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# Letter from the President



By Robert F. Kennedy, Jr.

Reports in the last year that the level of carbon dioxide in the earth's atmosphere has passed 400 parts per million, the highest in more than 300 million years, took many people by surprise. But the men and women of the world's more than 200 Waterkeeper organizations were not among them. For decades Waterkeepers in the United States, Latin America, Europe, Africa, Asia and Australia have been leading the fight against many of the misguided and destructive fossil-fuel energy projects that are the chief culprits in the dangerously increasing concentration of carbon dioxide in the earth's atmosphere.

The summer of 2012 was the hottest on record in the United States. That year, more than half the country suffered severe drought, and wildfires swept through the West; the level of the Mississippi River fell to near-record lows, and Superstorm Sandy flooded the East Coast, virtually paralyzing one of the greatest cities in the world, New York. Similar weather-related calamities are now happening regularly across the world.

A global crisis is unfolding before our eyes, and immediate action is required to address it.

In February of this year I was arrested in a show of civil

disobedience in front of the White House, along with dozens of other environmental, civil-rights and community leaders from across the country. We were there to call attention to the urgent need to act on the climate crisis, which President Obama had highlighted the night before in his State of the Union address. And we wanted particularly to ask the President to make an immediate impact on carbon pollution by saying no to the Keystone XL tar-sands pipeline, a massive boondoggle that would bring millions of barrels of the most-polluting oil on earth from Canada's boreal forests to the Gulf Coast of the United States.

It is unfortunate that civil disobedience is the only recourse against such catastrophic and criminal enterprises as the Keystone XL Pipeline – which will enrich a few while harming millions. Indeed, such noxious, irresponsible, greedy projects are threatening the future of civilization.

But it is also encouraging that so many people across the world have been brought together around concern for our water and climate. In the case of the Keystone pipeline, communities such as Canada's Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation and the Beaver Lake Cree are fighting to protect their waters, lands and health from the destructive effects of strip-mining for tar sands, and they have also mobilized to stop toxic waste leaking from dams. In British Columbia, over 100 first nations have taken a strong stand against tar-sands pipelines crossing their land and waters. In Nebraska, ranchers such as Randy Thompson – who was arrested with me at the White House protest – are shouting no to Keystone. And in Oklahoma, Earl Hatley, the Grand Riverkeeper and a member of the Cherokee nation, is battling fiercely against the pipeline's southern leg.

"We're making our stand and rallying people to protect our waterbodies, farmlands and way of life," Earl has said. "ExxonMobil, BP, Shell and others extract the bitumen, slide it through the pipe to their refineries at the Gulf, turn it into kerosene, fuel-oil and diesel, and send it on its way. They get the black gold and we get the 1,700-mile-long shaft."

The extraction of tar-sands oil is a horrific example of corporate power's pursuit of dirty-energy profits at the planet's expense. But it is far from the only one, and Waterkeepers in the United States and many other parts of the world are fighting.

Delaware Riverkeeper Maya van Rossum and Hudson Riverkeeper Paul Gallay are battling massive threats from a potential natural-gas boom wrought by high-volume hydraulic fracturing (fracking) in their watersheds, which lie atop the gas-rich Marcellus Shale. Further south, Potomac Riverkeeper Brent Walls and Patuxent Riverkeeper Fred Tutman have helped to launch "Marylanders Against Fracking," a broad-based coalition that has called on the governor to cancel any further plans to allow fracking in that state. And far away in the Czech Republic, Morava Riverkeeper Helena Kralova is a forceful

advocate against the same dangerous technology.

In the U.S. Pacific Northwest, Columbia Riverkeeper Brett VandenHeuvel, Puget Soundkeeper Chris Wilke and Spokane Riverkeeper Bart Mihailovich have been hard at work opposing an onslaught of proposals to build huge export terminals to ship coal from the Powder River Basin in Idaho to Asia by way of the Oregon and Washington coasts. They have already scored several major successes and, to date, three of the six plans for coal-export terminals have been defeated.

In Australia, Upper Hunter Waterkeeper Patrice Newell, and in Latin America, Bocas de Ceniza Waterkeeper Liliana Guerrero Ramirez in Colombia and Maule Itata Waterkeeper Rodrigo de la O in Chile are also fully engaged against huge coal-mining and export projects.

China's six Waterkeeper organizations are also in the vanguard

the world we all share. In the words of environmental activist Vandana Shiva, who helped build the Waterkeeper movement in India, "We will either make peace with the earth or face extinction as humans, even while we push millions of other species to extinction. Continuing the war against the earth is not an intelligent option."

On the good side of the conflict are the Waterkeepers from 23 nations who are fighting for the very survival of Planet Earth as they advocate for the health and integrity of their watersheds. They are all extraordinary leaders who regularly make personal sacrifices and face daunting challenges every day, more often than not alone. Yet they're not just fighting for the environment. All of them are warriors for democracy, dedicating their lives to humanity and striving to present their countries as moral examples to the rest of the world.

