

# WATERKEEPER® ALLIANCE

2015 Annual Report





# About Us

**Waterkeeper Alliance** is a global movement uniting more than 258 Waterkeeper organizations and affiliates around the world and focusing citizen action on issues that affect our waterways, from pollution to climate change. Waterkeepers patrol and protect more than 2.3 million square miles of rivers, streams and coastlines in the Americas, Europe, Australia, Asia and Africa.

Part scientist, teacher, and legal advocate, Waterkeepers combine firsthand knowledge of their waterways with an unwavering commitment to the rights of their communities and to the rule of law. Whether on the water, in a classroom, or in a courtroom, Waterkeepers speak for the waters they defend—with the backing of their local community and the collective strength of Waterkeeper Alliance. Waterkeeper Alliance ensures that the world's Waterkeepers are as connected to each other as they are to their local waters, organizing the fight for clean water into a coordinated global movement.

## Global growth of the Waterkeeper movement:

	2014	2015
Countries	26	33
Waterkeeper organizations and affiliates	219	258
Staff	770	910
Volunteers and supporters	245,000	340,000
Square miles protected	2 million	2.3 million

# Mission

Waterkeeper Alliance connects and supports local Waterkeeper organizations and affiliates to provide a voice for waterways and their communities worldwide. To champion clean water and strong communities, Waterkeeper Alliance:

- 1** Supports and empowers member Waterkeeper organizations and affiliates to protect communities, ecosystems, and water quality;
- 2** Promotes the Waterkeeper model for watershed protection worldwide; and
- 3** Advocates for issues common to Waterkeeper programs.

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# Message

## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Supporters,

**T**hank you for your support of Waterkeeper Alliance. We had a remarkable year growing to 258 Waterkeeper organizations and affiliates, in 33 countries. We received 4-star Charity Navigator status, Top-Rated status from CharityWatch, and met the highest standards of the Wise Giving Alliance of the Better Business Bureau. Our Clean Water Defense campaign stopped the dangerous precedent of diverting critically needed Clean Water State Revolving Funds to help finance the replacement of the Hudson River's Tappan Zee Bridge, and our Clean and Safe Energy Campaign successfully leveraged a \$102 million fine against Duke Energy and a \$3 billion cleanup of half of the dangerously toxic coal ash sites in North Carolina.

Under Marc Yaggi's and Mary Beth Postman's leadership, Waterkeeper Alliance has reinvigorated the Waterkeeper movement, Board, Trustees, Leadership Circle and supporters. For the first time in our history, we have second-generation Leadership Circle members! Our movement's power to protect waterways is stronger than ever and will continue to be as we grow to 500 Waterkeepers. Waterkeeper Alliance will realize the vision of the movement's founder, Bob Boyle, that all rivers should one day have an activist "out on the river the length of the year, nailing polluters on the spot."

Thank you again for your support and generosity.

Sincerely,

Robert F. Kennedy, Jr.

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## LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

“**T**his is your moment. This is your movement.” Those words, spoken with great passion by Reverend Gerald Durley at Waterkeeper Alliance’s most recent Annual Conference in Colorado ring true. We are at a crucial moment in history, in which a series of events give great hope that we finally are at a tipping point where common sense, science, and people will prevail over ignorance and greed in the fight to preserve and protect our natural environment. I have seen clear signs of this shift in the incredible work of the Waterkeeper movement over the past year.

In September of last year, Waterkeeper Alliance joined nearly 400,000 people in the streets of New York City for the People’s Climate March and demanded that politicians say no to polluters and yes to people. The same month, Waterkeeper Alliance and our partners filed a complaint with the EPA Office of Civil Rights under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 alleging that North Carolina’s lax regulation of hog waste disposal discriminates against communities of color in eastern North Carolina - the first action of its kind.

This spring, thanks in large part to an investigation by Waterkeeper Alliance and local Waterkeepers, Duke Energy, the nation’s largest electrical utility, plead guilty in federal court to nine criminal violations of the Clean Water Act for polluting four major rivers with toxic coal ash from five power plants. Just weeks after our April coal conference in Senegal, West Africa, where we called on investors to stop investment in a proposed coal power plant in the region, construction of the plant was halted. In May, one week after hearing from Waterkeeper’s Clean & Safe Energy team and other partners about the environmental hazards and financial dangers of continuing to hold stock in coal-heavy corporations, Norway made the decision to divest its \$900 billion sovereign wealth fund of all coal related investments.

These great accomplishments achieved by locally based clean water advocates were matched with dramatic growth of our movement around the world in countries like Kenya, Togo, Mongolia, Sweden, El Salvador, Indonesia, Sri Lanka, and many others.

I could go on and on with examples of how momentum is on our side to secure for future generations a world that has the infrastructure - like clean water, clean air, plentiful forests - to support healthy life and reward hard work and ingenuity. But we must remain vigilant and continue to fight to make it across the finish line.

And our moment cannot come if we do not include everyone in our movement. The looming threats to our world affect every person on the planet, regardless of race, class, or nationality. It is absolutely critical that we include people from all walks of life in our mission to make the world a better place for all of us to share.

At Waterkeeper Alliance, we will continue to work with Waterkeepers to battle fossil fuel projects, fight polluting industrial factory farms, make our communities around the world more resilient in the face of climate change, and fight for everyone’s right to clean water. We are 258 Waterkeepers strong, working in 33 countries, and protecting nearly 2.3 million square miles of watershed around the world.

I believe Rev. Durley was right: our moment is now, and our movement is the best solution to a very real, very serious problem. We must all come together and embrace our differences, knowing that diversity will only make our movement stronger and more resilient to overcome the storms ahead.

The work will be difficult, but when things get tough, remember this quote from David Brooks: “While those who lead flat and unremarkable lives may avoid struggle, a well-lived life involves throwing oneself into struggle, that large parts of the most worthy lives are spent upon the rack, testing moral courage and facing opposition and ridicule, and that those who pursue struggle end up being happier than those who pursue pleasure.”

This truly is OUR moment. This truly is OUR movement. And our movement is the one that is going to change the course of history.

