

**IN OUR  
POWER**



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Sun peeks through the clouds over the Santa Rita Mountain Range in southern Arizona.  
*Ash Ponders for Earthjustice*

Cover: Raul Garcia, Earthjustice's legislative director for the healthy communities program, speaks in support of the Clean Water Act outside of the Supreme Court on October 3, 2022 – the day the court heard the case of Sackett v. EPA. *Melissa Lyttle for Earthjustice*

# Earthjustice is equipped to advance our goals more rapidly than we ever thought possible.

Thank you for supporting Earthjustice to sustain and grow our work over the last year. With your help, we achieved watershed victories in long-running fights to stop drilling in the Western Arctic, to block massive oil and gas lease sales on public lands and off our coasts, to keep the Tongass Forest off limits to logging, to ban the neurotoxin chlorpyrifos, to retire polluting coal-fired power plants

in the U.S. and abroad, to prevent mining in the Boundary Waters, and to restore Endangered Species Act protections for wolves and Clean Water Act protections for streams and wetlands nationwide.

Meanwhile, we achieved cutting-edge, precedent-setting wins to build off-shore wind, to replace gas with zero emissions heat pumps in buildings, to enforce vanguard state climate laws, to compel regulatory reforms that enable clean energy to outcompete fossil fuels, to block construction of new gas-fired power plants, and to stop cryptocurrency miners from re-starting shuttered coal plants. In the pages that follow, you will find a collection of success stories that illustrate how we are deploying winning legal strategies to catalyze change in this make-or-break

decade for climate action, environmental justice, and biodiversity protection.

With your help over the last year, we have been able to invest in new capacity to navigate a hostile Supreme Court, launch our new regional office in the Gulf of Mexico, and build our new Biodiversity Defense Program. As we roll up our sleeves to implement the Inflation Reduction Act and other major spending bills passed in 2022, we are exceptionally well positioned to drive the build-out of a new, genuinely clean economy while defending against the very live potential for fossil fuels expansion and entrenchment.

Very different energy and climate futures are in play now, and the progress we make over the next two years will shape our prospects for reversing our currently disastrous trajectory and restoring climate stability. Thanks to you, Earthjustice is well equipped to work with groups around the country to shape durable climate solutions and ensure they deliver health and wealth benefits to the communities that need them most.

Thank you for your commitment to Earthjustice and the work we can do together to guarantee our future.



**Abigail Dillen**  
President, Earthjustice



**Fern Shepard**  
Chair of the  
Board of Trustees

**Fern Shepard (left)  
and Abigail Dillen.**  
*Matt Roth for Earthjustice*





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# THE POWER TO BUILD

We've held the line against bad actors and cleared the way for clean power so that now we can build. **Earthjustice works with frontline leaders and climate partners to generate solutions through litigation and advocacy.**

These solutions bring the movement's radical imagination to life. We are creating a future of lived abundance. A future of jobs and justice. And as we shift our gaze to the horizon, we put those bad actors behind us, where they belong.

Shamyra Lavigne, executive assistant at RISE St. James, speaks at a side-event for the annual United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP27) in Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt. The side event took place in the Climate Justice Pavilion, the first-ever dedicated space for climate justice inside of COP's official Blue Zone. The Pavilion was organized by We Act for Environmental Justice, The Bullard Center for Environmental Justice, and Deep South Center for Environmental Justice, and sponsored by Earthjustice and others. *Chris Jordan-Bloch / Earthjustice*

# A JUST TRANSITION FOR ALL

In recent years, clean energy prices have improved remarkably. Automakers have readily shifted their production plans toward electric vehicles in response to mandates as well as consumer demand. Federal leaders for energy transmission are overhauling their planning process to make way for a grid powered by renewables. These welcome disruptions must include confronting the disproportionate burdens of pollution, energy costs, and disenfranchisement endured by targeted populations. Earthjustice works alongside dedicated organizers to ensure that the community members most affected can inform how our economy is powered. **Together, we are building a 100% clean grid that benefits everyone by 2035.**



## Renewables Championed by Residents

It's been a big year for our clean energy team driving renewables in Maryland. We removed barriers for adoption of community solar power in the state, with a focus on access for low- and moderate-income households. Then, we helped pass legislation that doubled the state's limit on net-metered capacity for solar energy, so that more clean energy can power the grid. And partnering with frontline community members, we worked to clear the path for an offshore wind project that can power one million homes. Construction, operation, and maintenance of this project will adhere to strict standards for limited environmental impact.

**The University Park Church of the Brethren in University Park, Maryland uses a 22-kilowatt solar electric array owned by University Park Community Solar, LLC. Matt Roth for Earthjustice**

*“Our partners, the Maryland League of Conservation Voters, met repeatedly with the Maryland Public Service Commission staff to secure protections for right whales and other species. They were persistent and convinced officials that safeguarding wildlife would not adversely affect the construction of offshore wind facilities.”*

**Susan Stevens Miller**, senior attorney with the clean energy program, on accelerating Maryland's renewable energy buildout.

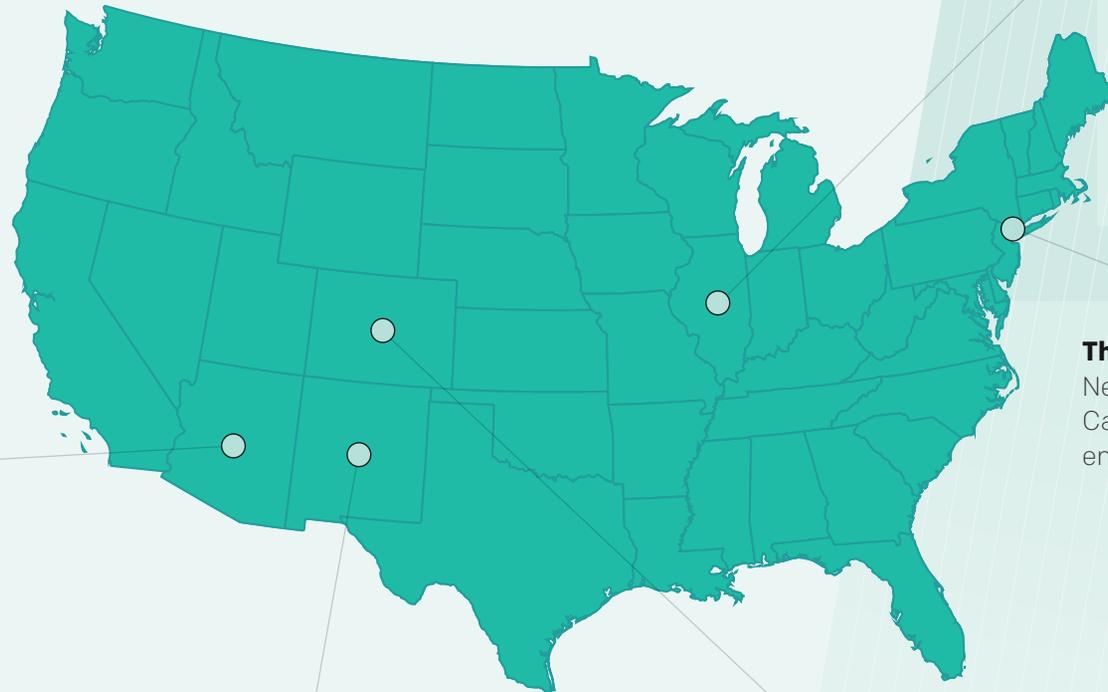
# Clean Energy for Every Community

To build a future where everyone has access to clean energy, we work with partners to secure funding for new infrastructure, remove barriers for renewables to compete fairly in the market, and make way for disproportionately impacted communities to have their seat at the table when decisions are made. Here are some of our victories from the last year:



## Moving the Marketplace in Arizona

Arizona eliminates a discriminatory charge of about \$110 annually on solar customers.