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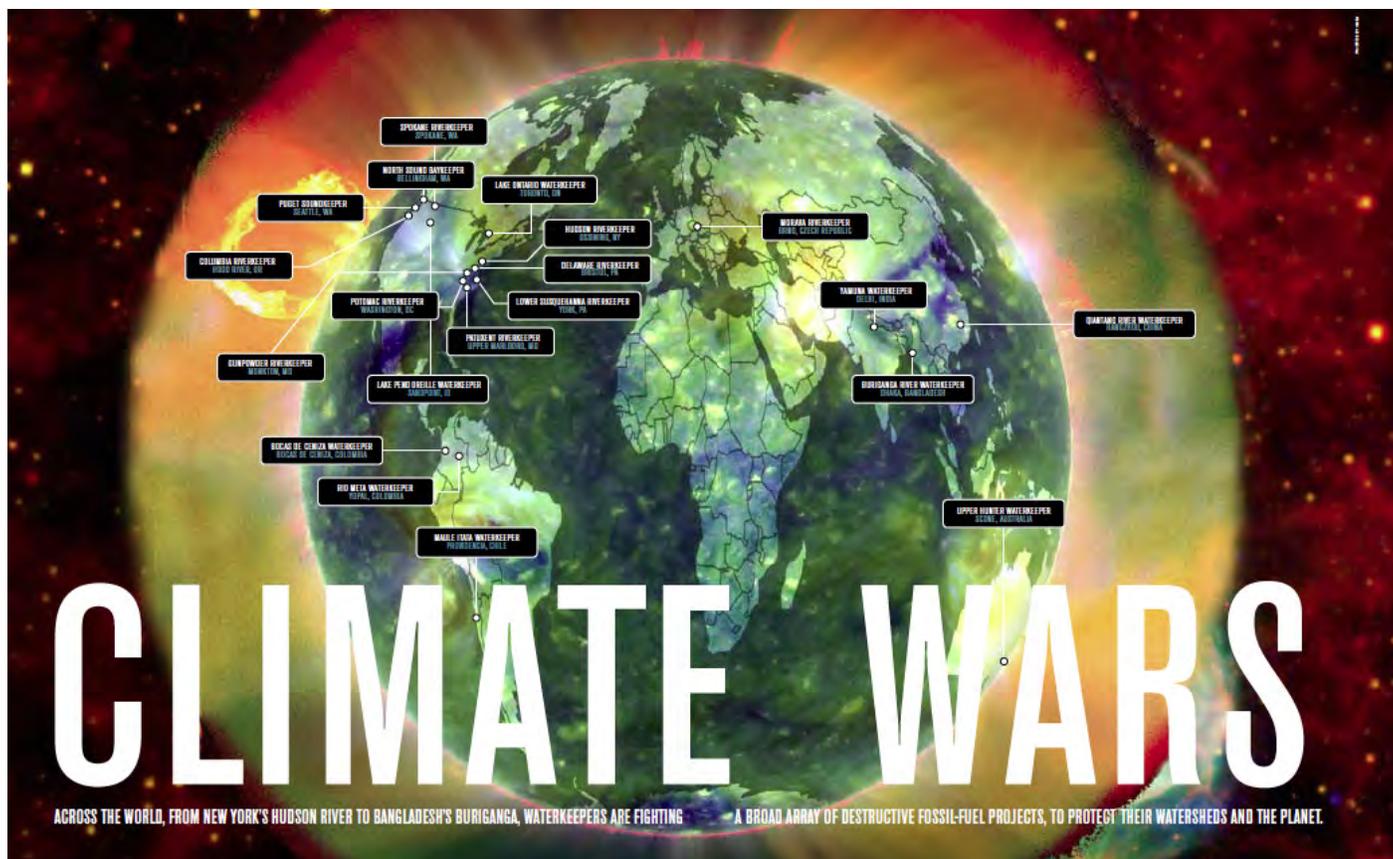
of activism to curb their country's deadly coal addiction.

Separated by thousands of miles, these Waterkeepers are bonded by their common commitment to fight for their watersheds and for the planet, and by their belief that it is past time that humankind cure its addiction to fossil fuels. Ultimately, we all face the choice between deepening our reliance on the corporate powers behind Big Oil, King Coal, and the fracking frenzy, and real progress toward a sustainable energy future for

They inspire me, and they should inspire us all. To these remarkable women and men, I say, keep fighting, keep the faith.

Sincerely,

**Robert F. Kennedy, Jr.**  
President

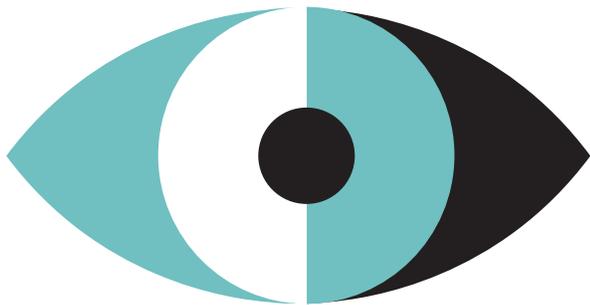




# About the Waterkeeper Movement

The Waterkeeper Movement is the fastest-growing international environmental movement, working to fulfill our vision of a world in which every citizen in every country on every continent has access to clean and safe water that is swimmable, drinkable, and fishable. The Waterkeeper advocacy model provides a way for communities to stand up and fight for their right of access to clean water. United in our belief that healthy environments and healthy communities go hand in hand, we are a truly grassroots movement, for the people, by the people.

Our story began on New York's Hudson River in 1966, when a group of commercial and recreational fishermen joined to save that historic waterway by opposing many of the nation's biggest industrial polluters. Their successful citizen-based enforcement of environmental laws helped restore the Hudson and spurred enormous growth of similar grassroots programs across the globe.



## OUR VISION:

The vision of the Waterkeeper movement is for swimmable, drinkable, fishable waterways worldwide.

# Who Are the Waterkeepers?

Waterkeepers are ordinary citizens from all walks of life, united in their unwavering commitment to protect the world's waters from polluters who place profit before public health. Courageous individuals on the front lines of the global water crisis, more than 214 Waterkeepers patrol and protect more than 1.5 million square miles of rivers, streams and coastlines on 6 continents.

Waterkeepers defend their communities against anyone who threatens their right to clean water, challenging powerful industries and governments and standing up for the rights of communities. Using science, technology, law, and public education, Waterkeeper organizations around the world have achieved legal victories to establish better regulations and technology to remedy and stop water pollution.



Magdalena Baykeeper, Julio Solis with Baja Coordinator, Eliza Smith Steinmeier in Mexico. Magdalena Baykeeper works to provide continual vigilance against water pollution, mangrove destruction, sea turtle poaching, and poorly-planned coastal developments.

“THE WATERKEEPER MOVEMENT BEGAN ON THE HUDSON WHEN A BLUE-COLLAR COALITION OF COMMERCIAL AND RECREATIONAL FISHERMEN MOBILIZED TO RECLAIM THE HUDSON FROM ITS POLLUTERS. THESE WEREN'T RADICALS, THEY WEREN'T MILITANTS; THEY WERE PEOPLE WHOSE PATRIOTISM WAS ROOTED IN THE BEDROCK OF OUR COUNTRY.”