I am so grateful to have an amazing team here at Waterkeeper Alliance and I hope you enjoy as much as I do reading this report about their amazing successes. Thank you so much for your support.

To clean water,



Marc Yaggi  
Executive Director



Photo credit: Waterkeeper Alliance

**Marc Yaggi and Kinley Wangchuk beside the Thim Chu river on the way to His Eminence Khamtrul Rinpoche's Ralung Shedrup Choling Monastery in Bhutan.**



# Method

CLEAN AND SAFE ENERGY CAMPAIGN

## Duke Energy

In 2011, Waterkeeper Alliance and a unified front of North Carolina Riverkeepers began pressuring Duke Energy to clean up illegal water pollution leaking from its coal ash dumps across the state. After the state's industry-friendly environmental regulators repeatedly attempted to obstruct our efforts, our work finally paid off in a big way.

It was only after we initiated legal action against Duke to stop the pollution that state regulators brought enforcement actions. Those enforcement actions, however, were a sham, designed to shield Duke from prosecution. As the state's bogus lawsuits languished in court for months, a storm water pipe suddenly collapsed in February 2014 beneath a 60-year-old coal-ash impoundment at Duke's Dan River Steam Station in Eden, North Carolina. Waterkeeper Alliance staff were among the first responders on the scene whose testing confirmed that arsenic, chromium and lead were released when the Duke coal ash pond spewed 140,000 tons of toxic sludge and wastewater into the Dan River.

Before Waterkeeper Alliance exposed Duke's coal ash mess, the company had no apparent plans to change its reckless management of leaking ash dumps at all 14 of its coal power plant sites in North Carolina.

But thanks to the dogged investigative work of Waterkeeper Alliance staff, local Waterkeepers and others, which led to seven enforcement lawsuits, Duke has now committed to spending more than \$3 billion to fully clean up the contamination at seven of those sites, including the Dan River plant.

In May, Duke Energy plead guilty in federal court to nine criminal counts of violating the Clean Water Act. The company was fined \$102 million to resolve a federal investigation into its criminal mismanagement of toxic coal-ash basins in North Carolina. The fine is the second largest criminal penalty in the history of the Clean Water Act, and the largest criminal penalty ever paid in North Carolina.

Without our work, government officials would have continued to turn a blind eye to Duke's illegal pollution. Now, the company will clean up at least half of its sites (and counting), and it has to report to probation officers for the next five years like any other criminal. The days when Duke Energy was held above the law in North Carolina have come to an end, and Waterkeeper led the charge.





Duke Energy Cape Fear facility, Moncure, N.C.



## CLEAN AND SAFE ENERGY CAMPAIGN

# Other Highlights

### Bomb Trains

In May 2015, as part of our expanding work on the transport of oil by rail, Waterkeeper Alliance, represented by Earthjustice, and other environmental groups, including Spokane Riverkeeper, challenged the Department of Transportation's inadequate regulations on rail tank cars carrying flammable substances. The requirements of the finalized rule are incredibly weak and allow for lengthy delays in implementation. One of the most concerning aspects of the rule is that some of the most dangerous tank cars, which almost always puncture during a derailment, do not have to be fully phased out for use with combustible oil for a full decade, despite the Department of Transportation predicting that approximately 15 major oil train derailments will occur in the year 2015 alone.

### Frasure Creek

Last November, Waterkeeper Alliance, Kentucky Riverkeeper and local partners issued a Notice of Intent to Sue operators of the Frasure Creek Mine for submitting to the state more than 100 false water pollution monitoring reports from its Kentucky coal mines. The false reports amount to nearly 20,000 violations of the federal Clean Water Act and carry a total maximum penalty of more than \$700 million. The groups filed their lawsuit in federal court in March.



Photo credit: Waterkeeper Alliance

**Mountain top coal removal in Kentucky**

## International Coal

**W**aterkeeper Alliance, Buriganga Riverkeeper, Bocas de Ceniza Waterkeeper and Hann Baykeeper hosted conferences on coal, water, and climate change for more than 50 grassroots groups from Bangladesh, Colombia and five West African countries. Community members from three continents spoke out about the need to stop building coal mines, transport terminals and coal-fired power plants due to their harmful environmental and health impacts. Construction of the Sendou coal plant in Senegal stopped in June while investors seek further information on the scope of negative environmental and social impacts as identified by Hann Baykeeper, community members and environmental groups.



Photo credit: Waterkeeper Alliance

## Norway Coal Divestment Rapid Response

**J**ust a week after having Waterkeeper Alliance's Donna Lisenby and other clean energy advocates to Norway to speak to members of Parliament about the environmental hazards and financial dangers of continuing to hold stock in coal-heavy corporations like Duke Energy, the Scandinavian nation decided to divest its \$900 billion sovereign wealth fund from companies whose businesses rely at least 30% on coal. The fund, the largest in the world, is one of the top 10 investors in the global coal industry and this move will affect \$9 to \$10 billion of coal-related investments. This was the largest divestment from coal in history. Coal companies are filing for bankruptcy while global investment in renewable energy is higher than ever before.

**W**aterkeeper Alliance has observed a dramatic rise in the number of fossil fuel water spill disasters and other water related emergencies. This past year, Waterkeeper Alliance rapidly responded to a number of these emergencies. One was in February of 2015 when our West Virginia Headwaters Waterkeeper Angie Rosser took immediate action after several tank cars of a Bakken crude oil train exploded near Carbondale, WV. It resulted in fires, the evacuation of hundreds of families, suspension of business operations and closure of drinking water intakes due to an oil spill into the Kanawha River.



Photo credit: Dan River Basin Association

## Taylor Energy

**W**aterkeeper Alliance's case against Taylor Energy continued over a decade-old Gulf of Mexico oil spill after a Louisiana federal judge denied the company's motion that Waterkeeper Alliance and other plaintiffs lack standing to sue. The motion was Taylor's second challenging standing — a motion to dismiss was denied almost two years ago — in a suit that began in 2012 with claims that the company allowed oil to leak from a Gulf of Mexico well for more than seven years after it was destroyed by Hurricane Ivan in 2004.