## Illinois Passes Climate Bill

The Climate and Equitable Jobs Act supports renewable energy and energy efficiency.



## The Clean Truck Rule Spreads

New Jersey and New York adopt California's rule promoting zero-emissions truck manufacturing.



## Transportation Electrification in New Mexico

The state's largest utility will support EV chargers for low-income customers.



## Access and Affordability for Coloradans

Utility nearly triples budget for solar in low-income and disproportionately impacted communities.



**Federally, we are fighting to secure strong EPA vehicle and freight-focused standards.** The agency's late 2021 announcement of tighter fuel economy standards is a first step in our goal of compelling a federal requirement for the electrification of all new cars and light-duty trucks by 2035.



**Earthjustice partners with organizations and communities around the world** to accelerate the global transition to clean energy. In the last year our partners secured victories in Australia, Indonesia, South Africa, and beyond.

# ELECTRIC VEHICLES BY LAND AND SEA

Electrifying transportation has global and local impacts. At the macro scale, making zero-emissions vehicles the standard is a mandate for stabilizing our climate. When we zoom in, we also know that as cars, buses, trucks, and even boats increasingly run on electricity, neighborhoods get relief from toxic emissions. Earthjustice partners with community organizations to change how goods, energy, and people are transported. **We gain traction with local wins, demonstrating that swift emissions reductions are indeed feasible.** As state and federal governments follow suit, these advancements save lives by improving air quality as well as mitigating climate harm.



## Emissions Reduced for Port Communities

Commercial ports are a strategic focus for our clean energy team, as emissions from port traffic and operations sicken neighboring residents and undermine our climate goals. Earthjustice and our partners pushed the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach to invest fees charged to dirty trucks — up to \$180 million over three years — in charging infrastructure and zero-emissions truck incentives. Our coalition also supported a new requirement for certain boats that operate at the ports to switch to cleaner technologies. Experts anticipate that emissions reductions from the boat rule alone will save 500 lives over the next 15 years.

**(above)** A tugboat pulls a container ship into port in Oakland, California. *Nicolo Sertorio / Getty Images*; **(right)** Residents show their support for clean fleet regulations at a rally before a public hearing by the California Air Resources Board in Sacramento. *Chris Jordan-Bloch / Earthjustice*



*Advocacy efforts are supercharged when members of the communities that are harmed speak passionately about what they need and want. East Yard Communities for Environmental Justice and their members put in the work to get this result, and it will make a difference in their daily lives."*

**Regina Hsu**, senior associate attorney in the California regional office, on advancing regulations for cleaner vehicles on- and offshore at Southern California ports.

# A RECKONING FOR CRUEL INDUSTRY NORMS

It's an open secret that the oil and gas industry targets communities already overburdened by climate change vulnerabilities, disinvestment, and other systemic injustices. This practice is especially visible on the Gulf Coast, where multibillion dollar corporations have long polluted the air and water of the predominantly Black and low-income residents. Earthjustice brings legal expertise to amplify the power of local organizing. Multiple lawsuits demonstrate the increasing demand for support in this region, where the stakes are sure to intensify. **Earlier this year Earthjustice opened a new Gulf Regional Office to enhance our presence in the belly of the beast.**

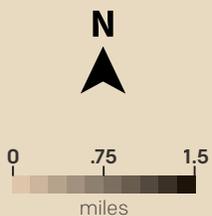
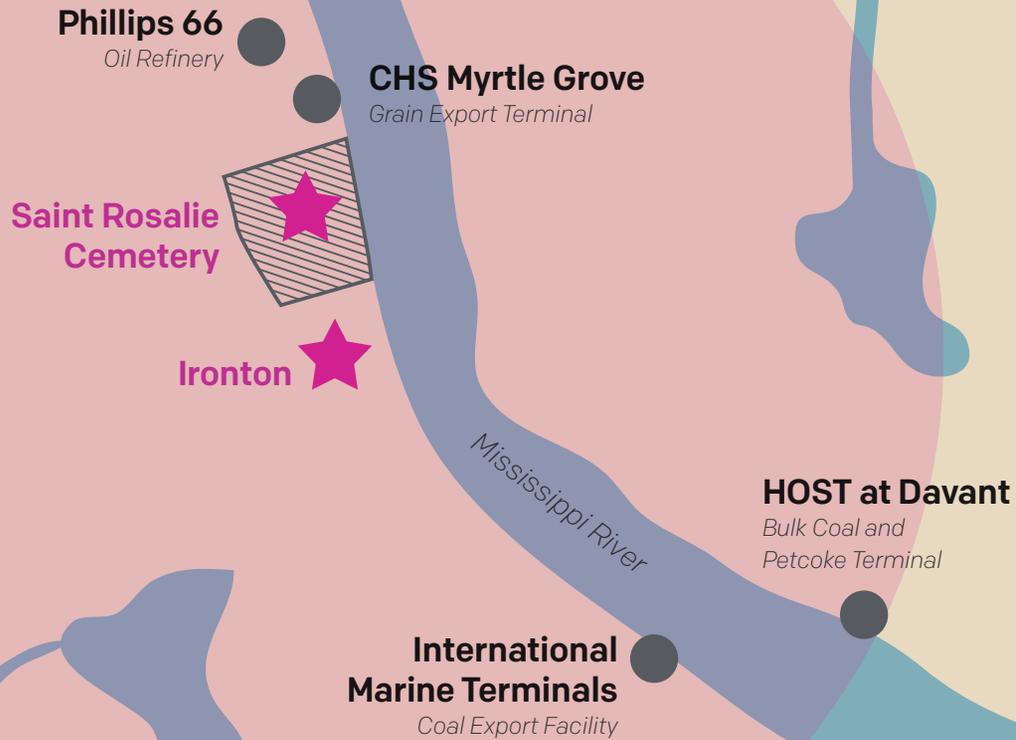


## Toxic Terminal Foiled by People Power

In Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, less than a mile upriver from the Black community of Ironton, Tallgrass Energy planned to build a massive transshipment hub to export fracked oil. Transfer of this oil between trains, storage tanks, and offshore tankers would have exacerbated local pollution. Further, the tank farm would be built on the burial grounds where enslaved ancestors of Ironton were laid to rest — something Tallgrass tried to hide. Earthjustice partnered with the community to activate a relentless grassroots campaign. Due to our forceful legal work and Ironton's robust organizing, Tallgrass withdrew its air permit application and abandoned the project.

**Ironton, Louisiana resident Andrea DeClouet stands where the Tallgrass transshipment hub would have spewed pollution.**  
*L. Kasimu Harris for Earthjustice*

 Proposed Tallgrass Facility and Port  
 5-mile radius from Ironton



“Tallgrass tried to blindsides local officials on the fact that they aimed to develop on a cemetery, but the Ironton community brought it to light. Ironton residents always teach me the power of Black, community-led organizing to win big fights that protect the rest of us too.”

