, the agency agreed to improve access and participation in its permit renewal process, make proposals to new permits that mitigate environmental impacts, and monitor air and surface water in areas dominated by industrial agriculture.

“FOR FAR TOO LONG, THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY HAS PRIORITIZED CUSTOMER SERVICE FOR THE BENEFIT OF POLLUTERS INSTEAD OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION FOR THE BENEFIT OF ALL NORTH CAROLINIANS. WE ARE GLAD EPA SHARED OUR CONCERNS AND ARE HOPEFUL THAT THE NEW ADMINISTRATION WILL VIEW THIS AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE LONG OVERDUE ACTION.”

- WILL HENDRICK,

NORTH CAROLINA CAMPAIGN MANAGER
AND STAFF ATTORNEY, PURE FARMS, PURE WATERS

PURE FARMS, PURE WATERS

Public Records Access

The North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services attempted to charge us a \$4,000 fee to view public records, violating the state's Public Records Act. Waterkeeper Alliance sued the agency; subsequent negotiations led to a settlement. The agency agreed to provide public records at no cost, amend their public records policy to prohibit charging for inspection of records, pay our filing and mediation fees, and donate to a North Carolina nonprofit focused on government transparency. For this work, North Carolina Pure Farms, Pure Waters campaign manager and staff attorney Will Hendrick received the 2018 Sunshine Award for Advocacy from the N.C. Open Government Coalition.

SB711

The North Carolina General Assembly rushed the passage of the North Carolina Farm Act, SB711, which strips rural North Carolinians of their constitutional right to seek justice in the courts against those who pollute their air and water. Waterkeeper Alliance and partners encouraged Governor Roy Cooper to veto the bill, which he did. Unfortunately, the North Carolina General Assembly voted to override Gov. Cooper's veto. Under SB711, it is difficult to see how any injured neighbor will be able to sue an operation to end a nuisance or recover damages for real and lasting injuries, like water contamination and health problems. Waterkeeper Alliance and our North Carolina Waterkeepers will continue fighting legislative efforts to decrease protections for communities and the environment.

“NORTH CAROLINIANS SHOULD NOT HAVE TO PAY THE STATE TO LEARN HOW OUR GOVERNMENT IS PREPARING FOR AND RESPONDING TO THE THREATS POSED BY INCREASINGLY FREQUENT AND SEVERE STORMS.”

- WILL HENDRICK,
NORTH CAROLINA CAMPAIGN MANAGER
AND STAFF ATTORNEY, PURE FARMS, PURE WATERS



PHOTO: DONN YOUNG

PURE FARMS, PURE WATERS



NATIONAL

New York State Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation Permit Challenge

Waterkeeper Alliance, **Riverkeeper**, Cortland-Onondaga Federation of Kettle Lake Associations, Sierra Club, and Theodore Gordon Flyfishers, Inc., represented by Earthjustice, won a suit in the state's Supreme Court challenging the permitting process for mega-dairies under the Clean Water Act. The New York Supreme Court ordered the state's Department of Environmental Conservation to make its permitting process more protective, complying with state and federal law. Concentrated animal feeding operations (CAFOs) must now develop and submit a publicly available comprehensive nutrient management plan that meets the requirements of the Clean Water Act. New York's Department of Environmental Conservation must review the management plan before initial permitting, and again if the CAFO amends it. Additionally, as a result of this case, affected citizens and the general public now have the right to review and comment on CAFOs' management plans as part of the permitting process.

Superfund/Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act Exemptions

Waterkeeper Alliance challenged an EPA rule that exempted CAFOs from federal hazardous substance release reporting laws. In April 2017, the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled in our favor, vacating EPA's exemption rule. The court concluded that reporting was required by law and that EPA lacked authority to grant an exemption. Its ruling noted that CAFOs present substantial risks to the public, including risk of death. The ruling also set precedent, finding that Waterkeeper Alliance had standing to challenge the rule on the basis of our demonstration that the illegal rule prevented public access to information about CAFOs' hazardous air emissions. EPA is working to finalize guidance, based on a new legal theory and recently passed legislation, that would eliminate the reporting requirements. We are currently evaluating next steps.

“THIS IS A TREMENDOUS VICTORY FOR THE HEALTH OF NEW YORKERS. EACH OF THE ROUGHLY 250 LARGE DAIRY FACILITIES HAS THE SAME POLLUTION POTENTIAL AS THE CITY OF ALBANY, AND NOW THEIR MANURE HANDLING OPERATIONS WILL BE SUBJECT TO REVIEW BY THE STATE AND THE PUBLIC.”

- MIKE DULONG,
STAFF ATTORNEY, HUDSON RIVERKEEPER

An underwater scene featuring two sharks swimming in clear blue water. A yellow line graphic originates from the top right of the text box and extends diagonally across the image.

ADVOCACY

CLEAN WATER DEFENSE

THE CURRENT ADMINISTRATION
IS ATTEMPTING TO REMOVE
ESSENTIAL WATER PROTECTIONS,
PUTTING MILLIONS OF AMERICANS
AT RISK, ALL WITH THE INTENT
OF ALLOWING MORE POLLUTION
INSTEAD OF PROTECTING THE
PUBLIC. THE PROPOSED REVISIONS
TO WATERS OF THE U.S. WILL
DIMINISH, RATHER THAN RESTORE,
OUR ABILITY TO PROTECT OUR
COUNTRY'S WATERS."

- KELLY HUNTER FOSTER,
SENIOR ATTORNEY

DIVE INTO DEMOCRACY

As the Trump administration moves to eviscerate federal environmental statutes, regulations, and enforcement, we're mobilizing activists to fight back. This year, in addition to litigation and comments on regulations, we produced 46 Dive into Democracy posts on issues ranging from offshore drilling and protection of the Minnesota Boundary Waters to federal budget anti-environment riders and energy development on public lands. Through these efforts, we have helped stop 24 bad federal bills and engage 3.5 million citizens in submitting comments on regulatory rollbacks. We also joined with partners to oppose a range of anti-environment legislation and budget riders. In April 2018, Waterkeeper Alliance and 94 Waterkeeper Organizations and Affiliates sent a letter to Members of Congress asking them to take urgent action to remove and replace Scott Pruitt as EPA Administrator. Pruitt resigned July 5.