– ROBERT F. KENNEDY, JR., PRESIDENT OF WATERKEEPER ALLIANCE

**214 WATERKEEPERS**  
**24 COUNTRIES**  
**6 CONTINENTS**

Puget Soundkeeper, Chris Wilke, and Legal Affairs Manager, Katelyn Kinn, at the state capitol in Washington. Since joining the Waterkeeper movement in 1990 as the 6th Waterkeeper organization, Pudget Soundkeeper has never been defeated in a court.



Patuxent Riverkeeper, Fred Tutman, speaking at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C. about the threats of coal pollution. Tutman asked the crowd, "How much cadmium would you want in your corn flakes? How much is too much? A little goes a long way with poison."



Vyatka Riverkeeper, Grigoriy Poskrebshev, is the only Waterkeeper in Russia. Working within the confines of a politically sensitive climate, Poskrebshev is mobilizing the country's youth to become engaged environmental advocates, highlighting the success of the Waterkeeper model of that advocacy spans across borders as well as cultural, social and socio-economic divides.



Middle Han Waterkeeper, Yun Jianli, mobilized the community for Swimmable Water Weekend 2013. Organizing community events, Waterkeepers around the world unite in their efforts to educate citizens and encourage them to stand up for their local waterways.



Hann Baykeeper, Mbacke Seck, the first Waterkeeper organization in Africa, set out to clean Canal 6 in Senegal, deploying 40 people working 14 hours a day to collect 2,700 tons of garbage. Today, Canal 6 is cleaner than it has been in 40 years.



Mid Upper Yamuna Waterkeeper is working collaboratively on a private ponds system revival in Bundelkhand area, which are tributaries of Yamuna. This is the most water scarce, drought prone area. They initiated this project to mobilize and educate farmers to construct private ponds in their farmlands. Farmers and their communities constructed 47 ponds with their own funds, motivation and education. The farm opening ceremony pictured above was organized to honor those farmers.



Buriganga Riverkeeper, Sharif Jamil, speaks to a documentary crew about the pollution in his river. The Buriganga is now one of the most polluted rivers in Bangladesh because of rampant dumping of industrial and human waste.



# Waterkeeper Alliance

Waterkeeper Alliance was founded in 1999 to connect and strengthen the growing movement and its widespread organizations. Now comprising more than 200 Waterkeeper organizations on 6 continents - from the Great Lakes to the Gulf of Mexico, the Amazon to the Ganges—Waterkeeper Alliance has become the world’s most



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powerful coalition of on-the-water activists battling the world's biggest polluters.

Our members, staff, and board are made up of engaged, passionate water advocates who stand up against some of the most corrupt and greedy violators of the earth's irreplaceable natural resources.



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# Why Water?

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



Factories along the Buriganga include garment facilities, dyeing plants, textile mills, and tanneries that emit lethal chemicals and toxic fumes. On any given day the water can be red, blue, or gray, depending on the colors factories are using to process materials, and the smell alone is sickening. Seen here, a tannery pollutes the Buriganga, which is now so toxic that a World Health Organization report declared that most of the country's tannery workers will die before they turn 50.

**“WITHOUT WATER, THERE CAN BE NO LIFE; WITHOUT CLEAN WATER, THERE CAN BE NO HEALTHY LIFE.”**

2,900,000

Although children only make up 10 percent of the world's population, over 40 percent of the global burden of disease falls on them. More than three million children under age five die annually from environmental factors. *(World Bank)*

**EVERY DAY TWO MILLION TONS OF HUMAN WASTE ARE DISPOSED OF IN WATERWAYS.**

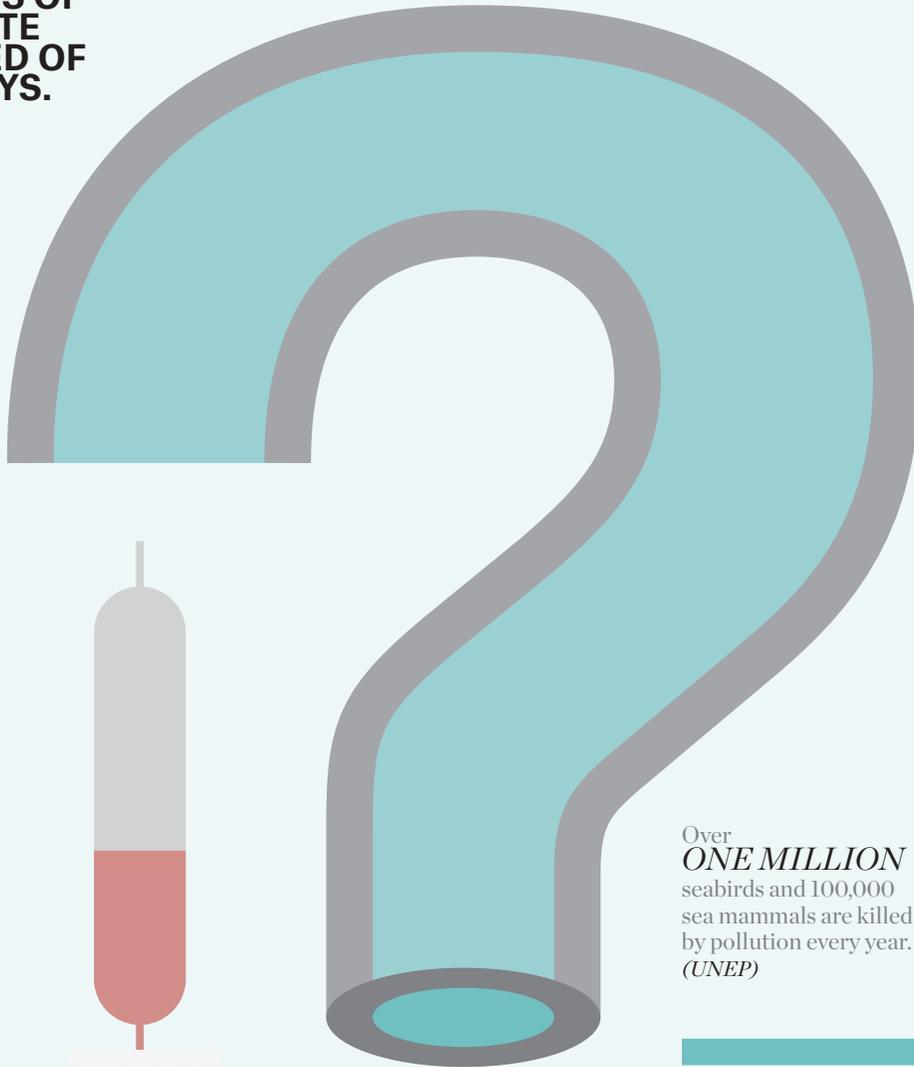
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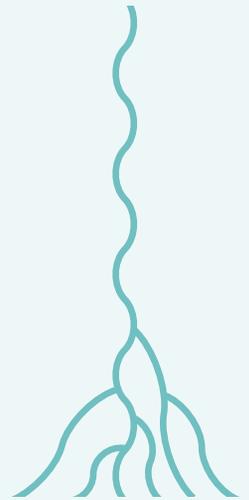
**14 BILLION POUNDS**

