

Annual Report

A look back at our work together in fiscal year 2017



Our members make the difference

None of our work would be possible without the passion, energy and support of people like you, who are standing up in Washington and all across the country to protect the places and people we love.

It's been quite a year. Climate scientists agree it's more critical than ever that we act immediately to reverse the effects of climate change and transition to a carbon-free world—and yet we have an administration in the White House that seems bent on taking us in the opposite direction. Sometimes it feels like we're under attack on all fronts.

But I've never been prouder of the work we've done together, nor more optimistic about what we can continue to accomplish. You stood up for our water, our air, our beloved special places and our future. Thanks to you and the hard work of our staff and partner groups, we're doing big things at all levels and showing the world that the American people are committed to a cleaner, greener future—even if our president and Congress refuse to lead.

You came through for the places we love, flooding the Department of the Interior with comments in support of our national monuments. You helped us convince governors, mayors, and business and community leaders to uphold our commitments under the Paris Climate Agreement. You helped us make the case for a 100 percent renewable future.

In this report, you'll learn more about the things we were able to accomplish last year with your help. Our power to make real progress toward a cleaner, greener future comes from the passion and dedication of millions of concerned citizens like you.

As we begin another year, I'm excited for all we can accomplish together. Thank you for what you make possible. You are, quite literally, saving the world.

Sincerely,

Bruce Speight
Director

Defend Our Environment

For the past 50 years, America has enjoyed cleaner air, cleaner water and better protected public lands thanks to environmental laws and other protections. In 2017, as the Trump administration and new Congress sought to dismantle this legacy, we stood in defense of our environment.

Defend the EPA

When President Trump proposed a budget that would slash EPA funding by nearly one-third, Environment America launched a campaign to defend the agency from crippling budget cuts. We gathered thousands of public comments to show the White House that most Americans want more protections for our health and environment, not fewer. Environment Washington Research & Policy Center published “Rough Waters Ahead” a series of reports examining the impact of EPA budget cuts on our waters.

Defend the environment in court

When the government has failed to enforce protections for air and water, Environment Washington, our national network, and our partners at the National Environmental Law Center have stepped in to hold polluters accountable and take them to court when they break the law.

In Texas, our sister group Environment Texas won a \$19.95 million settlement last April against ExxonMobil for thousands of violations of the Clean Air Act, and a case against Pasadena Refining for similar violations is in progress. Environment Florida filed suit against Pilgrim’s Pride, the world’s second largest chicken producer, for polluting the Suwannee River. In Pennsylvania, PennEnvironment is taking on the world’s largest steel company, ArcelorMittal, for showering Pittsburgh-area neighborhoods with emissions of soot, acidic gases and noxious odors. Our national network’s lawsuits have resulted in more than \$250 million in court-ordered penalties and pollution reduction actions.



Top: In March, National Environmental Law Center’s Heather Govern (middle) and Environment Florida’s Jennifer Rubiello (right) announced a lawsuit against Pilgrim’s Pride.

Bottom: Sen. Maria Cantwell was one of our strongest champions in the U.S. Senate last year.



Clean, Green & Renewable

Fossil fuels have changed our climate faster than scientists feared, but renewable energy has grown faster than experts predicted. We know we can and must power our lives without polluting our environment, which is why Environment Washington has been working to put our cities, states, communities and corporations on a path to 100 percent renewable energy. From city halls across the country to Washington, D.C., we're leading the way to a cleaner, greener future.



▲ Clean Energy Advocate Michelle Kinman of our affiliate, Environment California, held a 12-city press tour in support of 100 percent renewable energy in California.



▲ Environment Washington Organizer Sarah Lukins (right) released Environment Washington Research & Policy Center's "Shining Cities" report in Yakima.

Renewable energy on the rise

Burning oil, gas and coal has polluted our air, water and land for decades, and it's changing our climate even faster than scientists feared. The good news is that renewable energy is growing faster than experts predicted. We can have healthier communities today and leave our children a cleaner, more livable tomorrow, but only if we turn our backs on the dirty technologies of the past and commit to a 100 percent renewable future.