CLEAN WATER DEFENSE

WATERS OF THE U.S. LITIGATION AND RULEMAKING

Waterkeeper Alliance continues to play a lead role in administrative and legal actions opposing EPA and the Army Corps of Engineers' efforts to reduce or eliminate Clean Water Act protections for rivers, streams, lakes, and wetlands by redefining Waters of the U.S.—leaving waters vulnerable to unregulated pollution discharges and destruction.

Waterkeeper Alliance, **Monterey Coastkeeper**, **Humboldt Baykeeper**, **Russian Riverkeeper**, **Snake River Waterkeeper**, **Upper Missouri Waterkeeper**, and other environmental groups sued EPA and the Army Corps, challenging their 2015 final rule redefining the types of waters protected by Clean Water Act jurisdiction. The Supreme Court granted review of a court jurisdiction issue and, on January 22, 2018, the Court agreed with

Waterkeeper Alliance and others that legal challenges have to be filed in federal district court. Waterkeeper Alliance re-filed our lawsuit in U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California on June 13, 2018, and added a challenge to the first attempt by the Trump administration to gut Clean Water Act protections for many of our nation's waters.

Waterkeeper Alliance is challenging every attempt to destroy Clean Water Act protections. In preparation for future legal challenges, we've worked with as many as 115 Waterkeeper Organizations and Waterkeeper Affiliates around the country, as well as the Center for Biological Diversity, Center for Food Safety, and Turtle Island Restoration Network, to file formal comments in opposition to each critical proposed change to the Clean Water Act.

“DRAINING 80 PERCENT OF THE WATER OUT OF THE COLORADO RIVER IS ECOLOGICAL ANNIHILATION. IF YOU TRY TO FURTHER DAM AND DRAIN THE COLORADO RIVER OR ITS TRIBUTARIES, WE WILL DO EVERYTHING WE CAN TO STOP YOU.”

- GARY WOCKNER, POUDRE WATERKEEPER



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FREE FLOWING RIVERS

Waterkeeper Alliance, **Poudre Waterkeeper**, **Colorado Riverkeeper**, and partners are suing the Bureau of Reclamation and the Army Corps in federal court to fight their approval of the destructive “Windy Gap” Colorado River water diversion and dam project. The plan would build the tallest dam in the history of Colorado, further draining a river that’s been depleted by earlier dam projects, climate change, and overdevelopment. It also threatens the already imperiled green lineage cutthroat trout.

GLOBAL CONFERENCE

Our 2018 Conference took place in Buffalo, NY from June 6-10, bringing together more than 300 clean water advocates from 29 countries. Keynote speakers included Judith Enck, previous Administrator for EPA Region 2; Jalonne White-Newsome of the Kresge Foundation; Buffalo Mayor Byron Brown; and Kendis Gibson of ABC News. Topics for our intensive trainings this year included a Spanish-language course on designing water quality monitoring programs, storytelling, witness preparation, security and safety, and an intensive construction stormwater training for over 40 participants.

Waterkeeper Alliance, along with Waterkeeper Organizations and Affiliates in the the Gulf and South Atlantic regions, unveiled a movement-wide Swimmable Waters Achievement Guide at the Waterkeeper Alliance Conference. The guide highlights how to set up a water quality monitoring program and includes templates, including study designs, quality assurance project plans, safety plans, and comparison charts of various water quality apps and monitoring equipment. We continue to research the ability to host training and certification for specific monitoring parameters, lending even more credibility to the data collected by Waterkeeper groups.

TRAINING LIBRARY

Our resource training library currently hosts over 527 resources, videos, and templates, and more than 303 individuals are actively subscribed. We continue to work with Shelf.io to develop metrics allowing us to track active users, the most visited resources, and number of downloads. We've held more than 16 webinars on topics such as water quality monitoring, social media training, safety and security, and combining community organizing and legal work.





TAP YOUR TAP

Toyota Mirai and Paul Mitchell sponsored the fourth Keep it Clean® live comedy benefit for Waterkeeper Alliance on March 1 in Los Angeles at the Avalon Theater. Welcomed to the watershed by **Los Angeles Waterkeeper**, hosted by the hilarious Taran Killam, and featuring performances by Bill Burr, Larry David, Rachael Harris, Sarah Silverman, and more, the evening was filled to the brim with comedic genius.

Beyond sharing their talents at Keep it Clean®, this year the comedians teamed up for a video collab to launch #TapYourTap, a campaign to drive awareness for World Water Day, promote the Waterkeeper Alliance mission, and educate the public about local drinking water quality. Waterkeepers came out to create a video to be included in the Tap Your Tap lineup. Thank you to former **California Coastkeeper Alliance** Executive Director Sara Aminzadeh, **Miami Waterkeeper** Board president Lauren Brown Hornor, **Mobile Baykeeper** Casi Callaway, **Milwaukee Riverkeeper** Cheryl Nenn, **Los Angeles Waterkeeper** Bruce Reznik, **Poudre Waterkeeper** Gary Wockner, and **Lake Ontario Waterkeeper** Mark Mattson for their participation..

Waterkeeper Alliance partnered with Speakr to activate influencers on social media and raise awareness of the Tap Your Tap campaign. Six comedic and environmental activist influencers were tapped to share the videos series.

The videos generated 9 million impressions, more than 200,000 engagements on social media, and were viewed by more than 90,000 people. To learn more, go to waterkeeper.org/tap.