of garbage are dumped into the ocean every year. Most of it is plastic.

*(California Coastal Commission)*



**1.5 MILLION**

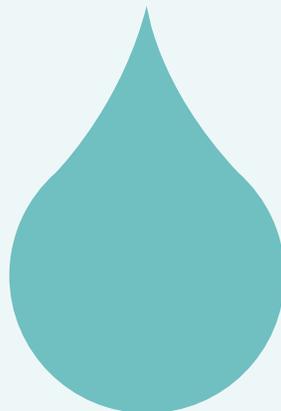


The Mississippi River carries an estimated 1.5 million metric tons of nitrogen pollution into the Gulf of Mexico each year, creating a "dead zone" about the size of New Jersey in the Gulf each summer. *(NOAA)*

Over **ONE MILLION** seabirds and 100,000 sea mammals are killed by pollution every year. *(UNEP)*

**HALF OF THE WORLD'S WETLANDS HAVE BEEN LOST SINCE 1900.**  
*(United Nations)*

**AMERICANS MAKE UP ABOUT FIVE PERCENT OF THE WORLD'S POPULATION, BUT USE AN ESTIMATED 25 PERCENT OF THE WORLD'S RESOURCES AND PRODUCE 30 PERCENT OF THE WORLD'S WASTE.** *(World Bank)*



**90%**

Up to 90 percent of wastewater in developing countries flows untreated into rivers, lakes and highly productive coastal zones, threatening health, food security and access to safe drinking- and bathing-water. *(Source: United Nations)*



swim

drink

fish

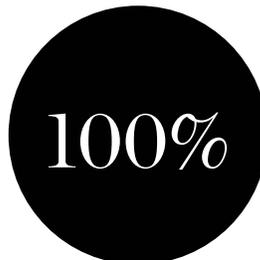
# Our Work



## CLEAN WATER DEFENSE

Environmental protections are under attack around the world, and in many countries legal protections do not exist, or are simply not enforced. We are leading the global fight for strong regulations and vigilant enforcement of environmental laws.

We stand with our local programs to restore and enforce clean water laws, protect wetlands and streams, stop mountaintop removal coal mining, and halt the destruction of critical wildlife habitat. Corporate greed, government corruption, and interest lobbyists are working to strip citizens of the right to defend their own waterways. Our Clean Water Defense work is designed to fight off attempts to weaken our current environmental protections and promote stronger legal safeguards for the world's water resources.



The Waterkeeper coal team had 100% success in fighting four major pieces of anti-environmental legislation in the past year.

THANKS TO PRESSURE BY WATERKEEPERS AND OUR PARTNERS, COURTS FORCED EPA TO MAKE A SCIENTIFICALLY BASED DETERMINATION OF WHETHER TO SET FEDERAL LIMITS OF DANGEROUS POLLUTANTS LIKE PHOSPHOROUS AND NITROGEN, WHICH ARE CHOKING AND DEVASTATING WATERWAYS AROUND THE U.S. AND CAUSING MASSIVE HYPOXIC DEAD ZONES.



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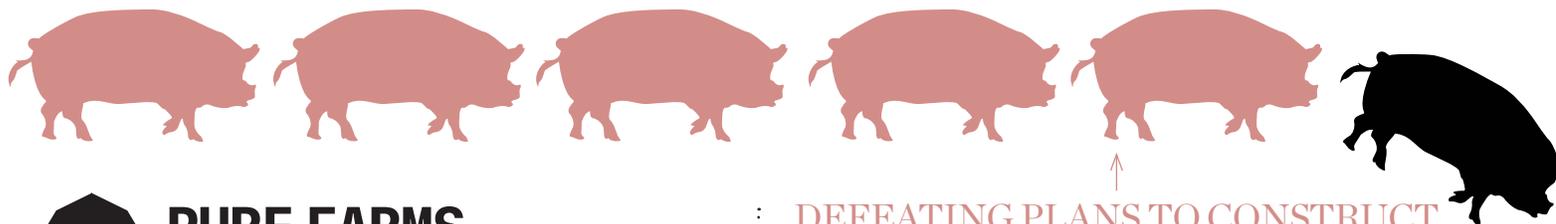
Hypoxia (deprivation of oxygen) in a waterway is caused by nutrient runoff from agricultural and human activities in a watershed. These nutrients fill waterways and stimulate an overgrowth of algae that sinks, decomposes, and consumes most of the oxygen needed to support life, causing huge fish-kills and threatening human health because of elevated levels of toxins and bacterial growth.



Stormwater runoff accumulates debris, chemicals, sediment or other pollutants that contaminates water supplies is untreated. Waterkeepers monitor untreated runoffs and hold polluters accountable.