**Michael Brown**, senior attorney in the fossil fuels program, on our case challenging Tallgrass Energy's Plaquemines Liquids Terminal.

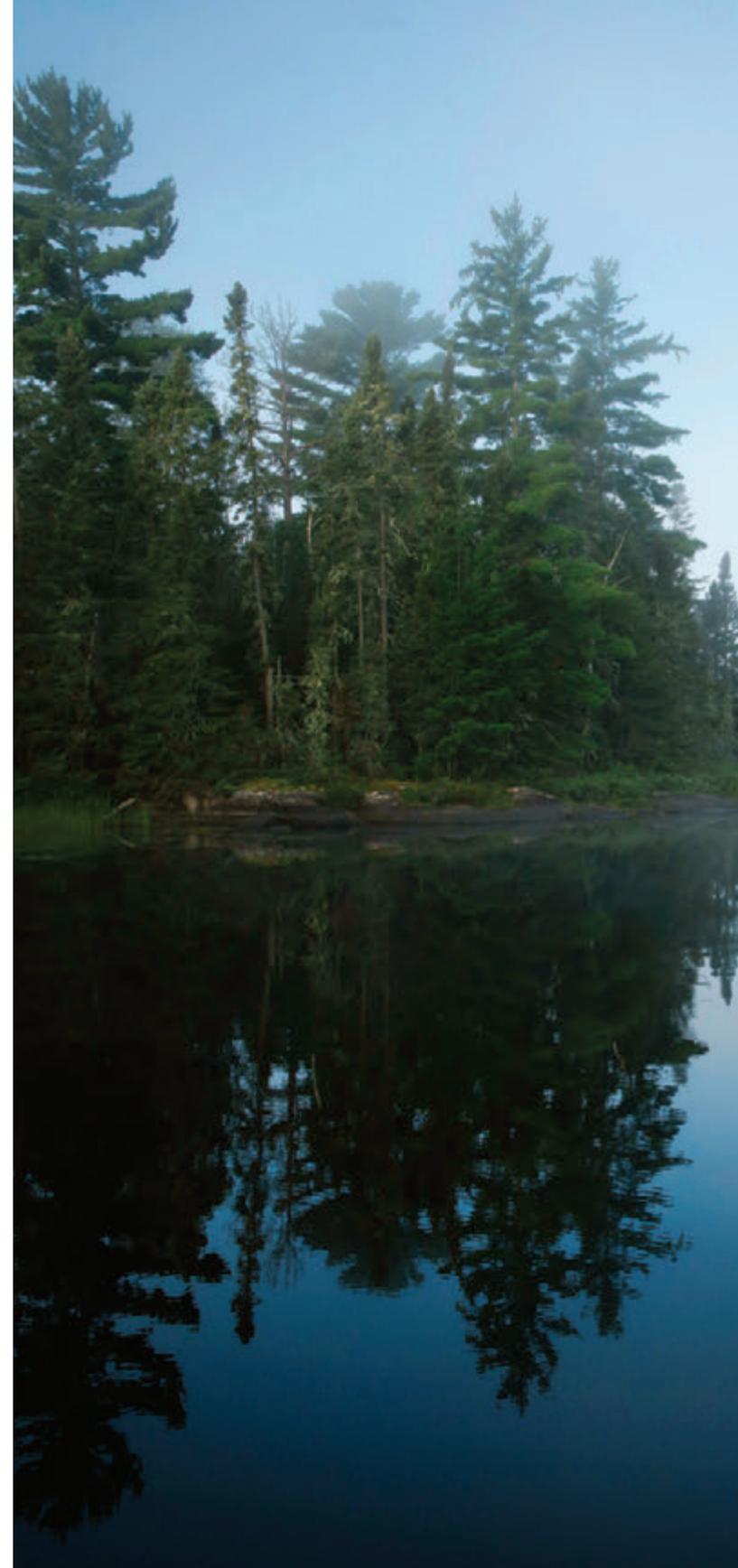
# A MORE JUST APPROACH TO MINING

To supply our clean energy future, some mining will remain necessary. But this extractive industry, regulated prominently by the General Mining Act of 1872, is ripe for an overhaul. The future of mining must involve careful consideration of its impacts on water, air, and habitats. It must require consent from frontline communities, dignified jobs for mine laborers, and proper clean up. **Earthjustice partners with Tribal, conservation, and community groups to secure updated regulations that account for how a mine changes a landscape forever.** Meanwhile, we are using the tools already at our disposal to confront existing mining threats.

## A Vibrant Ecosystem is Safeguarded

The Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness is a one-million-acre icon, revered for its networks of healthy lakes, streams, and wetlands. The Minnesota landmark is home to healthy forests, migratory birds, and other wildlife such as the threatened Canada lynx. When the Trump administration illegally greenlit the development of a heavily polluting metals mine on U.S. Forest Service land adjacent to the wilderness area, we sued on behalf of local organizations. Our cases held the line until the Biden administration canceled the mining operation's leases. As long as industry threatens this precious habitat, Earthjustice will be ready to defend it.

**The Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness in northeastern Minnesota.** Brad Zweerink / Earthjustice





“*The Boundary Waters galvanizes many people. One couple we met understood what was at stake and lived on the Boundary Waters for a year, in order to demand protections. They eventually canoed from the Boundary Waters in Minnesota to Washington, DC to engage politicians directly. They really inspired me.*”

**Elizabeth Forsyth**, senior attorney in the biodiversity defense program, on the fight against mining at the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness.

# KEYSTONE VICTORIES FOR BIODIVERSITY

**Our fate is inextricably linked to the plants and animals with which we share this planet. That's why defending biodiversity is a key driver of Earthjustice's work.** Sustaining wild nature is essential to mitigating climate change. This work requires us to be strategic, and we have learned from scientists and Native peoples that protecting keystone species — including top predators — enables entire ecosystems to thrive. When we bolster protections for a single species that fills a unique ecological role, we can support numerous creatures that call the same habitat home.

## Protections Restored for Gray Wolves

Gray wolves play a crucial role in how their native ecosystems function. Data shows that their extermination from a region triggers a cascade of effects that dramatically alters the landscape. Earthjustice has litigated for decades to protect these iconic canids from persecution. After the Trump administration stripped Endangered Species Act protections from gray wolves, a third of Wisconsin's wolf population was slaughtered during a hunt in just three days. We swiftly came to their defense — and won. Just as they had been for 45 years, wolves are once again protected across most of the U.S. by the Endangered Species Act.

**A gray wolf stands atop the snow in Montana.** Tim Fitzharris / Minden Pictures



“*The Ojibwe have long argued that their treaty right to hunt, fish, and gather off-reservation includes the right to conserve — an argument with potentially far-reaching impacts for biodiversity. We are honored to represent the Ojibwe in court as they fight for environmental protections to benefit future generations.*”

**Gussie Lord**, managing attorney of tribal partnerships, on representing six Ojibwe Tribes in a lawsuit challenging a Wisconsin wolf hunt.