# Method

PURE FARMS, PURE WATERS CAMPAIGN

## Environmental Justice

A ten county area in southeastern North Carolina is home to the highest concentration of industrial hog operations in America. For local communities, which are disproportionately African American, Native American and Latino, the constant and rampant water-and-air pollution that these operations create, and that cause health problems, swarms of insects, and diminished property values, ruin their quality of life in a place they've called home since long before the hog industry came to town.

In the 1980s, as the state's massive tobacco industry began to decline, the hog industry moved in to fill the void. Ever since, local North Carolina Riverkeepers, with support from Waterkeeper Alliance, have been documenting pollution from these Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations, or CAFOs, and communities have repeatedly asked the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) for stronger protections. Citizens have tried to reach a resolution with government officials that is agreeable to neighbors, regulators, and the industry. Some have brought civil

complaints for nuisance and trespass against individual facilities.

Most hog operations in North Carolina operate under a State General Permit, which supports the false assumption that pollutants, including fecal bacteria and nutrients such as nitrogen and phosphorous, stay on site. The permit allows the industry to flush hog feces and urine into open, unlined pits and then to spray this "liquid manure" onto nearby fields under the pretext of it being used as fertilizer. The problem is that there is too much of the waste being produced for the soil or crops to absorb it all. Much of the waste runs off the fields, which are extensively ditched to facilitate drainage in the low-lying coastal plain, and the waste contaminates nearby waters. It also drifts as a noxious mist onto neighboring properties.

Neighbors have repeatedly complained to state officials about the impacts they live with every day, but those complaints have largely fallen on deaf ears. Residents held collaborative problem-solving workshops with officials from DENR, which were funded by EPA, but still the State agency

ICKEN WASTE  
OUT POLLUTION?  
HOGWASH.

THE STATE PROTECTS  
ALL COMMUNITIES?  
HOGWASH.

To #RaiseAStink!



Reverend Dr. Gerald L. Durley.



## PURE FARMS, PURE WATERS CAMPAIGN



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neglected to act. State officials have consistently been dismissive of citizens' concerns, even when supported by sound science. As recently as January 2015, when a study published by researchers at the University of North Carolina and Johns Hopkins University linked high levels

of fecal bacteria in local waterways to industrial hog-operations, a spokesperson for DENR called the results "inconclusive."

In 2014, after the State renewed the General Permit for hog operations without offering better protections, residents and the groups representing their interests

took their strongest stand yet. Waterkeeper Alliance joined forces with longtime partners NC Environmental Justice Network (NCEJN) and the Rural Empowerment Association for Community Help (REACH), represented by attorneys with Earthjustice and the University of North Carolina Center for Civil Rights. In September 2014, Waterkeeper Alliance and its partners filed a complaint with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Civil Rights under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. The complaint alleges that the State's lax regulation of hog-waste disposal discriminates against minority communities in eastern North Carolina, and that DENR's recent permit allowing thousands of hog facilities to function without adequate waste-disposal controls violates federal law.

Using the Civil Rights Act as a tool to stem industrial pollution may seem unorthodox to some, but it is not a new concept. Under the law, when a state-implemented regulatory program receives funding from the federal government, it must operate in a way that does not have a disproportionate negative impact on communities of

color. When this requirement is violated, the EPA is authorized to cut off federal funding for the program, but it can choose less severe protective measures such as increased monitoring, inspection and enforcement.

In February of this year, after an initial review, the EPA's Office of Civil Rights announced that it had accepted the complaint filed against DENR and would proceed with an investigation of whether the agency's regulatory program has a disproportionate impact on communities of color, and whether what is alleged to be an institutionalized system of discrimination can be justified.

Currently Waterkeeper Alliance and its co-complainants NCEJN and REACH, along with counsel at Earthjustice and UNC Center for Civil Rights, are working with EPA to provide further evidence in support of our complaint and to facilitate a thorough and complete investigation of DENR in hopes of a quick resolution to the problems that have plagued under-represented communities for too long.

# Other Highlights

## Fighting Reclassification of Cape Fear River as a Swamp

**W**aterkeeper Alliance and Cape Fear Riverkeeper, working with Duke Environmental Law and Policy Clinic, filed comments with North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) strongly opposing the agency's proposal to reclassify parts of the Lower Cape Fear River estuary as swamp waters. The proposed reclassification seeks to lower water quality standards in attempt to avoid more stringent pollution controls needed to clean up the estuary. The proposal will also allow more pollution from upstream sources, most notably industrial hog operations whose continuing discharges of swine waste and resulting pollution of the Cape Fear estuary are well-documented and inadequately regulated by DENR and the EPA.



Photo credit: Cape Fear River Watch

## CAFO Billboard campaign

**W**aterkeeper Alliance launched a new CAFO Billboard campaign aimed at raising awareness in North Carolina about industrial hog factory farms, which are disproportionately placed in low-income communities and communities of color and are wreaking havoc on the state's environment and waterways. The billboards are located throughout eastern North Carolina and deliver edgy and poignant messages.



## Rally in NC

**I**n an effort to raise awareness about the plight of North Carolina communities constantly exposed to hog pollution, Waterkeeper Alliance and its partners held a Rally for Racial and Environmental Justice on the lawn outside the legislative building in Raleigh, NC on May 13, 2015. Hundreds turned out to hear community members tell their personal accounts, to learn from Riverkeepers and researchers explaining the environmental and public health risks, and to "Raise a Stink" asking state officials to protect the public. Keynote speakers included Rev. Curtis Gatewood of NC NAACP, Rev. Dr. Gerald Durley of the GA-based Providence Missionary Baptist Church, and Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. of Waterkeeper Alliance.