And there's good news coming out of Washington D.C. Last year, Sens. Jeff Merkley (Ore.), Ed Markey (Mass.), Bernie Sanders (Vt.), and Cory Booker (N.J.) introduced the "100 by '50 Act" into the U.S. Senate, with a House companion bill introduced by Washington Congresswoman Pramila Jayapal and three of her colleagues. The bill would put into place a comprehensive plan to ramp up renewable energy and energy efficiency while halting the development of fossil fuel infrastructure, putting the U.S. on a path to achieve 100 percent renewable energy by 2050.

You helped pass the Solar Jobs Bill

Momentum for more renewable energy is growing in Washington state as well. In June, state leaders passed the Solar Jobs Bill, which will extend and update Washington's solar incentive program that offers homeowners and businesses rebates for producing solar energy.

Environment Washington members and partners contacted state legislators, mobilized local businesses and elected leaders to support solar, generated statewide media attention in support of solar and clean energy, and testified in support of the bill in Olympia. And all those efforts paid off.

To date, the incentive program has helped to build a local solar manufacturing sector and led to more than 13,000 solar installations on homes, commercial buildings and community facilities.

We anticipate that the passage of the Solar Jobs Bill will increase the number of new solar installations while at the same time providing more local jobs and more clean energy statewide.

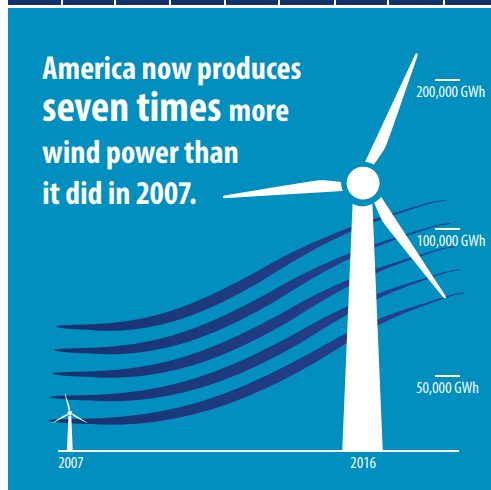
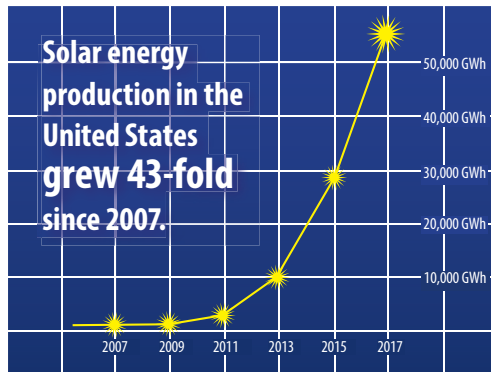
Clean energy communities

Environment Washington also spent last year running local campaigns to create a network of community leaders and citizen activists across the state. This network will lead in the clean energy and transportation transition that we need in Washington State, and ultimately take us to 100 percent renewable energy.

In June, Edmonds became the first city in Washington to commit to 100 percent renewable electricity. We also worked with local activists and community leaders in Ellensburg, Mercer Island, Whatcom County, and Yakima. And we organized hundreds of community members across the state who responded to our call for local action.

A 100 percent renewable future is within reach. Thanks to your support, we can keep mobilizing the people of Washington for a cleaner, greener world.

And college campuses have been valuable allies, by transitioning to clean energy themselves and by bringing their communities along with them.





Clean Water

The waterways that Americans love should be clean, safe and beautiful. In 2017, we defended the Clean Water Rule, which protects 2 million miles of streams, launched our effort to Get the Lead Out of school drinking water supplies, and worked with nearly 200 local watershed groups through our Clean Water Network.



▲ In February, Environment Washington Research & Policy Center released "Get the Lead Out," drawing attention to the threat of lead in our schools and preschools.



▲ Environment Washington and our coalition partners presented more than 4,500 public comments to Governor Inslee in support of strong clean water protections from agricultural pollution.