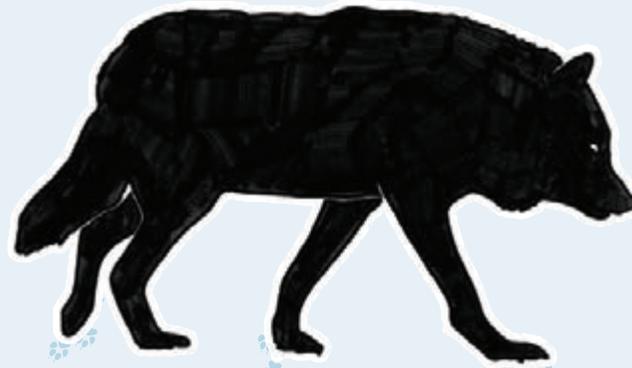
# WOLVES

KEEP  
YELLOWSTONE  
IN BALANCE

Without wolves, the **coyote** became an apex predator, driving down populations of pronghorn antelope, red fox and rodents, and birds that prey on small animals.



As the wolf returned, coyote numbers dropped by half, allowing **antelope, rodent,** and **fox** populations to increase.



**Elk** populations exploded without their primary predator, resulting in severe overgrazing of willows and aspen needed by beavers for food, shelter, and dam building.



**Beavers** virtually disappeared in the northern range. Dams disintegrated, turning marshy ponds into streams. Heavy stream erosion affected many plant and animal species. The region saw a massive loss of mature trees. Many plant and animal species were affected.

**In the 1920s,** government policy allowed the extermination of Yellowstone's gray wolf — the apex predator — triggering an ecosystem collapse known as trophic cascade.

**In 1995** — through the use of the Endangered Species Act — the conservation community reintroduced the gray wolf to restore balance to the region. *The impact has been dramatic.*



**Various scavenger species** suffered without year-round wolf kills to feed on.

Today, biodiversity is enriched and scavenger species reap the benefits of regular, wolf-supplied meals.



After wolf reintroduction in the northern range, elk numbers dropped and beaver colonies increased from one to 12. **Insects, songbirds, fish,** and **amphibians** now thrive.

# HEALTHY OCEANS

Our oceans produce more oxygen than all the world's forests combined, regulate the planet's temperature, host immeasurable biodiversity, and provide essential subsistence for billions of people. But as powerful as oceans are, they remain vulnerable to harm. Reefs destroyed by humans are a prime example: Their loss cascades around the globe, destroying habitats for endangered species, livelihoods of local people, and beloved beaches and rivers. **Earthjustice is building a future with enforceable safeguards for our oceans and effective laws to equip communities to protect their environment.**

## Another Reef System Defended

When the Mexican government set out to expand the Port of Veracruz, it threatened to change the local marine ecosystem forever. The construction and increased traffic would have ruined critical habitat for species including endangered sea turtles, suffocated coral reefs, and affected the livelihoods of people across the Gulf. Earthjustice supported the Mexican Environmental Law Center and the Interamerican Association for Environmental Defense in challenging the expansion. Mexico's Supreme Court decided unanimously to suspend the project and set a new legal precedent strengthening people's right to defend the places they love.

“*Veracruz gave birth to me. I grew up swimming in the rivers and beaches with my family. I want the children of Veracruz to have the same opportunity to enjoy the richness of its biodiversity as I did.*”

**Guillermo Zuniga**, attorney in the international program, on working with partners to protect the Veracruz Reef ecosystem from a major port expansion.

Silky Shark, Galapagos Shark, Dusky Shark, and Black-tip Shark group working with Yellowfin Tuna and Rainbow Runners to shoal up Bigeye Scad and Amberstripe Scad off the western coast of Mexico. *Ralph Pace / Minden Pictures*







# ENVIRONMENTAL LAWS THAT WORK FOR THE PEOPLE

When communities wield the power of the law, environmental justice is personified. Judges, public officials, and industry leaders realize what's truly at stake. And in the U.S., where any citizen has the right to leverage the power of our bedrock environmental laws, local organizers have a legitimate venue to defend their health, their livelihoods, and their future. **Earthjustice brings 50 years of unparalleled legal experience and deployable resources to these fights, free of charge.** With people power and the sharpest litigation, advocacy, and communications tools available, frontline communities can take any opponent to court and win.

## Pollution Abated by Frontline Community

Owens-Brockway is a 78-acre glass plant in the middle of a racially and ethnically diverse neighborhood in Portland, Oregon. The plant spews dangerous pollutants that could be prevented with available technology. Decades of inaction on this issue is widely recognized as a grave environmental injustice. Earthjustice and a coalition of local groups pressured Oregon to bring an enforcement action to address violations and levy penalties. In the face of our opposition, Owens-Brockway backed down and decided to work with the community to clean up its act.

**Wendi Suni Yah Canul stands with her children Kiara Valle and Mario Valle near the Owens-Brockway glass plant in Portland, Oregon. Wendi and her neighbors pressured the plant to clean up its act, and won.** *Mason Trinca for Earthjustice*

“Our partners knew who to call and who to push. They brought county commissioners, media representatives, and their neighbors into the fold. They created a perfect storm that I believe was a tipping point. And this is rare, but Owens-Brockway agreed to install the exact technology we wanted — not just the bare minimum.”

**Ashley Bennett**, senior associate attorney with the Northwest regional office, on the prowess of local communities in mitigating Portland's largest stationary source of pollution.

“Our partners in the Bronx and Queens came together on common ground, and for years packed public hearings, rallied local officials, and protested across the city — not just to stop fossil fuel development in their neighborhoods, but also to get the state to pass the new climate law in the first place.”

**Rachel Spector**, senior attorney with the Northeast regional office, on winning some of the first cases under New York’s nation-leading climate law.





# BOLD ACTION FROM THE STATES

**State-level advocacy is a powerful pathway for climate action, and we are taking it.** Earthjustice partners up in key states to demand that policy makers pass new climate laws. We secure mandates that truly enforce the commitments tied to our climate deadlines. These laws have teeth. Our partners are already using them to cancel projects that threaten our progress toward climate stability. What's more is the cascading effect: As more states prove what is possible, their neighboring leaders have fewer excuses. Soon, there will be no denying that a just transition is in reach.

## Fossil Fuel Projects Denied with New York's Climate Law

Earthjustice and our partners are fighting the climate crisis with new state laws like New York's Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA), and we are winning. We won the first-ever decision citing the law, which halted two fracked gas plant projects in Queens and Newburgh. We'd worked for years to stop these plants, and with the CLCPA we could sound the death knell; the climate impacts from these projects, as proposed, are inconsistent with the mandates in the CLCPA. We similarly used the CLCPA to block air permits for a cryptocurrency mining project up the Hudson River.

Climate activists attend a march as part of a global youth climate strike organized by Fridays for Future New York City, a youth-run organization raising climate awareness. Ed Jones / AFP via Getty Images



# THE POWER IN STRATEGY

Environmental advocates have long been worried about what a deregulatory Supreme Court means for our movement: Are we facing a court that will stand in the way of action to address climate change and environmental injustices? **Kirti Datla, our director of legal strategic advocacy, says all is not lost.**

# ADVANCING OUR VISION DESPITE A HOSTILE SU

Kirti Datla occupies Earthjustice's new role of monitoring trends in the courts and guiding our Supreme Court strategy. Before joining Earthjustice, she briefed cases before the high court for Hogan Lovells LLP and clerked for Associate Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor. Kirti also served as attorney-adviser at the U.S. Department of Justice, reviewing the legality of presidential orders related to the environment.

## **What do we know about this court and how its justices want to change the law?**

What we know from the last term is that a majority of the justices have a fundamentally different understanding of the role of the

federal government than the Congress that passed the Clean Water Act and the Clean Air Act and created the EPA. They think that a bigger federal government is a threat to people's liberty. They are more comfortable with states making decisions, and with federal agencies having limited ability to drive changes in our economy, like the transition to clean energy.