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# Method

## CLEAN WATER DEFENSE CAMPAIGN

### Protecting Clean Water Act Infrastructure Funds

In its 1987 amendments to the federal Clean Water Act, Congress established the clean water state revolving fund program to help communities across the nation attain the fishable and swimmable goals of the Act. The program provides federal capital grants to the states each year to provide no- and low-interest loans to municipalities to support improvements in water infrastructure, which directly reduces pollution impacts and improves water quality. The vast majority of these funds have been successfully utilized by municipalities to construct and upgrade publicly owned treatment works (sewage treatment plants) and (more recently) stormwater controls across the country.

In the summer of 2014, Waterkeeper Alliance, Hudson Riverkeeper, and partner organizations in New York learned of a secret, dangerous new proposal by New York State to pilfer over \$511 million from New York's Clean Water State Revolving Fund to help

finance the \$4 billion replacement of the Tappan Zee Bridge, which connects Westchester and Rockland Counties just north of New York City. To put that amount in perspective, the \$511 million the state intended to use for bridge construction adds up to more than three years of federal capital grants to the state, and would have been the single largest loan the state had ever made from its clean water revolving fund.

To make its unprecedented proposal appear legitimate, the state retained an environmental consultant to prepare a technical report, which proffered that the clean water monies would only be used for components of the bridge project that would purportedly enhance water quality. But the reality is that the bridge construction project has had enormous adverse environmental impacts to the Hudson River estuary, and the state was proposing to use the funds to pay not only for a few environmentally beneficial project components, but





New Tappan Zee Bridge under construction.



## CLEAN WATER DEFENSE CAMPAIGN

also for destructive activities such as dredging, pile driving and demolition of the old Tappan Zee Bridge. The state rushed its approval of the plan through a secret process with no public notice or comment or other oversight, and without approval from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), which provides the federal funding to the states.

Upon learning of New York's foolish and frightening effort to raid its clean water revolving fund to build its bridge, Waterkeeper Alliance and its partners took the two following steps:

First, we sued to enforce the law! Represented by Pace Law School's Environmental Litigation Clinic, Waterkeeper and our partners filed a lawsuit to enjoin the state's illegal use of clean water funds for bridge construction.

Second, Waterkeeper Alliance and our partners conducted an aggressive public awareness campaign, including outreach to state and federal officials and the media to publicize the state's dangerous proposal. This effort also included advocacy and outreach to the federal EPA, which retains authority to disallow the use of a state's clean water revolving fund for projects that are not legally eligible for such financial assistance.



Photo credit: Hudson Riverkeeper

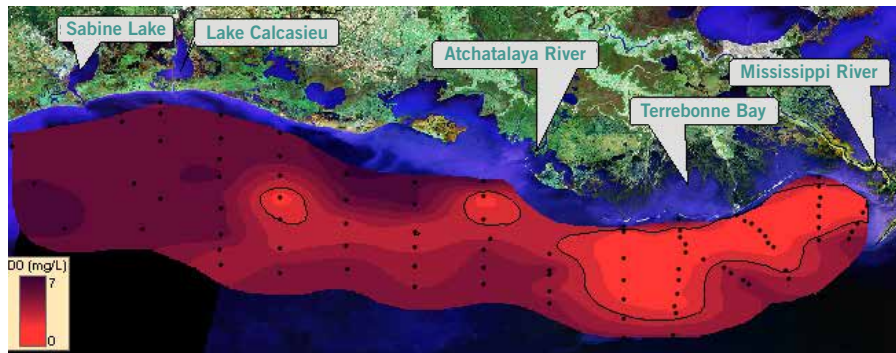
These efforts ultimately led to a huge win for the people of New York. EPA disallowed the use of \$481 million of the state-approved \$511 million, or about 95 percent of the loan, for bridge construction. In its ruling, EPA made clear that the clean water fund could only be used to finance projects that actually improve water quality, and could not be used for large infrastructure projects that will harm water quality.

Never before had a state dared to attempt to use clean water revolving fund monies for an enormous transportation infrastructure project. With this victory, Waterkeeper Alliance and its partners have protected the Clean Water Act and its state revolving fund program, and increased the likelihood that the nation's investment in clean water infrastructure will continue unabated into the future.

# Other Highlights

## Gulf of Mexico Dead Zone

**W**aterkeeper Alliance and partners continue their legal battle against EPA to address the second largest dead zone in the world located in the Gulf of Mexico. The lawsuit was filed in 2012 in U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana to force EPA to put limits on nutrient pollution dumped into the Mississippi River. The EPA lost and appealed to the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals and in April, the court rejected the appeal and the case continues.



Map showing distribution of bottom-water dissolved oxygen west of the Mississippi River delta. Black lined areas—areas in red to deep red—have very little dissolved oxygen. Credit: LUMCON. Source: NOAA, reprinted with permission. [http://www.noaa.gov/stories/2009/20090727\\_deadzone.html](http://www.noaa.gov/stories/2009/20090727_deadzone.html)

## Challenging the EPA's 'Clean Water Rule'

**I**n November of 2014, Waterkeeper Alliance and 54 Waterkeeper organizations filed comments challenging provisions in a new rule that will remove Clean Water Act (CWA) protections for critically important rivers, streams, wetlands, and other waterways across the nation. Dubbed the “Clean Water Rule” by the agencies, the rule reduces jurisdiction over many waters that have been protected



Photo credit: Waterkeeper Alliance

from pollution and destruction since the 1970s, contrary to the legal requirements of the CWA and the findings of an independent scientific review panel. Internal Army Corps documents released to the public after issuance of the final rule show that high-ranking Corp officials were highly critical of the legal and scientific basis for portions of the rule—particularly of last-minute changes that arbitrarily exempted additional waters from protection. The final rule was issued over the objections of these officials and included several previously unseen industry-friendly exemptions that will leave many of our waters unprotected. While the final rule reaffirms protections for some waters that have long been protected, Waterkeeper Alliance, four Waterkeeper organizations and three national partners filed lawsuits against EPA and the Army Corps challenging the new provisions of the rule that removed CWA protections in July.



# Events

## Annual Conference

**W**aterkeeper Alliance's annual June conference took place this year in beautiful Boulder, Colorado. Nearly 300 members of Waterkeeper organizations and affiliates from across the country and around the world came together for four days of training, networking, listening to inspirational guest speakers, sharing experiences, and learning new skills. The annual conference included more than 40 workshops and panels focused on giving Waterkeepers the tools they need to protect their local waterways.