“RIGHT NOW THERE ARE MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS INTENT ON PRIVATIZING THE COMMONS AND TURNING IT INTO A PROFIT CENTER. WE’RE IN A BATTLE FOR THE COMMONS, A FIGHT BETWEEN A WEALTHY CORPORATE ‘CLEPTOCRACY’ AND THE REST OF US.”

– ROBERT F. KENNEDY, JR. (AT WATERKEEPER’S 2013 ANNUAL CONFERENCE)



**PURE FARMS  
PURE WATER**

Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations (CAFOs) – a rising corporate-controlled meat-production industry, has nearly destroyed the family farm and has severely poisoned our nation’s water resources. A few multinational corporations, such as Tyson Foods, Smithfield Foods, JBS, and Cargill, now exercise unprecedented control over our nation’s farms, farmers, and food supply, and exert inordinate influence over public natural resources, government regulators, and national and international markets.

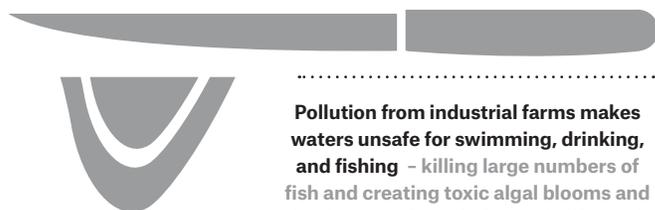
Water pollution inevitably results from this practice because of the geographic concentration of the industry, location of facilities in environmentally vulnerable areas, lack of waste treatment, and generation of more waste than can be handled appropriately on lands near facilities. The industry, including feed production, is heavily dependent on fossil fuels and massive federal subsidies, and is the leading cause of nutrient and pathogen impairment of rivers and lakes across the U. S.

This industry operates under a veil of state and federal sponsored secrecy in a political landscape dominated by officials who view our environment as corporate property to liquidate for profit.

**DEFEATING PLANS TO CONSTRUCT  
A POULTRY SLAUGHTERHOUSE IN  
NORTH CAROLINA.**



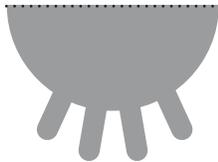
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dead waters devoid of aquatic life, such  
as the Gulf of Mexico (an 8,000-square-  
mile dead zone), the Chesapeake Bay,  
and the Albemarle-Pamlico Sound.**

Waterkeeper Alliance won a North Carolina state-district-court judgment holding that a 3.4-million-chicken CAFO is required to obtain a Clean Water Act permit to control pollutant discharges to the Pocosin Lakes National Wildlife Refuge, Pungo River, and other local waterways.

**LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION  
GENERATES ROUGHLY  
1.1 BILLION TONS OF  
ANIMAL MANURE EACH  
YEAR - MUCH OF WHICH IS  
DUMPED ON NEARBY LANDS  
WITHOUT TREATMENT.**



We launched a state court challenge to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation’s exemption of dairy operations with 200-to-299 cows from regulation and permitting requirements.



A polluted ditch leaving a swine facility. Regions where hogs are raised in concentrated feeding operations also are notorious for increased presence of bacterial infections in humans that are resistant to common antibiotic medicines.



# Clean and Safe Energy

## COAL

Coal is the dirtiest fuel on earth. From cradle-to-grave, pollution from coal makes people sick and ruins our most cherished places. Whether it's acid mine drainage killing headwater streams, mountain valleys filled with coal slurry, neighborhoods coated with dust blowing from coal trains, mercury raining from power plant smokestacks, or arsenic bleeding from enormous coal ash waste lagoons into the water supplies that we depend on, we pay dearly for this "cheap" source of energy.

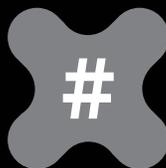
Coal-fired power plants are responsible for nearly half of all of toxic water-pollution in the United States, dumping more poisons into our waters than the next nine most polluting industries, combined. Every day, hundreds of coal-fired power plants pump tens of thousands of pounds of ash and sludge into giant waste lagoons many of which leak directly into rivers, lakes, and streams—and frequently into the aquifers that supply drinking water systems. Loaded with toxic heavy metals like arsenic, mercury, selenium, and lead, this waste kills animals and sickens people. The problem is worsening, too, because new regulations require power plants to capture toxic air pollution before it leaves the smokestack, only to redirect the highly toxic residue into wastewater streams. For far too long, a combination of inadequate regulations and lack of political will on behalf of state and federal environmental regulators has allowed these problems to persist.

The Waterkeeper Alliance coal team is taking action to stop coal pollution in the U.S. and around the world. In the past year, we united an unprecedented number of local Waterkeeper organizations working on-the-water, taking the fight against this barbaric energy source to the global stage. From the Carolina coastlines, to the Pacific Northwest, and all the way to China, India, and Bangladesh, Waterkeeper Alliance defends our most precious resource from the devastating impacts of the coal industry.

In becoming the go-to group of on-the-water advocates, we've worked hard to unite Waterkeepers to amplify our voice and elevate our work to the international stage.