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Lisa Rinaman and former Riverkeeper Neil Armingeon
FELLOW MAN AND MOTHER EARTH AWARDS
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"BEST LOCAL NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION"
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**THE CHINA YOUTH MAY FOURTH MEDAL
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Michael Herz, P.h.D., founder and former Baykeeper **2017
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The Environmental Health Strategy Center'

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**NAMED ONE OF MIAMI'S MOST
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Miami New Times

We know the Waterkeeper movement is full of amazing advocates, so it's wonderful to see others recognize them for their achievements. These are just a few of the accolades received in fiscal year 2018. Congratulations to all our Waterkeeper groups for being the best and brightest clean water advocates on the planet!

LOUISIANA ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION NETWORK

parent organization of **Lower Mississippi Riverkeeper**
Marylee Orr
ECHIEVEMENT AWARD WINNER
eTowns nonprofit radio

PEARL RIVERKEEPER

2017 CLEANUP CHAMPIONS
American Rivers

WATERKEEPER ALLIANCE

Will Hendrick, Staff Attorney and Manager, North Carolina
Pure Farms, Pure Waters Campaign
SUNSHINE AWARD
North Carolina Open Government Coalition

WATERKEEPERS ALABAMA

OUTSTANDING GROUP OF THE YEAR
Alabama Rivers Alliance

LAGOS LAGOON WATERKEEPER

Felix Abayomi
2018 AFRICAN RANGER AWARD

HUDSON RIVERKEEPER

Captain John Lipscomb
DISTINGUISHED ACHIEVEMENT AWARD
Mohonk Consultations

SHORERIVERS

parent organization of **Chester, Choptank, Miles-Wye, and
Sassafras Riverkeepers**
JOHN V. KABLER MEMORIAL AWARD
The Maryland League of Conservation Voters

GRAND RIVERKEEPER, TAR CREEKKEEPER, YOTO RIVER WATERKEEPER

Earl Hatley, Rebecca Jim, Kossi.
2018 TERRY BACKER AWARDS
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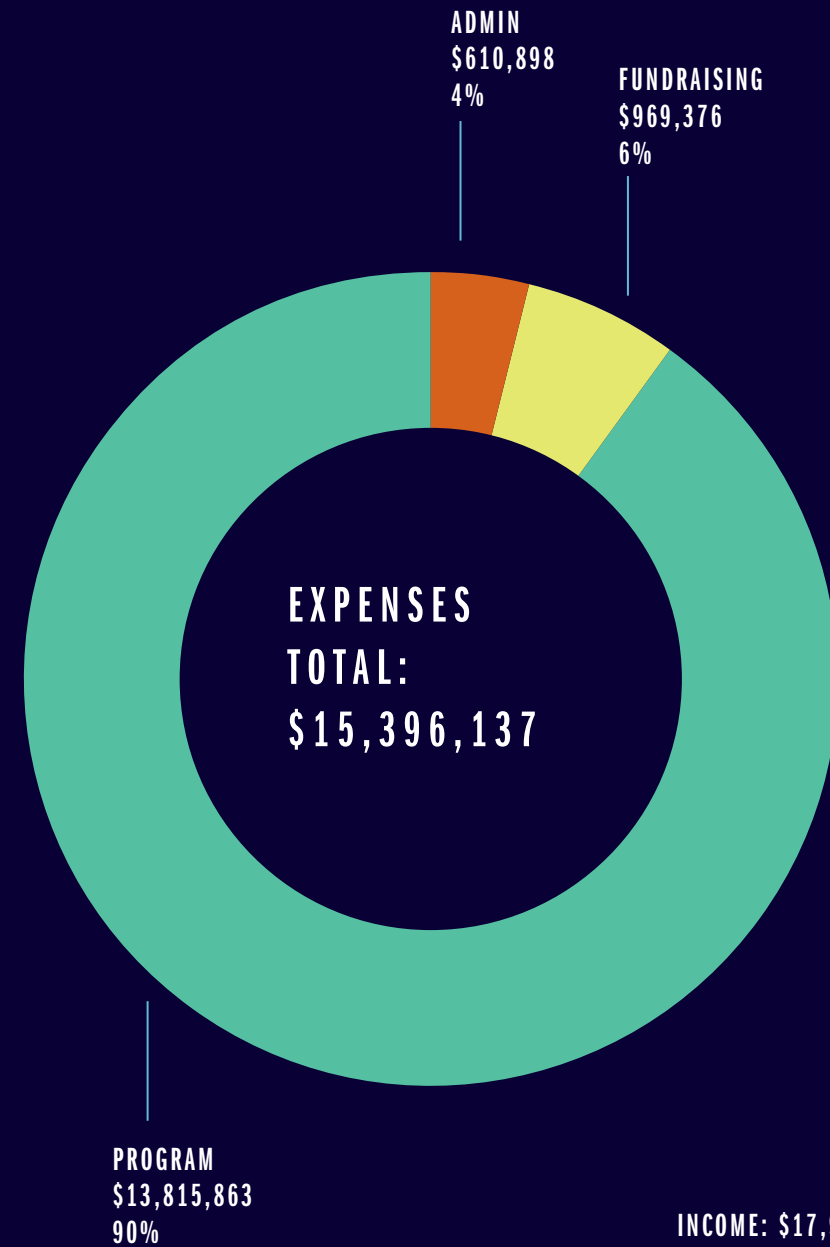
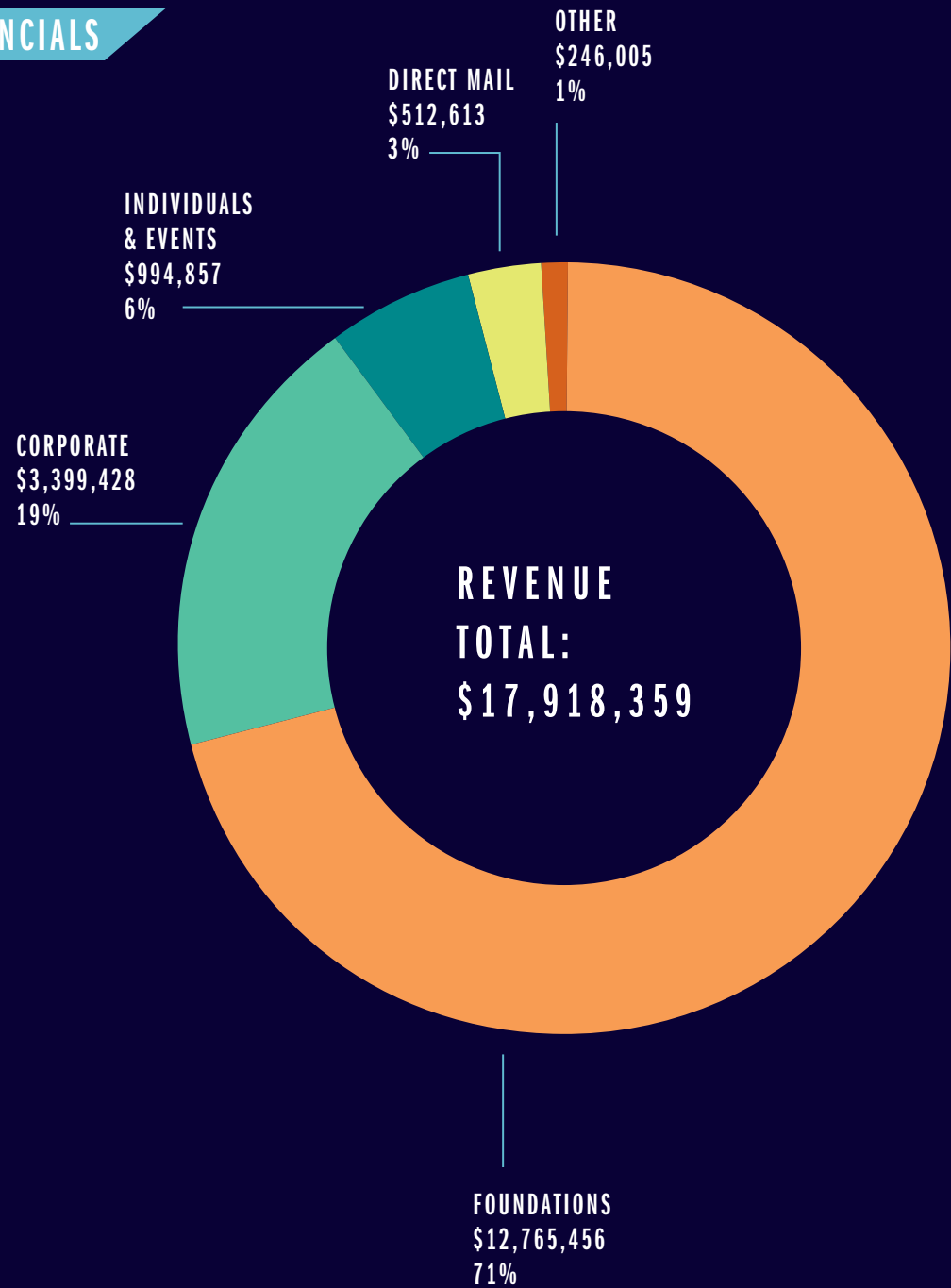
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THANKS TO YEARS OF WORK BY **ROGUE RIVERKEEPER**, OREGON GOVERNOR KATE BROWN SIGNED BIPARTISAN LEGISLATION PROTECTING SENSITIVE SALMON AND LAMPREY HABITAT FROM SECTION DREDGE MINING.