Annual Conference photo credits: Waterkeeper Alliance

## Keep It Clean

In April, Waterkeeper Alliance held an Earth Day event in Los Angeles called “Keep It Clean” with established and emerging comedians who lent their talents to draw attention to the global water crisis and the work of Waterkeepers on six continents. The star-studded bill included Martin Short, Robert Klein, Tig Notaro, Sarah Silverman, Ray Romano, Dan Aykroyd, Jon Lovitz, Kevin Nealon and more. In addition to the stand-up extravaganza, “Keep It Clean” featured a keynote address by Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., President of Waterkeeper Alliance. Guests had a chance to check out the Toyota Mirai, the official vehicle of the event. With pure water as its only emission, the Mirai uses hydrogen and oxygen to create electricity to power the all-electric engine. Attendees also got a sneak preview of the “Keep It Clean” video campaign, directed by actress, comedian, producer and Waterkeeper Alliance



Photo credit: Waterkeeper Alliance

**Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. and Sarah Silverman**

Leadership Circle member Rachael Harris. She kicked off the official release of the first videos on June 30 during an appearance on the TODAY show.



Photo credit: Waterkeeper Alliance

**Ray Romano**

## Levi's Community Day

In May, Waterkeeper Alliance partnered with Levi's for Community Day, a global day of service. This year marked the 15th Anniversary of Community Day, in which more than 4,000 employees and communities pitched in to complete 230 volunteer projects in 119 cities around the globe. Because water is a pressing global issue, and such an important resource for both Levi's and Waterkeeper Alliance, it was a particular focus of many projects this year. Employees educated students about conservation, cleaned up beaches and waterways, and even built an urban forest that recycles water!



Photo credit: San Francisco Baykeeper



## Deer Valley Celebrity Skifest

**W**aterkeeper Alliance's signature charity ski weekend takes place on opening weekend in Deer Valley, Utah. Last year's event took place at the Montage Deer Valley featuring a Friday night poker tournament benefit as well as a Saturday gala with silent and live auction followed by a live concert by the Grammy award-winning band, Lady Antebellum. The entire weekend of events is televised in a national CBS special, which aired on Sunday, December 14.



Photo credits for event: Juma Entertainment.

Marc Yaggi, Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., and Pete Nichols



## London Crystal Anniversary

**W**aterkeeper Alliance celebrated its 15th anniversary by launching the London Waterkeeper at a gala at that city's historic St. Pancras Renaissance Hotel on November 7th. Those attending the event included Waterkeeper Alliance President Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., Executive Director Marc Yaggi, actress Cheryl Hines, Trustee Ed Hubennette, and Theo Thomas, the new London Waterkeeper. Leadership Circle member Chef Gabrielle Bertaccini prepared the scrumptious food for the evening which highlighted the need for London to have its own strong voice to challenge polluters and defend its rivers, 98 percent of which fall below the quality criteria set by the European Union's Water Framework Directive. Raw sewage, toxic waste and oil continue to foul these waters, and existing laws to protect them are not being enforced.



## Splash!

**W**aterkeeper Alliance launched the 5th Annual SPLASH Series, nationally presented by Toyota. SPLASH events took place on waterways across the United States to support Waterkeeper Alliance and local Waterkeeper organizations and affiliates by engaging community members and clean-water enthusiasts in water-based recreational activities like swimming, paddling, boating, as well as clean-up events.

The 2015 Splash Series kicked off in April with LA Waterkeeper's "Stand Up for Clean Water" and continued through spring with Russian Riverkeeper's "Great Russian River Race," Hudson Riverkeeper's "Riverkeeper Sweep," Mobile Baykeeper's "Grandman Triathlon," Chattahoochee Riverkeeper's "13th Annual Back to Chattahoochee River Race & Festival," and Buzzards Baykeeper's "Buzzards Bay Swim".



Photo credit: Buzzards Bay Coalition



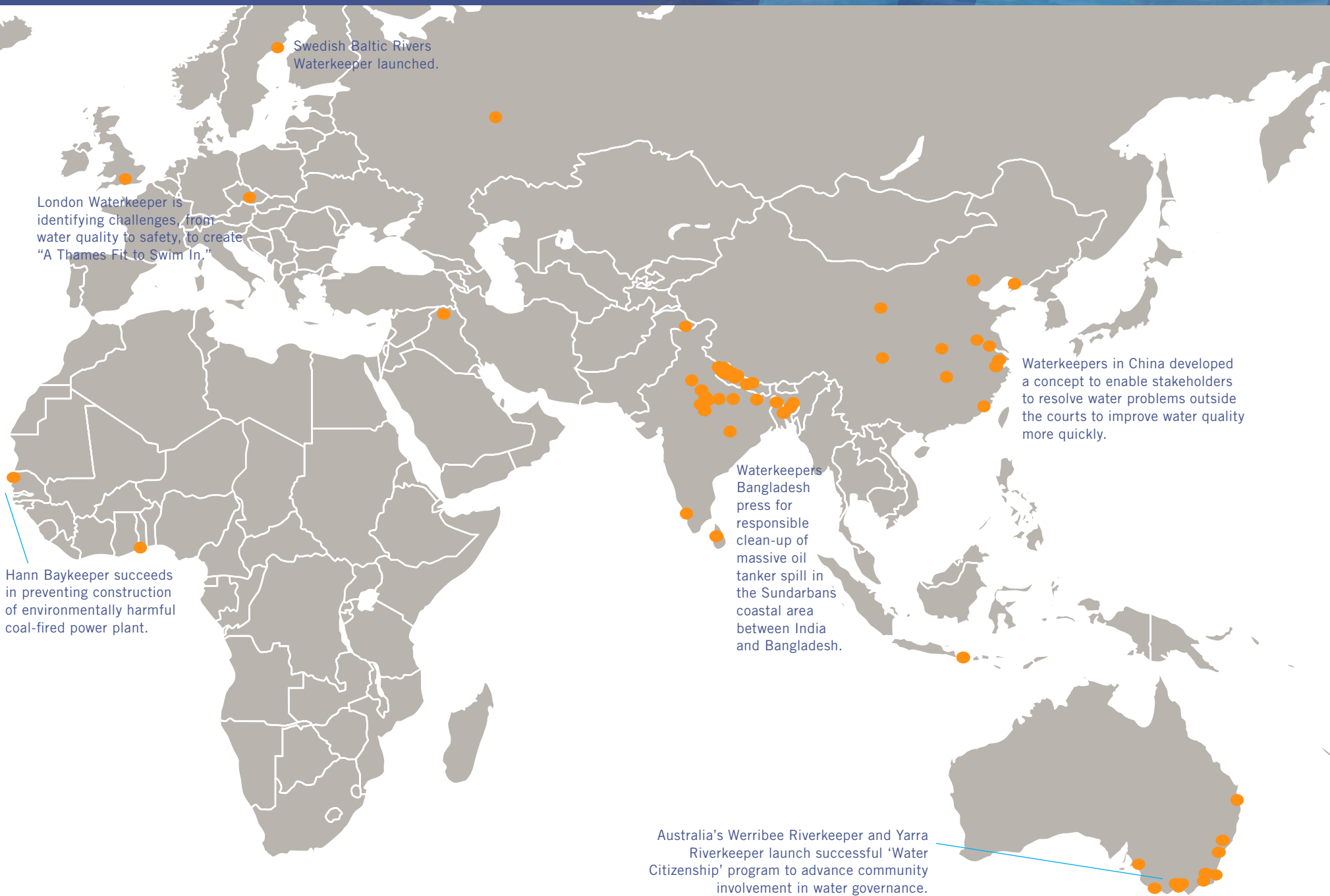
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# Powerful Movement