**“OUR VICTORIES SHOW REAL PROGRESS BUT THE HARDEST WORK LIES AHEAD.”**

— BRETT VANDENHEUVEL, COLUMBIA RIVERKEEPER



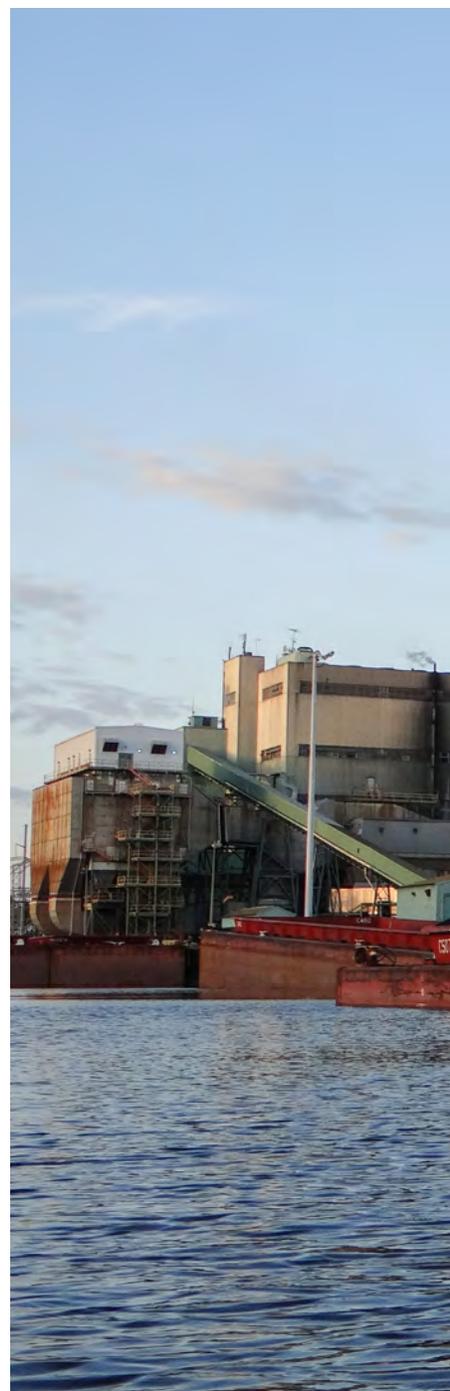
### COAL POLLUTION BY THE NUMBERS

Coal plants dump 5.5 billion lbs of toxic waste per year (15 million lbs/day) into America's rivers, lakes and streams each year, and are the largest source of toxic water-pollution in the United States. [EPA]

Each open-air train car transporting coal loses one pound of coal dust per car, per mile along the way. [BNSF railway]

The U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has identified more than 250 instances where coal plants have harmed ground or surface waters. Many coal power-plants sit beside recreational lakes and reservoirs, or upstream of drinking-water supplies.

Of the 98 thermal power plants approved and in existence in Odisha, 60 will take water from the Mahanadi basin by 2015. Ranjan Panda, the Mahanadi River Waterkeeper in Osidha, is fighting to protect his river from coal's deadly effects.



**COAL EXPORTS**



As America shifts away from dirty coal towards cleaner energy sources, the coal industry has set its sights on energy-hungry Asia. Coal from gigantic strip-mines in Montana and Wyoming fills open-air coal trains headed for shipping terminals on the Pacific Northwest coast,

coating neighborhoods with coal dust and spilling their carbon cargo into waterways all along the way.

In the past year, Waterkeeper Alliance partnered with Puget Soundkeeper (US), Spokane Riverkeeper(US), North Sound Baykeeper (US), Lake Pend Oreille Waterkeeper (US),

Columbia Riverkeeper (US), Qiantang Waterkeeper (China), Buriganga Waterkeeper (Bangladesh), and Yamuna Waterkeeper (India) to provide public comments opposing construction of the coal export terminals during Environmental Impact Statement scoping hearings.





Global Coal Campaign Coordinator, Donna Lisenby with a retired coal worker in his home outside Lanzhou, China. Today, China consumes more coal than the rest of the world combined. Waterkeepers and environmentalists across the country are scrambling to confront the growing coal-addiction that is wreaking havoc on the environment and public health.



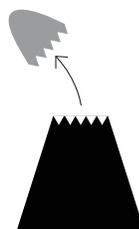
#### A GLANCE AT SOME OUR COAL WORK HIGHLIGHTS:



IN JANUARY 2013, WATERKEEPER ALLIANCE'S INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR SHARON KHAN JOINED INFLUENTIAL WORLD LEADERS FROM AROUND

THE WORLD IN GENEVA, SWITZERLAND, WHERE DIPLOMATS NEGOTIATED THE FIRST LEGALLY BINDING INTERNATIONAL TREATY ON GLOBAL EMISSIONS OF MERCURY—A LETHAL NEUROTOXIN, THE GRIM EFFECTS OF WHICH INCLUDE BRAIN DAMAGE (OFTEN LOSS OF IQ POINTS IN UNBORN CHILDREN) AND INJURIES TO THE HEART AND KIDNEYS. MERCURY POISONING RESULTS IN TENS OF BILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN HEALTH CARE COSTS EVERY YEAR IN THE U.S. ALONE.

In May 2013, our global-coal-campaign coordinator, [Donna Lisenby](#), presented Waterkeeper Alliance's coal work to a group of international activists in Kurri Kurri, Australia. Following that meeting, the Alliance was invited to convene a water working-group and coordinate international advocacy efforts among group members. The goal is to build worldwide campaigns that prevent the construction of new coal plants, expansion of mines, and export infrastructure. Waterkeeper Alliance's coal campaign now spans the globe. Thanks to pressure by Waterkeepers and our partners, courts forced EPA to make a scientifically based determination of whether to set federal limits of dangerous pollutants like phosphorous and nitrogen, which are choking and devastating waterways around the U.S. and causing massive hypoxic dead zones.



Over two years after busting three mountaintop removal coal-mining companies for filing thousands of fake water pollution reports, we continue our pursuit of the worst offender, Frasure Creek Mining. We have worked to publicize the way in which the state allows coal companies to pillage the state's resources, destroy the mountains and streams, run their companies into the ground, and then escape with pockets stuffed through shady corporate restructuring maneuvers.

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**TO DATE, OUR WATERKEEPERS HAVE SUCCESSFULLY DEFEATED THREE OF SIX PROPOSALS TO BUILD COAL EXPORT TERMINALS IN THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST.**



Kayaks on Columbia protesting coal export

Pete Harrison



## FRACKING

“Fracking,” or hydraulic fracturing, is the mining of natural gas by injecting toxic chemicals, sand, and millions of gallons of water under high pressure directly into shale formations. This toxic brew of many chemicals, many not disclosed to regulators, is then extracted or leaked to the surface along with the gas.

Given the corrupt conduct of some companies in the fracking industry, the reluctance of the government bureaucracies to regulate this industry, and the cascade of new information and disclosures about the health and environmental perils associated with this extraction method, Waterkeeper Alliance must oppose shale gas extraction by hydrofracking unless, and until, the industry proves it can be done safely to protect human health and the environment.