COLUMBIA RIVERKEEPER'S OPPOSITION TO THE CONTROVERSIAL VANCOUVER ENERGY TSENGI OIL TERMINAL HELPED CONVINCE WASHINGTON GOVERNOR JIM WALLEY AND THE PORT OF VANCOUVER COMMISSION TO REJECT THE PLAN FOR WHAT WOULD HAVE BEEN THE LARGEST OIL TRAIN TERMINAL IN THE UNITED STATES.

FRASER RIVERKEEPER LED A CLEANUP IN CHILLIWACK, WHERE MORE THAN 650 VOLUNTEERS WORKED TO REMOVE TRASH FROM THE RIVER, TWICE THE TURNOUT FROM LAST YEAR.

PUGET SOUNDKEEPER ALLIANCE AND **NORTH SOUND BAYKEEPER'S** PARENT ORGANIZATION, RE SOURCES FOR SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES, SUCCESSFULLY SETTLED WITH CARGILL, INC. IN A CLEAN WATER ACT CASE OVER INDUSTRIAL DISCHARGES OF POLLUTED STORMWATER RUNOFF. CARGILL AGREED TO EXPAND AND UPGRADE ITS EXISTING STORMWATER RUNOFF TREATMENT SYSTEMS TO HELP REDUCE LEVELS OF ZINC. KS NEWS ALSO FEATURED PUGET SOUNDKEEPER IN REPORTS ON USING MUSSELS TO MEASURE CONTAMINANTS IN PUGET SOUND.

PUGET SOUNDKEEPER JENIS MILLER WON A YEARS LONG BATTLE FOR A 2,300-SQUARE-MILE NO-DISCHARGE ZONE IN PUGET SOUND.

SPOKANE RIVERKEEPER AND MORE THAN 100 VOLUNTEERS COLLECTED 2,000 POUNDS OF TRASH AFTER ANNUAL SPRING CLEANUP, INCLUDING PLASTIC BAGS, METAL, AND SOCKS. **SPOKANE RIVERKEEPER** ALSO SETTLED A FEDERAL LAWSUIT CHALLENGING EPA'S APPROVAL OF THE WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY PLAN TO CLEAN UP POLLUTION IN HANSMAN CREEK.