In defense of clean water

Four years ago, the tragedy in Flint, Mich., stunned the nation. We watched the drinking water of an entire city become contaminated with lead. And now we know this toxic threat extends well beyond Flint to communities across the country. In fact, test results show that lead is even contaminating drinking water in schools and pre-schools—flowing from the water fountains and faucets where our kids learn and play every day.

Environment Washington launched a campaign in February calling on state leaders to “get the lead out” of our schools and pre-schools. This involves proactively removing lead-bearing parts from schools’ drinking water systems—from service lines to faucets and fixtures—and installing filters certified to remove lead at every tap used for drinking or cooking.

Environment Washington worked with state lawmakers to secure a directive that the Department of Health (DOH) develop guidance for schools to take action whenever lead in water exceeds 1 part per billion. This measure brings us one step closer to safe drinking water for our kids at school. Our work to require the removal of all lead-bearing parts in our drinking water systems continues.

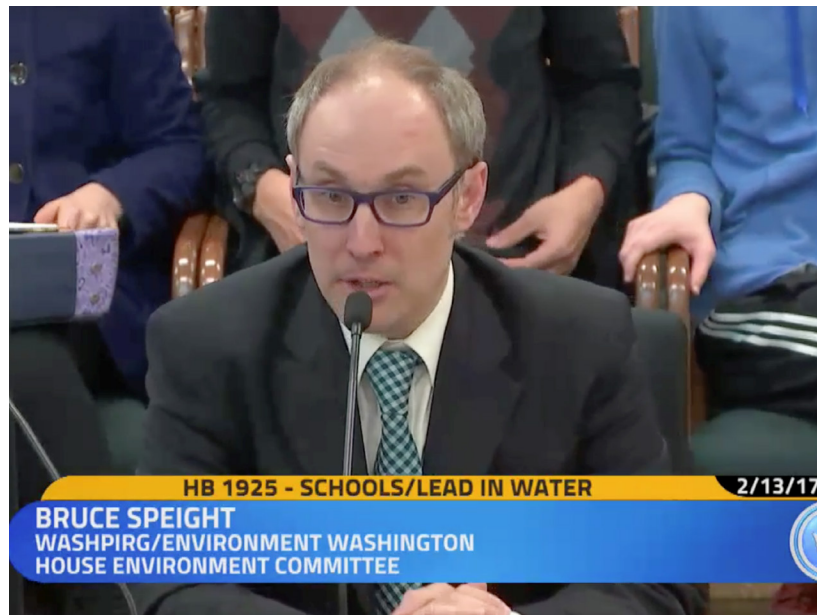
A February 2017 analysis by Environment Washington Research & Policy Center gave Washington state a grade of ‘F,’ for failing to prevent children’s drinking water from becoming laced with lead at school.

We worked to protect the waters we love

Washington is home to more than 400 dairies, with an average herd size of 500 cows. The vast majority of these operations are Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations (CAFOs), in which animals are not kept in grazing pastures, but packed together in barns and feedlots, standing in their own waste every day of the year.

The more than 260,000 adult dairy cows in Washington collectively produce more than 26 million pounds of manure each day. Much of this manure gets into Washington’s surface and groundwater, causing significant public health and pollution problems, and polluting Puget Sound, among other waterways. Groundwater is the drinking water supply for approximately 60 percent of people who reside in Washington state.

In 2017, Environment Washington built a coalition of public health, environmental, social justice and community organizations to begin demanding action from our governor and legislature to rein in CAFO pollution.



In February, Environment Washington Director Bruce Speight appeared on TVW testifying at the state Legislature on HB 1925, a bill to address the problem of lead contamination in school drinking water.



No Bees, No Food

Bees are dying off at an unsustainable rate, with alarming consequences for our environment and our food supply. Scientists point to several causes of bee colony collapse, including climate change, parasites and pesticide use. We're working to save bees and other pollinators by banning the use of neonicotinoids—a class of pesticides linked to bee die-offs. After all, when bees pollinate everything from apples to strawberries to the alfalfa used to feed dairy cows, we know it's bees, not pesticides, that make our farms and food possible.