258 Waterkeeper Organizations  
and Affiliates Worldwide ●







# Waterkeeper Organizations and Affiliates

## DOMESTIC

### CHESAPEAKE

Anacostia Riverkeeper  
Assateague Coastkeeper  
Baltimore Harbor Waterkeeper  
Chester Riverkeeper  
Choptank Riverkeeper  
Gunpowder Riverkeeper  
Lower James Riverkeeper  
Lower Susquehanna Riverkeeper  
Middle Susquehanna Riverkeeper  
Midshore Riverkeeper Conservancy  
Miles-Wye Riverkeeper  
Patuxent Riverkeeper  
Potomac Riverkeeper  
Sassafras Riverkeeper  
Severn Riverkeeper  
Shenandoah Riverkeeper  
South Riverkeeper  
Upper James Riverkeeper  
Upper Potomac Riverkeeper  
Virginia Eastern Shorekeeper  
Waterkeepers Chesapeake  
West/Rhode Riverkeeper

### GREAT LAKES

Buffalo Niagara Riverkeeper  
Detroit Riverkeeper  
Grand Traverse Baykeeper  
Lake Erie Waterkeeper  
Milwaukee Riverkeeper  
St. Clair Channelkeeper  
Upper St. Lawrence Riverkeeper  
Yellow Dog Riverkeeper

### GULF REGION

Apalachicola Riverkeeper  
Atchafalaya Basinkeeper  
Black Warrior Riverkeeper

Cahaba Riverkeeper  
Chattahoochee Riverkeeper  
Choctawhatchee Riverkeeper  
Coosa Riverkeeper  
Emerald Coastkeeper  
Flint Riverkeeper  
French Broad Riverkeeper  
Galveston Baykeeper  
Grand Riverkeeper  
Hurricane Creekkeeper  
Kansas Riverkeeper  
Kentucky Riverkeeper  
Little River Waterkeeper  
Louisiana Bayoukeeper  
Lower Mississippi Riverkeeper  
Mobile Baykeeper  
Ouachita Riverkeeper  
Quad Cities Waterkeeper  
San Antonio Bay Estuarine Waterkeeper  
Suncoast Waterkeeper  
Three Rivers Waterkeeper  
Upper Coosa Riverkeeper  
Wabash Riverkeeper  
West Virginia Headwaters Waterkeeper  
Youghiogheny Riverkeeper  
WWALS Watershed Coalition

### NORTH ATLANTIC

Buzzards Baykeeper  
Cape Cod Baykeeper  
Casco Baykeeper  
Delaware Riverkeeper  
Friends of Penobscot Bay  
Great Bay/Piscataqua Waterkeeper  
Hackensack Riverkeeper  
Housatonic Riverkeeper  
Hudson Riverkeeper  
Lake Champlain Lakekeeper  
Lake George Waterkeeper  
Long Island Soundkeeper

Massachusetts Baykeeper  
Narragansett Baykeeper  
NY/NJ Baykeeper  
Peconic Baykeeper  
Raritan Riverkeeper  
South County Coastkeeper

### PACIFIC REGION

Alamosa Riverkeeper  
Animas Riverkeeper  
Big Blackfoot Riverkeeper  
Bitterroot River Protection Association  
Black Mesa Waterkeeper  
California Coastkeeper Alliance  
Colorado Riverkeeper  
Columbia Riverkeeper  
Cook Inletkeeper  
Coos Waterkeeper  
Friends of the Santa Cruz River  
Humboldt Baykeeper  
Inland Empire Waterkeeper  
Inside Passage Waterkeeper  
Klamath Riverkeeper  
L.A. Waterkeeper  
Lake Coeur d'Alene Waterkeeper  
Lake Pend Oreille Waterkeeper  
Monterey Coastkeeper  
North Sound Baykeeper  
Orange County Coastkeeper  
Poudre Waterkeeper  
Prince William Soundkeeper  
Puget Soundkeeper  
Roaring Fork Waterkeeper  
Rogue Riverkeeper  
Russian Riverkeeper  
Snake River Waterkeeper  
San Diego Coastkeeper  
San Francisco Baykeeper  
San Luis Obispo Coastkeeper  
Santa Barbara Channelkeeper