KLAMATH RIVERKEEPER AND PARTNERS WON A U.S. DISTRICT COURT VICTORY THAT IMPROVES THE SURVIVAL CHANCES FOR THREATENED CHUM SALMON IN THE KLAMATH RIVER.

HUMBOLDT BAYKEEPER SETTLED A SUIT AGAINST A SOIL COMPANY FOR DISCHARGING CHEMICALS INTO THE MAD RIVER AND MILL CREEK.

SAN FRANCISCO BAYKEEPER WON A ROUND IN THEIR BAY-SAFE INDUSTRY CAMPAIGN WHEN PEKINOSOLA SANITARY SERVICE, INC. AGREED TO STOP RELEASING POLLUTED RUNOFF INTO CREEKS THAT FLOW TO SAN FRANCISCO BAY.

VANTY TAIN PUBLISHED AN INCREDIBLE FEATURE ON THE WORK **CALIFORNIA COASTKEEPER ALLIANCE** AND **CALIFORNIA WATERKEEPERS** ARE DOING TO FIGHT CONGRESS AND THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION'S REGULATOR HALLUCKS, WHOSE INHERITED CALIFORNIA'S CHALLENGES. FORMER CALIFORNIA COASTKEEPER ALLIANCE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SARA AMIRKHAZEN WAS APPOINTED TO THE CALIFORNIA COASTAL COMMISSION EARLIER THIS YEAR.

LOS ANGELES WATERKEEPER WON A PRECEDENT-SETTING COURT VICTORY THAT WILL ELIMINATE STORMWATER DISCHARGE FROM DAVIS WIRE'S IRWINDALE FACILITY.

LEGISLATION BY **ORANGE COUNTY COASTKEEPER** AND **LOS ANGELES WATERKEEPER** GOWPELLED ASSOCIATED HARDY BUILD CONCRETE AND AAR KEAR WARE CONCRETE TO ADDRESS WATER QUALITY VIOLATIONS AND COMPLY WITH CLEAN WATER REGULATIONS. THE COMPANIES COMMITTED TO CHANGING PRACTICES TO PREVENT FURTHER POLLUTION AND THE DISTRICT COURT APPROVED A \$300,000 SETTLEMENT, INCLUDING FUNDS TO SUPPORT LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION.

PROMPTED BY **SAN DIEGO COASTKEEPER**, THE CALIFORNIA STATE ORGANIZATION THAT OVERSEES THE DEL MAR FAIRGROUNDS AGREED TO MAKE \$10 MILLION IN UPGRADES TO KEEP CONTAMINATED STORMWATER RUNOFF FROM ENTERING AREA WATERSHEDS.

LA PAZ WATERKEEPER TOGETHER WITH **SANTA ROSALIA WATERKEEPER**, **LORETO COASTKEEPER**, **CABO PULMO COAST WATERKEEPER**, AND **MAGDALENA BAYKEEPER** CO-SPONSORED AN EDUCATION INITIATIVE FOR BAIA CALIFORNIA'S SUBSISTENT SCHOOL-AGE POPULATION. MORE THAN 1,000 STUDENTS ENTERED A DRAWING CONTEST SPONSORED BY THE WATERKEEPERS AND THE STATE GOVERNMENT HIGHLIGHTING PLASTIC DEBRIS IN LOCAL WATERWAYS. THE YOUNG WINNERS WERE INTERVIEWED BY LOCAL RADIO AND TV STATIONS.

AUTHORITIES STOPPED AN ILLEGAL FISHING BOAT WITH ILLEGAL EQUIPMENT AFTER A TIP FROM **LA PAZ WATERKEEPER'S** PARENT ORGANIZATION, THE CITIZEN OBSERVER NETWORK (COC).

JOSE LUIS CEBALDE OF **LA PAZ WATERKEEPER** HELPED RESCUE 33 DOLPHINS STRANDED ON A BEACH NEAR PICHILINCHUE.

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP, A WATERKEEPER ALLIANCE AFFILIATE, WON A BIG VICTORY IN ITS DECADE-LONG EFFORT TO PROTECT THE TEXAS COLORADO RIVER FROM OVER-PUMPING THE AQUIFERS THAT FEED THE RIVER AND TRIBUTARIES.

BLACK WARRIOR RIVERKEEPER, **COOSA RIVERKEEPER**, **CAHABA RIVERKEEPER**, **CHOCTAWHATCHEE RIVERKEEPER**, **HURRICANE CREEKKEEPER**, **LITTLE RIVER WATERKEEPER**, **MOBILE BAYKEEPER**, **TENNESSEE RIVERKEEPER**, AND PARTNERS COMPELLED ALABAMA'S GOVERNMENT TO IMPOSE TIGHTER LIMITS ON E. COLI BACTERIA FROM SEWER PLANTS, MAKING IT SAFER TO SWIM AND FISH IN CREEKS ACROSS THE STATE.

MOBILE BAYKEEPER AND VOLUNTEERS TRANSFORMED ONE MILE CREEK, WHERE THE GROUND WAS HIDDEN BY WATER BOTTLES AFTER MARIJUANA GRASS, INTO A LITTER-FREE AREA.

PLACENCIA LAGOON WATERKEEPER AND THE BELIZEAN CONSERVATION COMMUNITY HELPED CONVINCE THE GOVERNMENT OF BELIZE TO TAKE THE UNPRECEDENTED AND DECISIVE STEP OF PHASING OUT SINGLE-USE PLASTIC SHOPPING BAGS, PLASTIC FOLIA, AND PLASTIC FOOD DISHES BY APRIL 22, 2019.