Give bees a chance

Neonicotinoids (neonics) are the most widely used class of pesticide in the country, yet big agrichemical companies are using them more and more. That's why Environment Washington worked hard last year to educate the public on the need to ban these bee-killing pesticides. Over the summer, we held events like bee-friendly BBQs and picnics to drive home how much we count on bees for the foods we eat every day.

This summer, Environment Washington and our allies gathered and delivered more than 164,000 public comments from people like you who called on the Environmental Protection Agency to carefully review and declare a moratorium on four bee-killing neonics.

The Bee Friendly Food Alliance

In 2017, we launched the Bee Friendly Food Alliance to unite chefs, restaurant owners and other leaders in the food industry to save the bees. The alliance keeps our allies updated on the problems facing bees and provides opportunities to make their voices heard by the public and decision-makers.

More than 30 restaurants joined us for National Pollinator Week in June to educate customers, highlight the contributions of bees through food and drink specials, and spread the word through social media.



Top: Last summer, we rallied cooks and grillers to hold bee-friendly barbecues to raise awareness about the problems facing bees and raise funds to help save them.

Bottom: Our staff delivered public comments from citizens to the Environmental Protection Agency in Washington, D.C., calling for a ban on bee-killing pesticides.

Conservation

From the Grand Canyon to the Everglades, our parks, forests and public lands are a beloved part of our natural heritage. They're the places we visit with friends and family to hike, bike, fish and open our eyes to the wonders of the great outdoors. Last year, our public lands faced threats like never before, as the Trump administration and some members of Congress pushed shortsighted plans to open these sensitive landscapes to dirty and dangerous development.

You stood up for our national monuments

America's outdoors are part of what make this country special. So when President Trump ordered a review of 27 of our national monuments, from Katahdin Woods and Waters in Maine to Giant Sequoia in California, you spoke out.

Environment Washington and our coalition partners helped deliver more than 2.7 million of your public comments to the Department of the Interior, calling on the president and Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke to preserve our monuments.

While Secretary Zinke ultimately did not revoke any of our monuments' protected status, he recommended weakening protections for Bears Ears National Monument and nine others, potentially opening those lands up for mining and drilling. In the new year, we'll continue to defend these special places and keep our public lands in public hands.

You said no to offshore drilling

From Exxon-Valdez to Deepwater Horizon, we've seen time and again that when you drill, you spill. That's why Environment Washington and our national affiliates have stood strong against efforts by the Trump administration to open the Atlantic, Pacific and Arctic oceans to expanded offshore drilling. We engaged coastal communities and Americans from Alaska to Florida to send a clear message to Washington, D.C.: Our oceans should be preserved, not sold off to the highest bidder.



Top: Environment Washington and our allies delivered more than 2.7 million public comments to the Department of the Interior, calling on them to save our monuments.

Bottom: In April, President Trump signed an executive order to allow expanded offshore drilling in the Atlantic, Pacific and Arctic Oceans.

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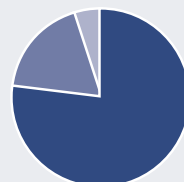
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FY16 Expenses

- Program 77%
- Fundraising 18%
- Management 5%



FY16 Income

- Citizen 65%
- Grants 21%
- Other 14%

The Public Interest Network

Environment Washington and our sister groups are part of The Public Interest Network. The network is home to more than 16 organizations, including the Public Interest Research Group (PIRG) and Green Corps. Each of our groups has its own mission, whether it's consumer advocacy, environmental litigation or training new organizers. But the 400-plus staff in our network share a vision of a better country, a set of core values about our work and a coordinated strategic approach to getting things done.

Toward a greener future

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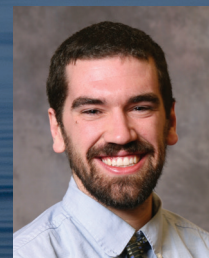
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