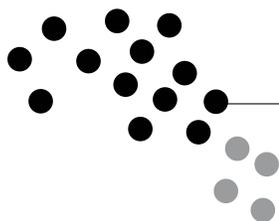


**WORKING WITH A COALITION OF 276 ORGANIZATIONS WE DELIVERED OVER 650,000 COMMENTS TO THE U. S. BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT IN AUGUST CALLING FOR A BAN ON FRACKING ON PUBLIC LANDS.**

Riverkeeper along with over 70 other environmental and citizen action organizations co-sponsored The New York Crossroads rally which drew more than two thousand New Yorker's to Albany in support of a two-year moratorium on high volume horizontal hydraulic fracturing (“fracking”) and New York turning away from fossil fuels toward alternative energy solutions



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Enforcing the Clean Water Act at coal-fired power plants: Because of the lack of adequate government regulation and enforcement of coal ash disposal, the Waterkeeper coal team takes their work on the water to patrol facilities and look for illegal pollution from coal ash lagoons. When we find problems, we take water samples and analyze them for dangerous pollutants, laying the groundwork

for enforcement cases. Over the last two years, Waterkeeper Alliance and our Waterkeeper partners have inspected impoundments at **17 coal-fired power plants in five Southeastern states. We found illegal discharges of toxic water pollution at 13 of those plants.** Our work in North Carolina led the state to sue Duke Energy for Clean Water Act violations at all of the coal plants the utility operates in the state.



Waterkeeper Alliance connects and supports local Waterkeeper programs to coordinate and strategically collaborate on advocacy initiatives across the globe. To achieve our mission of swimmable, drinkable, fishable water Waterkeeper Alliance:

- Supports and empowers member Waterkeeper organizations by providing advocacy tools and training, and access to the most vast network of on-the-water advocates.
- Promotes the successful Waterkeeper model for watershed protection.
- Advocates for issues common to Waterkeeper organizations.

## THE WATERKEEPER ANNUAL CONFERENCE:

Each year Waterkeeper Alliance hosts the Waterkeeper Conference, a summit that is fast becoming one of the most important conventions of clean-water activists in the world. More than 250 Waterkeepers and other environmental activists travel from every corner of the world to attend trainings, workshops, panels, and interactive exchanges of ideas in areas of clean-water advocacy, the U.S. Clean Water Act and other environmental laws, green infrastructure, and other forms of fossil-fuel extraction, water-quality monitoring, and interaction with government agencies and officials.

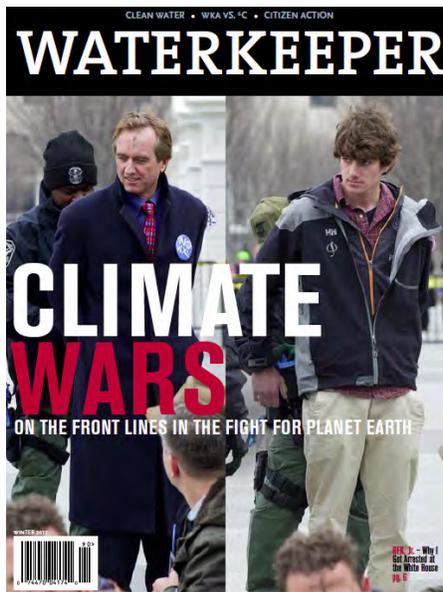
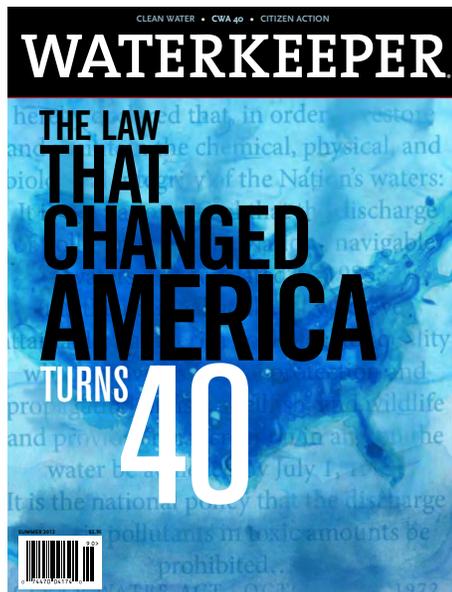


**“THE WATERS OF THE WORLD ARE UNDER HEAVY STRESS, BUT THE CONFERENCE LEFT ME WITH REASON TO HOPE FOR A BRIGHTER FUTURE. I WILL RETURN HOME ANXIOUS TO SPREAD THE WORD ABOUT THE MISSION OF WATERKEEPER ALLIANCE, AND I’M LOOKING FORWARD TO THE DAY WHEN EVERY BODY OF WATER ON EARTH HAS A WATERKEEPER.”**

— EMMETT DUKE, SASSAFRAS RIVERKEEPER, MARYLAND.

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A new approach to international environmental journalism putting readers on the front lines of the global water crisis, these are the stories you won't find anywhere else covered in such depth and uncompromising force.



## SWIMMABLE WATER WEEKEND

A global event connecting communities to their Waterkeepers and their local waterways.



Xiangyang locals (Xiangyang City of Hubei Province) in China celebrate their right to swimmable waters with Middle Han River Waterkeeper

### SWIM GUIDE APP



Built and powered by Waterkeepers to provide users with reliable water quality data.

THIS YEAR, MORE THAN 50 WATERKEEPERS HOSTED OVER 30 EVENTS IN 8 COUNTRIES

THROUGH ON THE WATER EVENTS AND SOCIAL MEDIA ENGAGEMENT, SWW REACHED MORE THAN A MILLION PEOPLE





Waterkeeper Alliance executive director Marc Yaggi with son Jack after paddling in the Splash event on the Hackensack River

**Dear clean water supporters,**

As you have seen and read in this report, our team is undertaking herculean efforts and making waves of progress toward our vision of swimmable, drinkable, fishable waterways. The work in this report is just the tip of the iceberg. I am so proud of their efforts and firmly believe we have the most cohesive and talented team in Waterkeeper Alliance history. On top of that, we are fortunate to have the best grassroots advocates in the world - our Waterkeepers. As of this writing, 214 Waterkeepers are found in 24 countries and collectively patrol and protect more than 1.5 million square miles of watersheds.