AFTER THREE YEARS OF LITIGATION CHALLENGING THE SWEEPING USE OF GENERAL VARIANCES, WHICH HAD GRANTED EVERY NUTRIENT DISCHARGER ACROSS MONTANA AN EXEMPTION FROM MEETING NUTRIENT WATER QUALITY STANDARDS NECESSARY TO PROTECT RIVER HEALTH, **UPPER MISSOURI WATERKEEPER** SUCCEEDED IN DENYING INDUSTRIAL DISCHARGERS THE RIGHT TO RECEIVE GENERAL VARIANCES. NOW, ONLY MUNICIPALITIES AND SMALL DISCHARGERS WITH NECESSARY SUPPORTING DATA CAN APPLY FOR AN EXEMPTION.

COLORADO RIVERKEEPER LAUNCHED ITS THIRD AFFILIATE IN TWO YEARS: **LAS VEGAS WATER DEFENDER**. A GROWING WATERKEEPER NETWORK NOW STRETCHES FROM HEADWATERS IN WYOMING TO THE DESERTS OF NEVADA TO IMPROVE COLORADO BASIN MANAGEMENT.

LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION DEMANDED (LEAD) AGENCY, THE PARENT ORGANIZATION OF **GRAND RIVERKEEPER** AND **TAR CREEKKEEPER**, TURNED 20 YEARS OLD. LEAD AGENCY BEGAN WITH A HOUSE ON THE TAR CREEK SUPERFUND SITE BUT HAS ALWAYS INVESTIGATED OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES AND WORKS WITH COMMUNITY AND AREA TEACHERS ON RECYCLING AND SERVICE LEARNING PROJECTS.

THE ESTABLISHED DAM WAS DEMOLISHED AFTER **MILWAUKEE RIVERKEEPER**, COMMUNITY MEMBERS, FISHERMEN, PROPERTY OWNERS, AND ELECTED OFFICIALS SPENT YEARS ADVOCATING, UNLESS FOR ITS REMOVAL.

BUFFALO NIAGARA WATERKEEPER'S HYDE PARK LAKE LIVING SHORELINE PROJECT REVITALIZED 600 LINEAR FEET OF SHORELINE ON THE EASTERN END OF HYDE PARK LAKE. THE FINISHED PROJECT INCLUDED THE PLANTING OF OVER 1,000 NATIVE SPECIES INCLUDING TREES, SHRUBS, PERENNIALS, AND AQUATIC VEGETATION.

UNDER PRESSURE FROM **CASCO BAYKEEPER**, PORTLAND, MAINE PASSED ONE OF THE STRONGEST ORDINANCES IN THE STATE RESTRICTING PESTICIDE USE.

NY/NJ BAYKEEPER CELEBRATED A VICTORY FOR PUBLIC SPACE THANKS TO THE REJECTION OF A MARINA PROPOSED FOR THE SOUTH SIDE OF LIBERTY STATE PARK.

LONDON WATERKEEPER SUCCESSFULLY PETITIONED THAMES WATER UTILITIES, LTD. TO PUT REAL-TIME SEWER OVERFLOW DATA ONLINE AND PILOT A WATER QUALITY INFORMATION SYSTEM FOR SWIMMERS AND OTHER RIVER USERS.

MEMBERS OF **WATERKEEPERS IRAQ** BECAME THE FIRST PEOPLE TO COMPLETE A 30 KILOMETER (24 MILE) SWIM ACROSS DUKAN LAKE AS PART OF A SWIMMING EXPEDITION TO PROMOTE CLEAN WATER.

EAST KALI RIVER WATERKEEPER RAN MOBILE HEALTH VANS TO TREAT VILLAGERS SUFFERING INFECTIONS AND OTHER ILLNESSES FROM THE POLLUTED EAST KALI RIVER.

GOMTI RIVER WATERKEEPER AND PARTNERS HOSTED A RIVER CLEANUP IN GHATELA PUL, BRIBING OUT 150 STUDENTS AND VOLUNTEERS TO LEARN ABOUT THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS GROUNDWATER-FED RIVER, THE BIODIVERSITY IT SUPPORTS, AND HOW IT CAN BE RESTORED.

THE FIRST PHASE OF THE **KARNALI RIVER WATERKEEPER** EXPEDITION STARTED IN APRIL 2018 WITH FOUR WELL-KNOWN KAYAKERS PADDLING THE KARNALI RIVER FROM START TO END ACROSS THE CHINA AND INDIA BORDER. AN INTERDISCIPLINARY TEAM OF EXPERTS MADE THE TRIP TO ASSESS AND DESCRIBE THE ECOLOGICAL AND SOCIAL VALUES OF THE ONLY REMAINING FREE-FLOWING MAIN STEM RIVER SYSTEM IN NEPAL.

BAGMATI RIVER WATERKEEPER'S BAGMATI RIVER FESTIVAL HOSTED 223 CLEANUPS WITH 7,000 PARTICIPANTS.

AFTER NEARLY EIGHT YEARS OF DATA COLLECTING AND PERSUASION BY **UPPER HUAI RIVER WATERKEEPER**, CHINA'S XIANG CITY LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINALLY BUILT A NEW 30,000-TON SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT FOR RESIDENTS NORTHWEST OF THE CITY.

WATERKEEPER ALLIANCE STAFF SPOKE AT THE SECOND HANGZHOU QIANTANG RIVER INTERNATIONAL CULTURE FESTIVAL PRESS CONFERENCE AND VISITED A PRIMARY SCHOOL WITH **QIANTANG RIVER WATERKEEPER** AS PART OF EARTH DAY. THEY WERE LATER INVITED TO THE OPENING CEREMONY OF AN EVENT, "READ FOR EARTH." ALL THREE EVENTS WERE BROADCAST BY ZHEJIANG SATELLITE TELEVISION, THE THIRD LARGEST CHANNEL IN CHINA.