While the state of the court is troubling, it might be helpful to remember that the Supreme Court has never been made up of justices who were environmentalists. Our movement has never depended solely on decisions from the court.

## **Let's talk about West Virginia v. EPA. What are its implications?**

This ruling held that the EPA does not have the authority to set emissions limits for existing power plants based on their ability to

shift to renewable energy. However, the court did not altogether remove the EPA's authority to regulate carbon dioxide or other power plant pollutants — in fact, the EPA can and must still issue regulations to do just this.

The scope of this ruling was limited, but it indicated to us just how willing the court is to overturn precedent in favor of deregulation. That is because of how the court reached its decision. It created the "major questions" doctrine, saying that in certain cases, courts should be really hesitant to assume that an agency has the authority to do something if there are major political or economic consequences to the agency's action. That's a one-sided, deregulatory legal doctrine.

*What gives me hope? Every person I've interacted with since joining Earthjustice last June. We have incredible lawyers, who are deeply committed to their clients and to this work. They are thoughtful about how best to do that work even with courts changing. Earthjustice is well positioned as an organization to keep making progress."*

**Kirti Datla**, director of legal strategic advocacy



# PREME COURT

## How does the new conservative supermajority on the court affect our litigation?

With a court more willing to change precedents, we don't need to change the cases we bring, but we need to be smart about the risks. I help decide what kinds of arguments are the best to make, how to frame them, and what we can do in district court to lower the prospect of the Supreme Court taking up a case. Basically, the best strategy is a defensive one with these justices.

What's comforting, to me, is that most of our work is made up of highly unlikely Supreme Court cases. Our bread and butter is supporting frontline communities in

winning cases against specific violators of environmental law, and that type of issue is rarely taken up by the highest court.

## Where does Earthjustice fit in?

The court doesn't hear that many cases, so most of our work has and will continue to be in the lower courts. President Biden is setting records in federal circuit court appointments, and we have a strategy for navigating those spaces wisely, too. Then there's our state-level efforts and local work with utility companies. We have an outstanding track record for advancing our climate goals in those spaces. With rules that apply

to economies as big as the state of California, we can transform the market and drive global changes with local wins.

Regardless of who is on the Supreme Court, our strongest strategy will always be a 360-degree approach: pushing for laws to proactively confront climate change, creating incentives for our economy to embrace clean energy, and partnering with frontline communities to show how much we have to gain by doing so.

**From left: Protestors in Washington, D.C. gather before the Supreme Court on October 3, 2022, the day the Court heard Sackett v. EPA.; Kirti Datla, director of strategic legal advocacy at Earthjustice. Melissa Lyttle for Earthjustice**







# THE POWER OF PARTNERSHIP

Thanks to the generosity of individual donors and foundations, Earthjustice represents our clients free of charge. These clients bring organizing power, first-hand accounts of what's at stake, and local strategy to our fights. **We don't win for them — we win with them.**

Sasan Saadat, a senior research and policy analyst at Earthjustice, talks with partners and activists working for clean fleet regulations on October 26, 2022, at the Port of Oakland in California. *Chris Jordan-Bloch / Earthjustice*

# CLIENTS

As the premier public-interest environmental law organization, Earthjustice represents a wide range of clients, from small grassroots groups to national organizations. In addition to the hundreds of clients listed here whom we formally represented in FY2022, there are scores of others with whom we partner, co-counsel, and ally to achieve our goals.

350 Louisiana

350 Montana

350 Tacoma

## A

A Community Voice

Achieving Community

Tasks Successfully

ActionAid (USA)

Advance Carolina

Advanced Energy Economy

Advocates for a Cleaner Tacoma

Air Alliance Houston

Alaska Community Action on Toxics

Alaska Institute for Climate & Energy

Alaska Longline Fishermen's  
Association

Alaska Rainforest Defenders

Alaska Wilderness League

Alaska's Big Village Network

Alianza Comunitaria Ambiental  
del Sureste

Alianza Nacional de Campesinas

Alliance for a Green Economy

Alliance for Affordable Energy

American Academy of Pediatrics

American Alpine Club

American Beekeeping Federation

American Bird Conservancy

American Clean Power Association

American Friends Service Committee

American Lung Association

American Medical Women's  
Association

American Public Health Association

American Rivers

Amigos Bravos

Amigos del Rio Guaynabo, Inc.

Anacostia Riverkeeper

Anacostia Watershed Society

Animal Legal Defense Fund

Antibiotic Resistance Action Center

Apalachicola Riverkeeper

Appalachian Mountain Club

Appalachian Voices

Arctic Athabaskan Council

Ashurst Bar/Smith Community  
Organization

Association of Irrigated Residents

Association of Northwest  
Steelheaders

Audubon Society of Portland

Audubon Society of the Everglades

## B

Bad River Band of  
Lake Superior Chippewa

Badlands Conservation Alliance

Bay Mills Indian Community

Beluga Whale Alliance

Beyond Pesticides

Blackfeet Headwaters Alliance

Blue Planet Foundation

Blue Ridge Environmental  
Defense League

BlueGreen Alliance

Breach Collective

Breast Cancer Prevention Partners

Brookhaven Landfill Action and  
Remediation Group (BLARG)

Buckeye Environmental Network

Buxmont Coalition for Safer Water

## C

C40 Cities Climate Leadership Group

Cabinet Resource Group

California Communities Against Toxics

California Environmental  
Justice Alliance

California Rural Legal  
Assistance Foundation

California Wilderness Coalition

Californians Against Waste  
Foundation

Californians for Pesticide Reform

Californians for Renewable Energy

Campamento Contra las Cenizas  
en Peñuelas, Inc.

Carrizo/Comecrudo Nation of Texas

Cascabel Conservation Association

Cascadia Wildlands

CATA

Cathedral of Faith, COG

Cathedral of Praise COGIC,  
International

Catskill Mountainkeeper

Center for Biological Diversity

Center for Climate Integrity

Center for Community Action  
and Environmental Justice

Center for Environmental Health

Center for Food Safety

Center for Rural Enterprise  
and Environmental Justice

Center for Science in  
the Public Interest

Center on Race, Poverty and  
the Environment

Central California Asthma  
Collaborative

Central California Environmental  
Justice Network

Central Coast Alliance United  
for a Sustainable Economy

Central Council of the Tlingit and  
Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska

Central Valley Air Quality Coalition

Centre for Environmental Rights

Centreville Citizens for Change

Chesapeake Bay Foundation

Chesapeake Climate Action Network

Chesapeake Physicians for  
Social Responsibility

Chevak Native Village

Chickaloon Village Traditional Council

12 Children vs. Climate Crisis

Chilkat Indian Village of Klukwan

Chinatown-International  
District Coalition

CHISPA

CHR, Inc

Chuloonawick Tribal Council

Citizens Action Coalition of Indiana

Citizens for Alternatives to  
Radioactive Dumping

Citizens for Arsenal Accountability

Citizens for Clean Air

Citizens for Clean Energy

Citizens for Pennsylvania's Future

City of Buenos Aires, Argentina

City of eThekweni (Durban),  
South Africa

City of Tshwane (Pretoria), South Africa

Clark Fork Coalition

Clean Air Coalition of North Whittier  
and Avocado Heights

Clean Air Council

Clean Cape Fear  
Clean Energy Group  
Clean Power Lake County  
Clean Water Action  
Clean Wisconsin  
Climate Access Fund  
Climate Health Now  
Climate Solutions  
Coalición de Organizaciones  
Anti-Incineración, Inc.  
Coalition For A Safe Environment  
Coalition for Clean Affordable Energy  
Coalition for Clean Air  
Colectivo de Abogados  
José Alvear Restrepo  
Colorado Latino Forum  
Columbia Riverkeeper  
Comité Dialogo Ambiental, Inc.  
Comité Progreso de Lamont  
Comité Yabucoeño Pro-Calidad  
de Vida, Inc.  
Committee for a Better Arvin  
Committee for a Better Shafter  
Communities for a Better Environment  
Community In-Power and  
Development Association  
Concerned Citizens of St. John  
Concerned Ohio River Residents  
Concilio de Iglesias de Puerto Rico  
Conservancy of Southwest Florida  
Conservation Colorado  
Conservation Council for Hawai'i  
Conservation Law Foundation  
Conservation Northwest  
Consumer Federation of America  
Consumers Union  
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Cooperative Energy Futures  
Council of Churches of  
Greater Bridgeport

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Cully Air Action Team

**D**  
Damascus Citizens for Sustainability  
Deep South Center for  
Environmental Justice  
Defend Our Health  
Defenders of Wildlife  
Defensoría Ambiental  
Del Amo Action Committee  
Delaware Concerned Residents  
for Environmental Justice  
Delaware Riverkeeper Network  
Delaware-Otsego Audubon Society  
Democracy Green  
Desert Citizens Against Pollution  
Diné Citizens Against Ruining  
our Environment  
Diving Equipment and  
Marketing Association  
Don't Waste Arizona, Inc.  
Douglas Indian Association  
Downwinders at Risk  
Duwamish River Cleanup Coalition

**E**  
EarthRights International  
Earthworks  
East Yard Communities  
for Environmental Justice  
EcoCheyenne  
Ecology Action Centre  
El Centro de la Raza  
El Puente, Inc., Enlace Latino  
de Acción Climática  
Elyria and Swansea Neighborhood  
Association

**Robert Taylor, executive director at Concerned Citizens of St. John, outside his home in Reserve, Louisiana.** Brad Zweerink / Earthjustice





Endangered Wolf Center  
Energy Efficient West Virginia  
Environment & Human Health Inc.  
Environment America  
Environmental Confederation  
of Southwest Florida  
Environmental Defense Fund  
Environmental Health Strategy Center  
Environmental Integrity Project  
Environmental Justice Health Alliance  
for Chemical Policy Reform  
Environmental Law and Policy Center  
Environmental Protection  
Information Center  
Environmental Transformation  
Movement of Flint  
Environmental Working Group  
Eyak Preservation Council

#### **F**

Fairbanks Climate Action Coalition  
Farmworker Association of Florida  
Farmworker Justice Fund  
Flint Rising  
Florida Rising  
Florida Wildlife Federation, Inc.  
Fond Du Lac Band of  
Lake Superior Chippewa  
Food & Water Watch  
Footloose Montana  
For the Fishes  
Fort Belknap Indian Community  
Fort Berthold Protectors of Water  
and Earth Rights  
Frente Unido Pro-Defensa  
del Valle de Lajas  
Fresh Energy  
FreshWater Accountability Project  
Friends of Merrymeeting Bay  
Friends of the Boundary Waters  
Wilderness  
Friends of the Clearwater  
Friends of the Columbia Gorge

Friends of the Earth  
Friends of the River  
Friends of the San Juans  
Friends of the Wild Swan  
Frisco Unleaded  
Front and Centered Coalition  
Full Gospel Pentecostal COGIC

#### **G**

Glacier-Two Medicine Alliance  
Golden State Salmon Association  
Grand Canyon Trust  
Grand Valley Citizens Alliance  
Great Basin Resource Watch  
Great Old Broads for Wilderness  
Greater Birmingham Alliance  
to Stop Pollution  
Greater Yellowstone Coalition  
Green & Healthy Homes Initiative  
Green Science Policy Institute  
Greenaction for Health and  
Environmental Justice  
GreenLatinos  
Greenpeace, Inc.  
Grid Alternatives  
GroundWork South Africa  
Group Against Smog and Pollution  
Gwichyaa Zhee Gwich'in  
Tribal Government

#### **H**

Hanlon Park Improvement Association  
Havasupai Tribe  
Hawai'i Solar Energy Association  
Hawai'i Wildlife Fund  
HEAL Utah  
Healthy Gulf  
Healthy Homes Collaborative  
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Hui Aokanaka  
Hui Ho`omalulu I Ka `Aina  
Hui Ho`opulapula Na Wai o Puna  
Hui o Na Wai `Eha  
Humane Society of the United States  
Hydaburg Cooperative Association

**I**  
Idaho Conservation League  
Idaho Rivers United  
Idaho Steelhead and  
    Salmon Unlimited  
Idaho Wildlife Federation  
Iglesia Cristiana (Discipulos de Cristo)  
    de Amelia  
Indian People's Action  
Indonesian Center for  
    Environmental Law  
Institute for Energy and  
    Environmental Research  
Institute for Fisheries Resources  
Institute for Local Self-Reliance  
Interamerican Association for  
    Environmental Defense (AIDA)  
International Association  
    of Fire Fighters  
International Federation of Fly Fishers  
International Society for Children's  
    Health and Environment  
International Wildlife  
    Coexistence Network  
Ironbound Community Corporation  
Izaak Walton League of America

**J**  
Jackson Hole Conservation Alliance  
Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe  
Just Health Action

**K**  
Kai Palaoa  
Kapa`a

Kasigluk Traditional Council  
Katiba Institute  
Kennebec Reborn  
Kentuckians for the Commonwealth  
Kentucky Resources Council  
Kentucky Solar Energy Society  
Kentucky Waterways Alliance  
Ketchikan Indian Community  
Kids in Danger  
Kingman Park Civic Association  
Klamath Riverkeeper  
Klamath-Siskiyou Wildlands Center  
Klawock Siskiyou Association  
Ksanka Kupaqa Xa'tøin

**L**  
Labadie Environmental Organization  
Labor Council for Latin American  
    Advancement  
Larimer Alliance for Health,  
    Safety & the Environment  
Leadership Council for Justice  
    and Accountability  
League of Conservation Voters  
League of Oil and Gas  
    Impacted Coloradans  
League of United Latin American  
    Citizens  
Learning Disabilities Association  
    of America  
Learning Disabilities Association  
    of New York State  
Leonard Law, PC  
Living Rivers  
Local Environmental Action  
    Demanded (LEAD) Agency  
Los Padres ForestWatch  
Lost Hills In Action  
Louisiana Bucket Brigade  
Louisiana Environmental  
    Action Network  
Lower San Pedro Watershed Alliance  
Lower Susquehanna Riverkeeper  
Lynn Canal Conservation