Moving into 2014, we need your support to strengthen and grow the Waterkeeper movement and win these critical battles.

**THE BATTLES AHEAD WILL NOT BE WON EASILY, BUT WE WILL NOT STOP FIGHTING UNTIL EVERYONE AROUND THE WORLD HAS ACCESS TO THE CLEAN WATER THAT THEY DESERVE.**

To help us achieve our goals and support our growing movement, Waterkeeper Alliance will use your donations towards:

- Increasing our Waterkeepers' access to resources, tools, and technologies;
- Continuing to develop and execute high-impact, cutting-edge advocacy, legal, and scientific work on issues that affect our waterways from pollution to climate change;
- Creating and supporting events that connect community members to their local waterway and reinforce the community's right to clean water for swimming, drinking, and fishing;
- Advocating for a clean water and clean energy future that improves our health and fosters prosperity for all;
- Building an army of Waterkeeper organizations and supporters across the globe.

**WE ASPIRE TO HAVE A WATERKEEPER ORGANIZATION ON EVERY WATERWAY IN THE WORLD, AND WE ARE WORKING EVERYDAY TO MAKE THAT A REALITY. AS WE CONTINUE TO GROW, WE ARE DEDICATED TO STAYING TRUE TO OUR ROOTS BY ENSURING THAT THE WATERKEEPER MODEL THRIVES WORLDWIDE.**

Everyone has a right to swim in their local waterway without fear of getting sick from swimming in sewage; everyone has a right to drink from their local water resource without fear of drinking toxins; and everyone has a right to catch and eat a fish without fear of mercury poisoning. As a Waterkeeper Alliance supporter, you are critical to realizing these rights.

**I INVITE YOU TO JOIN US IN THIS FIGHT AND MAKE THE COMMITMENT TO STAND UP FOR EVERYONE'S RIGHT TO SWIMMABLE, DRINKABLE, FISHABLE WATER.**

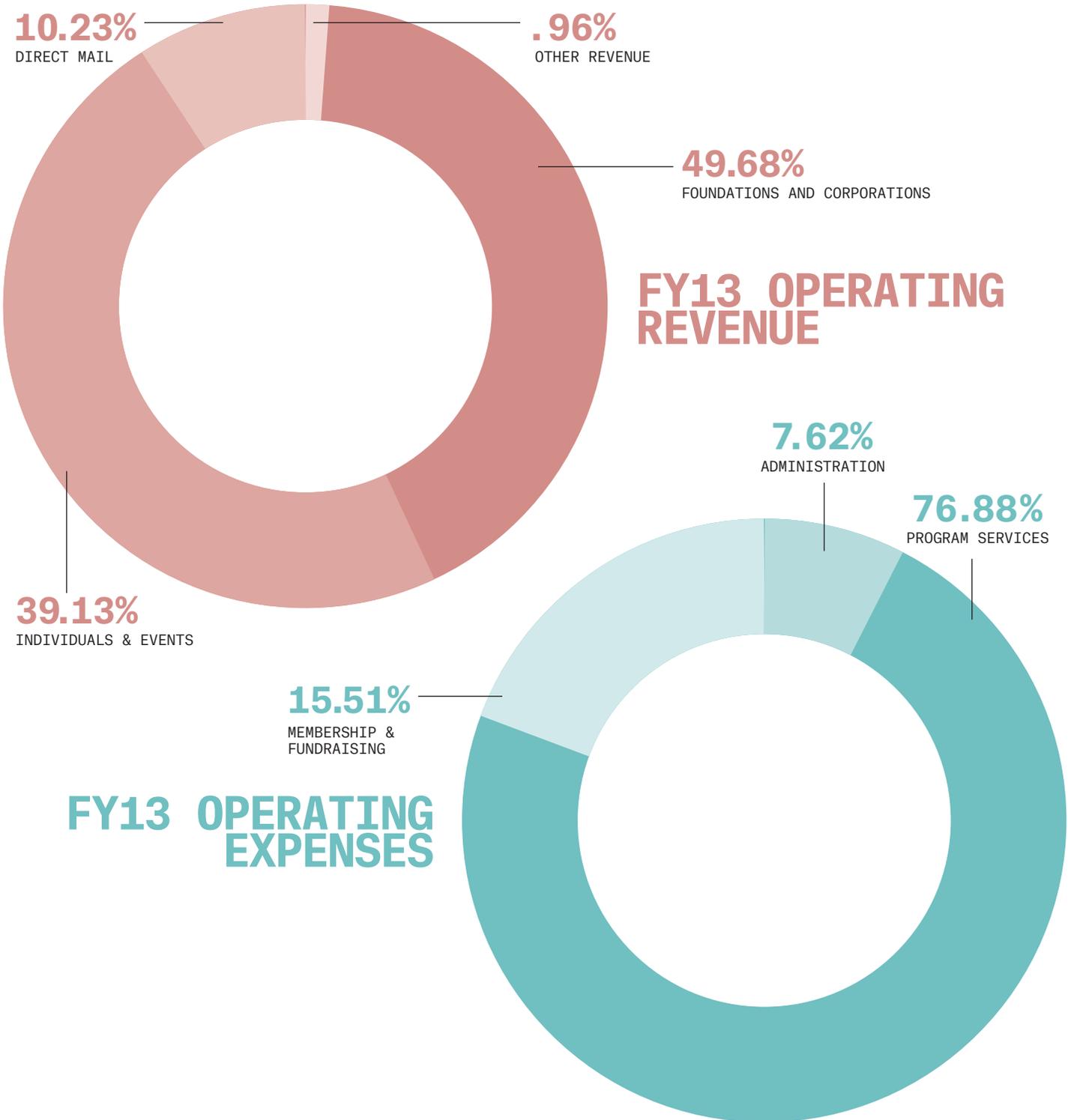
Thank you for your support.

**To clean water,**

**Marc Yaggi  
Executive Director**



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on the water

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