QIANTANG RIVER WATERKEEPER WON A CASE IN THE ZHEJIANG JIAXING PEOPLE'S INTERMEDIATE COURT AFTER RESIDENTS COMPLAINED ABOUT POLLUTION CAUSED BY A TANNERY. THE DEFENDANT IS GOING TO PAY FOR CLEANING THE SITE.

QIANTANG RIVER WATERKEEPER INVESTIGATED A "LARGE MOUNTAIN OF TRASH" WITH REPORTERS IN EARLY JANUARY. AFTER A REPORT ON LOCAL TELEVISION, THE ROAD WAS CLEARED AND LOCAL WATER QUALITY IMPROVED.

QIANTANG RIVER WATERKEEPER CELEBRATED ITS 11TH PROVINCIAL VOLUNTEER DAY BY BRINGING TOGETHER VOLUNTEERS, ENVIRONMENTAL COMPANIES, AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS FOR A FUN AND EDUCATIONAL DAY FOCUSED ON WASTE REDUCTION.

WATERKEEPER ALLIANCE AND **HUDSON RIVERKEEPER** JOINED REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT LAW SCHOOL'S U.S.-ASIA PARTNERSHIPS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL LAW TO SHARE THEIR CITIZEN ENFORCEMENT EXPERIENCE AT A THREE-DAY CONFERENCE HOSTED BY DUKE KUNSHAN UNIVERSITY IN KUNSHAN, CHINA.

THE AMOUNT OF TRASH **DONGTING LAKE WATERKEEPER** FOUND ON THE SHORELINE DURING A CLEANUP IT ORGANIZED WAS NOTABLY LESS THAN PREVIOUS YEARS, THANKS TO THE INSTALLATION OF TRASH CANS.

WANG CHU WATERKEEPER'S PARENT ORGANIZATION, CLEAN BHUTAN, AND WATERKEEPER ALLIANCE RAN A SIX-MONTH WATER QUALITY TESTING PROGRAM THAT CONFIRMED THE PRESENCE OF E. COLI IN BHUTAN'S WANG CHU RIVER. HIGHER CONCENTRATIONS OF E. COLI WERE FOUND NEAR MORE POPULATED AREAS DUE TO LEAKING SEPTIC TANKS, WASTEWATER TREATMENT DISCHARGE, AND ANIMAL WASTE. WANG CHU WATERKEEPER SHRESTHI SHARMA SAYS, "THE WATER [IS] NOT SAFE EITHER FOR DRINKING OR WASHING CLOTHES."

CHIANG KHONG CONSERVATION GROUP, A WATERKEEPER ALLIANCE AFFILIATE, PUSHED BACK AGAINST THE PAK BENG DAM IN LAOS, A MAJOR ENERGY REVIEW BY THAILAND, SUBSEQUENTLY DELAYED THE CONTROVERSIAL DAM ON THE MEKONG RIVER.

THANKS TO WORK BY **YARRA RIVERKEEPER** AND PARTNERS, AUSTRALIA PASSED THE YARRA RIVER PROTECTION ACT (WILLIP-GIN, BIRARRANG, MURRON), GROUNDBREAKING LEGISLATION THAT WILL TREAT THE RIVER AND ITS LANDS AS ONE LIVING ENTITY.

THE VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA EPA ANNOUNCED NEW RULES FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF OBICES, AN UNDOCKED BIKE-SHARE SERVICE IN MELBOURNE. THE AGENCY GAVE THE COMPANY SEVEN DAYS TO REMOVE BIKES FROM WATERWAYS AFTER A MEDIA CAMPAIGN BY **YARRA RIVERKEEPER**, WHICH CLEANED UP 147 BIKES BEING PULLED OUT OF THE YARRA DURING THE FIVE-DAY YARRA RIVER LITTER BUIZ.

WATERKEEPERS BANGLADESH ORGANIZED A DISCUSSION ON "RENEWABLE ENERGY POTENTIALS IN BANGLADESH" IN PARTNERSHIP WITH BANGLADESHI PORTRESE ANDOLON. MR. MASRUL HAMID MP, HONORABLE STATE MINISTER FOR THE MINISTRY OF POWER, ENERGY AND MINERAL RESOURCES, GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH ATTENDED.

WATERKEEPERS BANGLADESH AND **PASHUR RIVER WATERKEEPER** JOINTLY ORGANIZED A LARGE GATHERING OF FISHERMEN AND COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS TO BUILD A GRASSROOTS MOVEMENT AWAY FROM COAL-BASED ENERGY AND TOWARD RENEWABLES.

A BALTIMORE METAL RECYCLING BUSINESS AGREED TO PAY A \$50,000 PENALTY AND UPGRADE STORMWATER POLLUTION CONTROLS AT ITS FACILITY NEAR THE HARBOR, THANKS TO A SETTLEMENT WITH BLUE WATER BALTIMORE, THE PARENT ORGANIZATION OF **BALTIMORE HARBOR WATERKEEPER**, AND THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT.

PATUXENT RIVERKEEPER AND PARTNERS SUCCESSFULLY CONVINCED THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY DISTRICT COUNCIL TO DENY UNANIMOUSLY THE RENEWAL OF A ZONING EXCEPTION FOR THE BRANDYME COAL WASTE SITE OPERATED BY NRG.

CHOPTANK RIVERKEEPER HATT PLATT TESTIFIED BEFORE THE MARYLAND STATE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS, SUCCESSFULLY ADVOCATING FOR PERMIT REQUIREMENTS THAT WOULD PROHIBIT OVERSIZED BARGES FROM DAMAGING TIDAL WETLANDS AND UNDERMINING OYSTER RESTORATION EFFORTS IN THE TRED AVON RIVER.

AN ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE DECIDED IN FAVOR OF A CHALLENGE BROUGHT BY ASSATEAGUE COASTAL TRUST, THE PARENT ORGANIZATION OF **ASSATEAGUE COASTKEEPER**, AND PARTNERS, REVERSING A PERMIT APPROVAL FOR A PROPOSED CONCENTRATED ANIMAL FEEDING OPERATION (CAFO) IN WORCESTER COUNTY, MARYLAND, BECAUSE OF INADEQUATE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION.