**M**  
Malama Kua`aina  
Malama Makua  
ManaSota-88, Inc.  
Maricopa Audubon Society  
Maryland Building Performance  
    Association  
Maryland League of  
    Conservation Voters  
Maryland Pesticide Education Network  
Massachusetts Union of  
    Public Housing Tenants  
Maui Tomorrow Foundation, Inc.  
Mayagüezanos por la Salud  
    y el Ambiente, Inc.  
Medical Advocates for Healthy Air  
Menominee Tribe of Wisconsin  
Merrimack Citizens for Clean Water  
Metlakatla Indian Community  
Metropolitan Housing Coalition  
Mexican Clean Energy  
    Steering Committee  
Mexican Climate Initiative  
Mexican Ministry of Environment  
Mi Familia Vota  
Miami Waterkeeper  
Michael J. Fox Foundation  
Midwest Environmental  
    Defense Center  
Midwest Renewable Energy  
    Association  
Mighty Earth  
Migrant Clinicians Network  
Missouri Coalition for the  
    Environment Foundation  
Moloka'i No Ka Heke  
Montana Audubon  
Montana Conservation Voters  
Montana Environmental  
    Information Center  
Montana Trout Unlimited  
Montana Wilderness Association  
Montana Wildlife Federation  
Montgomery County Green Bank

Montgomery-Gibbs  
    Environmental Coalition  
Mothers Out Front Colorado  
Mountain Association  
Mountain Watershed Association

**N**  
Na Kia'i Kai  
Na Papa'i Wawae 'Ula'ula  
NAACP  
National Audubon Society  
National Consumer Law Center  
National Hispanic Medical Association  
National Housing Trust  
National Parks Conservation  
    Association  
National PFAS Contamination  
    Coalition  
National Wildlife Federation  
National Wildlife Refuge Association  
Native Movement  
Native Village of Eek  
Native Village of Nuiqsut  
Natural Resources Council of Maine  
Natural Resources Defense Council  
Neighbors for Clean Air  
New Castle Prevention Coalition  
New Jersey Audubon Society  
New Jersey Citizen Action  
New Jersey Environmental  
    Justice Alliance  
New York City Coalition to  
    End Lead Poisoning  
New York City Environmental  
    Justice Alliance  
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Newburgh Clean Water Project  
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    Trades Unions  
North Oyster Bay Baymen's  
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Northwest Coalition for Alternatives  
to Pesticides  
Northwest Energy Coalition  
Northwest Sportfishing Industry  
Association  
Norton Bay Inter-Tribal  
Watershed Council  
NW Energy Coalition

## O

Ocean Conservancy  
Ocean Conservation Research  
Oceana  
Ohio Citizen Action  
Ohio Valley Environmental Coalition  
Orange RAPP  
Oregon Aviation Watch  
Oregon Environmental Council  
Oregon Wild  
Organized Village of Kake  
Organized Village of Kasaan  
Organized Village of Saxman  
Orutsararmiut Native Council  
Our Children's Earth Foundation  
Outstanding Grand Lake

## P

Pace Energy and Climate Center  
Pacific Coast Federation of  
Fishermen's Associations  
Pacific Coast Shellfish Growers  
Association  
Pacific Environment  
Pascua Yaqui Tribe  
Patagonia Inc.  
Patagonia Works  
Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma  
PEAK Coalition  
PennEnvironment  
PennFuture  
People for Protecting Peace River  
People's Collective for  
Environmental Justice  
Pesticide Action Network  
North America

Petersburg Indian Association  
Philadelphia Solar Energy Association  
Philly Thrive  
Physicians for Social Responsibility  
Pikuni Traditionalist Association  
Pineros y Campesinos Unidos  
del Noroeste  
Plains Justice  
Po'ai Wai Ola  
Pollinator Stewardship Council  
Port Gamble S'Klallum Tribe  
Portland Clean Air  
Portland Harbor Cleanup Coalition  
Potomac Riverkeeper Network  
Powder River Basin Resource Council  
POWER Interfaith  
Prairie Rivers Network  
Prince of Peace, AOG  
Prosperity Works  
Protect South Portland  
Prutehi Litekyan: Save Ritidian  
PT AirWatchers  
Public Citizen  
Public Employees for  
Environmental Responsibility  
Puget Soundkeeper Alliance  
Puyallup Tribe of Indians  
Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe

## Q

Quinault Indian Nation

## R

RE Sources for Sustainable  
Communities  
Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians  
Redeemer Community Partnership  
Resisting Environmental Destruction  
on Indigenous Lands  
Rio Grande International Study Center  
Rise St. James  
River Valley Organizing  
Riverkeeper, Inc.  
Rivers Without Borders  
Rock Creek Alliance  
Rocky Mountain Wild

Rogue Climate  
Rural & Migrant Ministry  
Rural Coalition  
Rural Empowerment Association  
for Community Help  
Russell Temple C.M.E.

## S

Sabin Center for Climate Change Law  
at Columbia Law School  
Safer Chemicals, Healthy Families  
Salmon for All  
Salmon State  
San Antonio Bay Estuarine  
Waterkeeper  
San Bernardino Valley  
Audubon Society  
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South Durban Community  
Environmental Alliance  
Southeast Alaska  
Conservation Council  
Southeast Alaska Indigenous  
Transboundary Commission  
Southern Alliance for Clean Energy  
Southern Appalachian  
Mountain Stewards  
Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance  
Southwest Energy Efficiency Project  
Southwest Environmental Center  
Southwestern Indiana Citizens  
for Quality of Life  
Spokane Riverkeeper  
St. Francis Prayer Center  
St. John's Riverkeeper  
Stand.Earth  
Standing Rock Sioux Tribe  
Suquamish Tribe  
Surfrider Foundation  
Sustainable Energy  
Economy Solutions  
Sustainable FERC Project  
Swan View Coalition  
Swinomish Indian Tribal Community

## T

Tennessee Clean Water Network  
Testing for Pease  
Texas Campaign for the Environment  
Texas Environmental Justice  
Advocacy Services  
The Alaska Center  
The Bay Institute  
The Boat Company  
The Hopi Tribe  
The Moms on a Mission Hui  
The Pew Charitable Trusts  
THE POINT Community  
Development Corporation  
The Steamboaters  
The White Earth Band of Ojibwe  
The Wilderness Society  
Tides Center  
Tohono O'Odham Nation

Tonawanda Seneca Nation  
Tongass Conservation Society  
Toxic Free North Carolina  
Toxic-Free Future  
Trap Free Montana Public Lands  
Trout Unlimited, Inc.  
Tucson Audubon Society  
Tulalip Tribes  
Tuluksak Native Community  
Turtle Island Restoration Network

## U

U.S. Public Interest Research Group  
U.S. Right to Know  
UnCruise Adventures  
Union of Concerned Scientists  
United Congregations of Metro-East  
United Farm Workers Foundation  
United Farm Workers of America  
United Farmworkers Association  
United Parents Against Lead  
National, Inc.  
United South/Southwest -  
Coalition for Healthy Communities  
Upper Missouri River Waterkeeper

UPROSE  
Utah Physicians for a  
Healthy Environment

## V

Valley Organic Growers Association  
Valley Watch  
Verde  
Voices in Solidarity Against Oil  
in Neighborhoods  
Voltus, Inc.  
Vote Solar

## W

Wangan & Jagalingou Family Council  
Washington Environmental Council  
Washington Wildlife Federation  
Waterkeeper Alliance  
Waterkeepers Chesapeake  
WaterWatch of Oregon  
WE ACT for Environmental Justice  
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Indicators Project  
West Virginia Citizen Action Group  
West Virginia Rivers Coalition