Silver Valley Waterkeeper  
Spokane Riverkeeper  
Tualatin Riverkeepers  
Upper Missouri Waterkeeper  
Ventura Coastkeeper  
Waterkeepers Washington  
Willamette Riverkeeper

### SOUTH ATLANTIC

Altamaha Coastkeeper  
Altamaha Riverkeeper  
Blackwater Nottoway Riverkeeper  
Cape Fear Riverkeeper  
Catawba Riverkeeper  
Charleston Waterkeeper  
Congaree Riverkeeper  
Haw Riverkeeper  
Indian Riverkeeper  
Lower Neuse Riverkeeper  
Matanzas Riverkeeper  
Miami Waterkeeper  
Ogeechee Riverkeeper  
Pamlico Tar Riverkeeper  
Satilla Riverkeeper  
Savannah Riverkeeper  
St. Johns Riverkeeper  
Upper Neuse Riverkeeper  
Waccamaw Riverkeeper  
Waterkeepers Carolina  
White Oak-New Riverkeeper  
Yadkin Riverkeeper  
Broad River Alliance

## **INTERNATIONAL**

### **AFRICA**

Bargny Coast Waterkeeper  
Hann Baykeeper  
Yoto River Waterkeeper

### **ASIA**

Alchi Gonpa Druk Gye Ling, A Himalayan  
Glacier Waterkeeper  
Bagmati River Waterkeeper  
Barden Gonpa, A Himalayan Glacier  
Waterkeeper  
Basgo Druk Gon Jampa Namsum, A Himalayan  
Glacier Waterkeeper  
Beiyun Waterkeeper  
Black Reef Coast Waterkeeper  
Buriganga Riverkeeper  
Cheday Tehgchog Gon, A Himalayan Glacier  
Waterkeeper  
Chenrezig Gon, A Himalayan Glacier  
Waterkeeper  
Chiling Druk Gon Norbu Choling, A Himalayan  
Glacier Waterkeeper  
Chusho Druk Gon Jangchub Dzong, A Himalayan  
Glacier Waterkeeper  
Cisitu Waterkeeper  
Dzong Khul Gonpa, A Himalayan Glacier  
Waterkeeper  
East Kali River Waterkeeper  
Himalayan Glacier Waterkeeper  
Iraq Upper Tigris Waterkeeper  
Jiulong River Waterkeeper  
Khowai River Waterkeeper  
Lower Betwa Rivekeeper  
Lower Ganga Riverkeeper  
Lower Ken Riverkeeper  
Lower Yamuna Riverkeeper  
Lower Yangtze River Waterkeeper  
Mahanadi River Waterkeeper  
Mahaweli River Waterkeeper

Middle Han Waterkeeper  
Middle Huai Waterkeeper  
Mid Lower Yamuna Riverkeeper  
Mid Upper Yamuna Riverkeeper  
Min River Waterkeeper  
Qiantang River Waterkeeper  
Sani Gonpa, A Himalayan Glacier  
Waterkeeper  
Surma River Waterkeeper  
Tag Rimo Gonpa, A Himalayan Glacier  
Waterkeeper  
Upper Betwa Riverkeeper  
Upper Ganga Riverkeeper  
Upper Ken Riverkeeper  
Upper Yamuna Riverkeeper  
Upper Yellow River Waterkeeper  
Waterkeepers China  
Waterkeepers Bangladesh  
Waterkeepers Iraq  
Xiang River Waterkeeper

### **AUSTRALIA**

Alpine Riverkeeper  
Bramble Bay Waterkeeper  
Coorong Lakes and Murray Waterkeeper  
Hawkesbury River Waterkeeper  
Mimosa Waterkeeper  
Port Phillip Baykeeper  
Snowy River Waterkeeper  
Surry Riverkeeper  
Upper Hunter Waterkeeper  
Upper Snowy River Waterkeeper  
Werribee Riverkeeper  
Yarra Riverkeeper

### **CANADIAN**

Fraser Riverkeeper  
Fundy Baykeeper  
Georgian Baykeeper  
Grand Riverkeeper  
Lake Ontario Waterkeeper

Moose Riverkeeper  
Ottawa Riverkeeper  
Petitcodiac Riverkeeper  
North Saskatchewan Riverkeeper

### **CARIBBEAN**

Bimini Coastal Waterkeeper  
Clifton-Western Bays Waterkeeper  
Grand Bahama Coastal Waterkeeper  
Waterkeepers Bahamas

### **EUROPE**

London Waterkeeper  
Morava Riverkeeper  
Swedish Baltic Rivers Waterkeeper  
Vyatka Riverkeeper

### **LATIN AMERICA**

Bahia de los Angeles Coastkeeper  
Bocas de Ceniza Waterkeeper  
Bogota Riverkeeper  
Cartagena Baykeeper  
Central Huallaga Riverkeeper  
Choqueyapu Riverkeeper  
Estero Salado Waterkeeper  
Futaleufu Riverkeeper  
Guanabara Baykeeper  
Guardianes del Rio Cusiana, An Affiliate of  
Rio Meta Waterkeeper  
Guayllabamba Waterkeeper  
Jiquilisco Bay Waterkeeper  
Jordan Riverkeeper  
Los Cabos Coastkeeper  
La Paz Waterkeeper  
Loreto Coastkeeper  
Magdalena Baykeeper  
Maule Itata Coastkeeper  
Meta Riverkeeper  
Mexico Valley Waterkeeper  
Nicoya Peninsula Waterkeeper  
Parana Waterkeeper