THE FOURTH CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS GRANTED A STAY OF A PERMIT THE FRACKED GAS MOUNTAIN VALLEY PIPELINE (MVP) NEEDS IN ORDER TO BUILD ACROSS 581 STREAM CROSSINGS IN WEST VIRGINIA. **WEST VIRGINIA HEADWATERS WATERKEEPER** ANGIE ROSSER SAID, "IT DRIVES A SENSE OF RELIEF TO SET THIS PAUSE BUTTON HIT. WHAT WE'RE SEEING IS THAT SHORTCUTS AND BACK-DOORS JUST DON'T WORK FOR THIS MASSIVE PROJECT. ALREADY WITH MVP, WE'RE SEEING ITS EARLY CONSTRUCTION CAUSING PROBLEMS FOR OUR WATERS. IT'S ENCOURAGING THAT THE COURT AGREES A MORE INTENSIVE REVIEW OF THIS PERMIT IS REQUIRED BEFORE RISKING ANY FURTHER DAMAGE."

GOVERNOR ROY COOPER APPOINTED **FRENCH BROAD RIVERKEEPER** HARTWELL CARSON AND SOUND RIVERS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HEATHER JACOBS DECK TO THE NORTH CAROLINA SEDIMENTATION CONTROL COMMISSION.

SOUND RIVERS, **PAMLICO TAR RIVERKEEPER**, AND **UPPER AND LOWER NEUSE RIVERKEEPERS** SPENT SIX YEARS FIGHTING A PROPOSED MINE. IN LATE 2017, A NORTH CAROLINA COURT REVERSED A STATE PERMIT THAT WOULD HAVE ALLOWED THE MINE TO DISCHARGE MILLIONS OF GALLONS OF WASTEWATER A DAY INTO A POPULAR FISHING CREEK IN EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA.

WACCAMAW RIVERKEEPER ORGANIZED 142 CLEANUPS TO PROTECT RIVERS AND WILDLIFE FROM POLLUTION. OVER 1,000 VOLUNTEERS SPENT 6,000 HOURS TOTAL COLLECTING 34 TONS OF WASTE.

CONGAREE RIVERKEEPER WON A TWO-DECADE BATTLE WHEN THE TOWN OF LEXINGTON SHUT DOWN THE CAROLINA WATER SERVICE PLANT FOR DUMPING THOUSANDS OF GALLONS OF FECAL MATTER AND OTHER WASTE INTO THE RIVER.

SAVANNAH RIVERKEEPER AND CONCERNED CITIZENS WON A VICTORY PROTECTING GEORGIA'S EBENEZER CREEK FROM INDUSTRIAL WASTEWATER.

CHATTAHOOCHEE RIVERKEEPER SETTLED A 2017 CLEAN WATER ACT LAWSUIT AGAINST A DEVELOPER FOR FAILING TO INSTALL NECESSARY PROTECTIONS TO FILTER MUD AND SEDIMENT OUT OF STORMWATER. THE SETTLEMENT SECURED \$250,000 TO FUND ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS BY FIVE OTHER NONPROFITS THAT WILL EDUCATE STUDENTS ABOUT AND IMPROVE WATER QUALITY ON THE CHATTAHOOCHEE RIVER.

APALACHICOLA RIVERKEEPER CELEBRATED THE U.S. SUPREME COURT DECISION IN THE FLORIDA VS. GEORGIA WATER-CONSUMPTION-APPORTIONMENT CASE, UNDER WHICH AN EXPERT JUDGE WILL REVISIT KEY ASPECTS OF FLORIDA'S WATER RIGHTS CASE AGAINST GEORGIA.

A FLORIDA JUDGE RULED IN FAVOR OF **ST. JOHNS RIVERKEEPER** AND OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS, FINDING THAT STATE LEGISLATORS HAD BEEN VIOLATING A LAND CONSERVATION AMENDMENT TO THE STATE CONSTITUTION THAT REQUIRES FUNDING TO BE USED FOR LAND ACQUISITION, RESTORATION, AND MANAGEMENT OF THOSE LANDS.

SUWANNEE RIVERKEEPER, **FLINT RIVERKEEPER**, **CHATTAHOOCHEE RIVERKEEPER**, AND PARTNERS PLAYED LEADING ROLES IN DEFEATING THE ENVIRONMENTALLY DESTRUCTIVE SABAL TRAIL PIPELINE.

MARANON WATERKEEPER RELEASED A DOCUMENTARY, CONFOUR, TO EDUCATE AND GALVANIZE AUDIENCES ABOUT THE ICONIC RIVER THAT RUNS THROUGH THE "GRAND CANYON OF THE AMAZON BASIN." SINCE ITS RELEASE, THE FILM HAS BEEN SCREENED IN LIMA AND, PERHAPS MOST IMPORTANTLY, COMMUNITIES ALONG THE RIVER THAT WOULD BE IMPACTED BY MORE THAN 20 PROPOSED DAMS.



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BY PLANE, AND IN COURT TO FIGHT
POLLUTERS. THEY MEET THEIR
COMMUNITIES IN CROWDED UNION
HALLS, IN FISHING VILLAGES, AND
IN TINY CHURCHES TO TRADE IDEAS
ON PROTECTING RIVERS, STREAMS,
AND BAYS. THEY HAUL TIRES OUT OF
CREEKS, THEY PLANT MANGROVES, AND
THEY BRING DOWN DAMS. ONE MILE
AT A TIME, ONE CONVERSATION AT A
TIME, THESE TIRELESS ADVOCATES
ARE WORKING TO SAVE OUR PLANET.”**

**- ROBERT F. KENNEDY, JR.,
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