Western Colorado Alliance  
Western Organization of  
Resource Councils  
Western Resource Advocates  
Western Watersheds Project, Inc.  
Wild Idea Buffalo Co. LLC  
WildEarth Guardians  
Wilderness Watch  
Wilderness Workshop  
Winnemem Wintu Tribe  
Winter Wildlands Alliance  
Wolf Conservation Center  
Wolves of the Rockies  
Womens' Earth and Climate  
Action Network  
Worksafe, Inc.  
Wrangell Cooperative Association  
WRI-Mexico

## X

Xerces Society

## Y

Yakutat Tlingit Tribe  
Yurok Indian Tribe

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1 Resident of New York  
1 Small Business in New Mexico  
1 Wolf Recovery Leader  
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2 Residents of Texas  
3 Advocates for Uniontown, Alabama  
3 Residential Solar Customers  
in Arizona  
3 Residents of Hawai'i  
6 Residents of Yellowstone  
County, Montana  
7 Public Health Scientists  
7 Residents of Colorado  
10 Residents of New Mexico  
14 Youth Climate Champions  
from Hawai'i

**Red knots, ruddy turnstones, dunlin, and semipalmated sandpipers stand on the Delaware Bay's shores in New Jersey, a critical stop for migrating birds.**  
*Aristide Economopoulos for Earthjustice*



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Earthjustice board members kayak with staff from our Alaska regional office near Girdwood, Alaska at our 2022 annual meeting. *Kristina Lim / Earthjustice*



# FISCAL YEAR 2022 FINANCIAL REPORT



Dear friends,

Your generous donations have enabled Earthjustice to build the momentum we need for this moment. Now, our teams are well positioned to capitalize on the opportunity of our lifetimes. The Inflation Reduction Act could put us on a path to a livable planet – turbocharging clean energy production, accelerating the electrification of buildings and transportation, and investing in communities overburdened by pollution. But to pass the Senate, the bill included dangerous giveaways to fossil fuel companies.

Now is the time to double down on our work. More needs to be done to address the climate crisis and the inequities felt by Indigenous, Black, and Brown communities. We are here to fight these battles. Last year we did just that while representing 659 clients, listed in the previous pages, free of charge. We also made investments to expand our Right to Zero campaign, strengthen our partnerships with grassroots communities, and launch our new biodiversity program and Gulf Coast regional office.

In the last year we've faced an increasingly conservative Supreme Court, political pressure from rising gas prices, and false narratives about fossil fuels as well as clean energy. Enormous challenges remain on the horizon, but Earthjustice has the experience, the fortitude, and the enduring partnerships to confront climate aggressors while maximizing long-awaited investments to build a clean energy future that leaves no one behind.

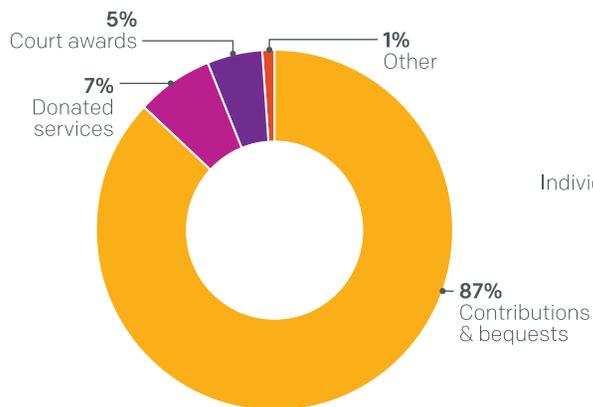
Thank you for giving us the confidence and financial foundation to build out the Earthjustice team, take smart risks, and invest in serious organizational growth to remain the powerhouse in environmental litigation, advocacy, and movement building that this moment calls for.

We know we can win, but victory is not inevitable. We could not do it without you.

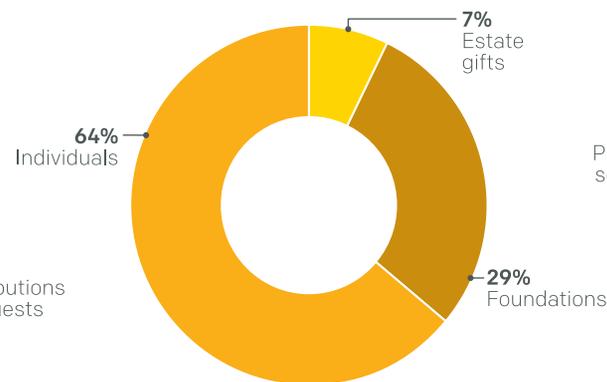
*Stuart A. Clarke*

**Stuart Clarke**, FY22 Treasurer, FY23 Vice Chair at Large, Earthjustice Board of Trustees

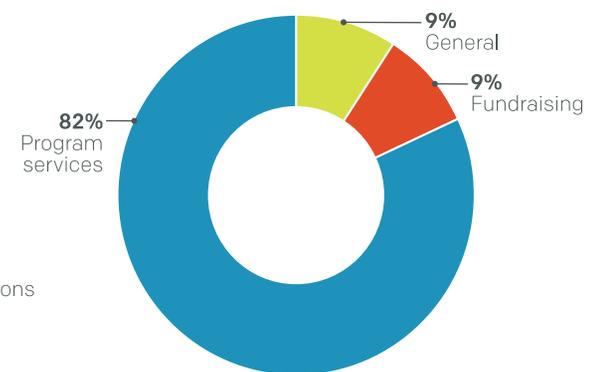
## REVENUE



## BREAKDOWN OF CONTRIBUTIONS & BEQUESTS



## EXPENDITURES



## STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

<b>Revenues</b>	
Contributions	\$119,169,697
Bequests	\$8,946,716
Donated services	\$10,802,159
Court awards	\$7,297,428
Investment income	\$(35,686,552)
Other income	\$365,958
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$110,895,406</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
<b>Program services</b>	
Litigation	\$71,323,818
Donated litigation services	\$2,710,869
Public information	\$31,842,704
Donated public information services	\$8,091,290
<b>Supporting services</b>	
Management & general	\$12,006,968
Fundraising	\$12,460,576
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$138,436,225</b>
<b>CHANGE IN NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$(27,540,819)</b>

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

<b>Assets</b>	
Cash	\$26,709,106
Short-term & long-term investments	\$190,278,445
Accounts receivable	\$31,080,086
Other assets	\$6,765,256
Split-interest gift agreements	\$13,259,895
Property and equipment, net	\$8,558,906
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$276,651,694</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>	
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$12,590,626
Deferred compensation liability	\$1,733,834
Deferred rent and lease incentive liabilities	\$8,912,422
Liabilities related to split-interest gift agreements	\$7,604,894
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>\$30,841,776</b>
<b>Net Assets*</b>	
<b>Without donor restrictions</b>	
For current operations	\$31,398,309
Board designated - Endowment Fund	\$168,800,248
Investment in property and equipment	\$8,558,906
<b>With donor restrictions</b>	
Unspent purpose restricted fund	\$17,398,350
Time restricted funds and investments	\$14,101,348
Split-interest gift reserves, net of liabilities	\$3,626,510
Endowment	\$1,926,247
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$245,809,918</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$276,651,694</b>

\* In 2021 we created the Board-designated endowment fund, which we use to ensure our ability to carry forward our 650+ ongoing cases to completion. We will draw as much as 15% annually from the fund over the next five years for ongoing annual expenses.

**Our annual report shares a select few highlights from the last fiscal year.**  
Learn more about our 2022 accomplishments in our online Year in Review:  
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