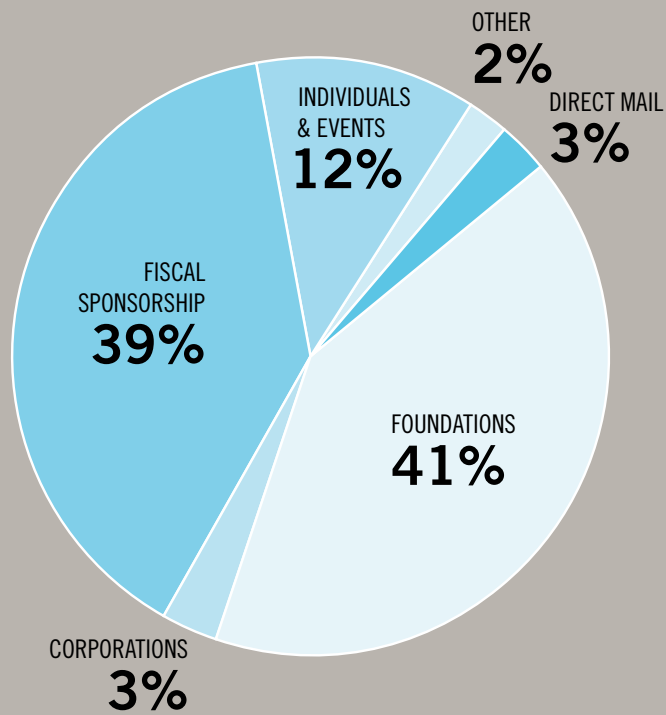
Punta Abreojos Coastkeeper  
Tijuana Waterkeeper  
Todos Santos Waterkeeper  
Rio Cravo Sur Waterkeeper  
Rio Grijalva Waterkeeper  
Rio Guatiquia Waterkeeper  
Rio Inirida Waterkeeper  
Rio Mapacho Waterkeeper  
Rio Motagua Waterkeeper  
Rio Ozama Waterkeeper  
Rio Pauto Waterkeeper  
Ramis Riverkeeper  
Rio Supia Waterkeeper  
Rio Verde Waterkeeper



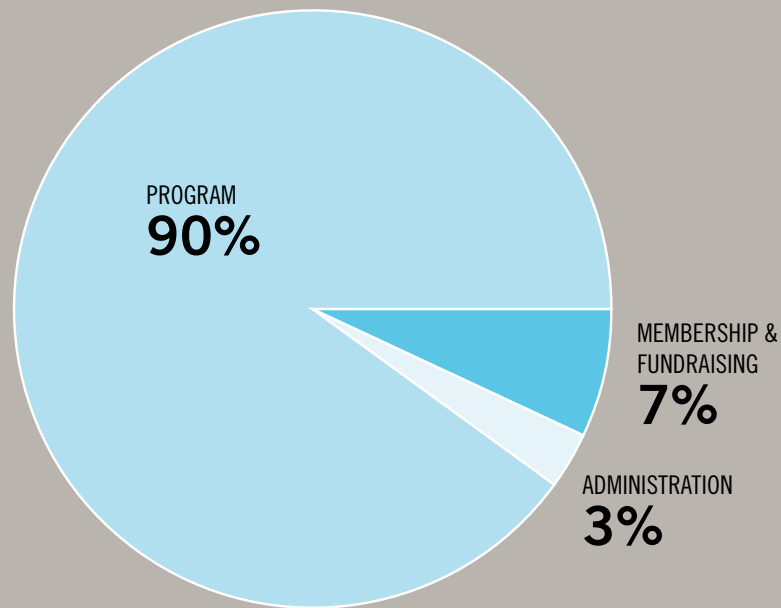
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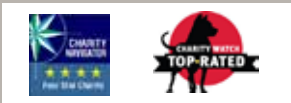
## Revenue



## Expenses



	TOTAL
INCOME	\$10,337,117
PROGRAM EXPENSES	\$10,512,587
FUNDRAISING EXPENSES	\$866,143
ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES	\$292,696
END OF YEAR NET ASSETS	\$2,683,599



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Fiscal Year 2015

## **\$1,000,000+**

Anonymous  
Alice and Fred Stanback

## **\$500,000 - \$999,999**

Swedish Postcode Foundation

## **\$250,000 - \$500,000**

Toyota Motor Sales

## **\$100,000 - \$199,999**

Growald Family Fund  
Marisla Foundation  
The Orton Foundation

## **\$50,000 - \$99,999**

Butler Conservation Fund, Inc.  
Charity Buzz  
Dreamchaser Foundation  
Environment Now Foundation  
Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation  
The Moore Charitable Foundation  
Tides Foundation  
Turner Foundation  
Sangham Foundation  
Jami and Klaus von Heidegger

Henry and Ester Smith Trust  
Mona and Tore Steen

## **\$25,000 - \$49,999**

Anonymous  
Wendy and James Abrams  
Begin Today for Tomorrow  
Clifford Brown  
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Leonardo DiCaprio Foundation  
Holloman Price Foundation  
Deanna and Bob Clarkson Smith  
Lessing Stern  
Wallace Genetic Foundation  
Alexandra and Kent Weed

## **\$5,000 - \$24,999**

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Bote, LLC  
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The Trustee Council is composed of up to 35 passionate and committed individuals advancing the mission of Waterkeeper Alliance by raising awareness of key environmental issues, widening the organization's network of influential allies, and advocating for clean water. The Trustee Council elects six members from the group to serve on the Board of Directors and appoints the Treasurer of the organization.

Glenn R. Rink, <i>Chair</i>	Heather Richardson
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Grey Hecht	
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Ed Hubennette	
Karen and Kevin Percy Lowe	
Kris Moore	

## WATERKEEPER COUNCIL

The Waterkeeper Council consists of up to 20 Councilmembers - 11 Regional Council members elected by their region, six At-large Council members elected from the entire membership and three Servicemark Councilmembers appointed by the Hudson Riverkeeper, Long Island Soundkeeper and San Francisco Baykeeper. The Waterkeeper Council elects six members from the group to serve on the Board of Directors and appoints the Secretary of the organization.

Terry Backer, <i>Soundkeeper Markholder</i>	Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., <i>At-large</i>
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Krissy Kasserman, <i>At-large</i>	Hao Xin, <i>Asia Regional Rep</i>

## LEADERSHIP CIRCLE

The Leadership Circle is composed of passionate and committed individuals advancing the mission of Waterkeeper Alliance by raising awareness of key environmental issues, widening the organization's network of influential allies, and advocating for clean water.

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