

Tides Foundation

Frontline Justice Fund

2023 Annual Report



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The Frontline Justice Fund is a Tides Foundation environmental grantmaking initiative that equips communities impacted by climate change and environmental hazards with the critical resources they need to take on big polluters in the courtroom and beyond.

Looking back on 2023, we are proud of the Frontline Justice Fund’s work to move more than \$4 million in funding to support environmental justice community-based organizations on two fronts. First, we have stayed true to our original mission that focuses on resourcing organizations using litigation and regulatory advocacy to ensure that local communities secure a healthy environment and livable, sustainable community — from fighting the expansion of petrochemical industries to organizing local opposition to a gas pipeline in a community’s backyard.

Second, in response to the historic influx of government funding from the Inflation Reduction Act, the Bipartisan Infrastructure Act, and the Justice 40 Initiative, we responded to the moment by providing funding to organizations so they could guarantee equitable access to these rare and much-needed federal programs and dollars.

Below we invite you to learn more about our grantee partners and their challenges and successes. The handful of grantee profiles included here highlight the diversity of community approaches to organizing around environmental justice. Our full list of approved grants in 2023 can be found at the end of the report.

Who We Are



We believe that a just and equitable future can exist only when communities who have been historically denied power have the social, political, and economic power they need to create it.

To make that a reality, we work in deep partnership with doers and donors to center the leadership of changemakers from these communities, connecting them to services, capacity building, and resources to amplify their impact.

Our values influence all that we do, from cultivating deep partnerships with movement leaders and helping donors shift resources to advancing the crucial work of justice and equity.

Everything we do at Tides is in service of helping leaders on the ground move us all toward a just and equitable future. We partner with individuals and organizations committed to shifting the social sector toward more equitable norms and practices, and provide equity-focused services ranging from operational support and grantmaking to donor advised funds and more.



Photo: 7 Directions of Service

TIDES-Led Initiatives

Our pooled grantmaking funds are organized to support the most critical social justice work, whether it's nimbly responding to frontline climate justice leaders, organizing for the health of our democracy, investing in the storytelling power of immigrant communities, or making long-term investments in the power and voice of girls and women of color, and their allies. Established in 2019, Tides initiatives channel funding directly to the bold visionaries on the ground who are devoting their lives to addressing deeply rooted injustices.

Embracing the practices and principles of trust-based philanthropy, we work with movement leaders and donor networks to identify the most impactful strategies to support communities on the frontlines, including rapid response grants that cover urgent needs, multiyear funding commitments that foster growth and sustainability, and participatory grantmaking that involves communities in decision making.

Through our initiatives, we leverage the collective power of multiple donors to supercharge their donation — and their impact. From 2019–2023, \$100 million in funding has been granted through [our six Tides-led initiatives](#), supporting 350-plus grantee partners both within and outside the United States.



Frontline Justice Fund (FJF)

The Frontline Justice Fund is a Tides Foundation grantmaking initiative launched in 2022 focused directly on supporting frontline community groups who are fighting for environmental and climate justice through legal and regulatory advocacy. FJF bolsters these groups by ensuring they have the resources they need to succeed and thrive beyond the courtroom. Using a participatory grantmaking model and governed by an Independent Advisory Committee of environmental justice leaders, FJF acknowledges the personal risk and financial toll of prolonged legal battles undertaken by community groups fighting entrenched perpetrators of the climate crisis. The Frontline Justice Fund is designed to protect, repair, and prepare communities to confront environmental and climate legal battles in the short and long term by providing access to rapid response or multiyear funding to cover non-legal costs associated with mounting and sustaining successful advocacy campaigns.

Launched in 2022, the Tides Foundation Frontline Justice Fund (FJF) provides grants to groups representing communities who are living with and fighting against toxic pollution, the fallout from climate disasters, and the looming threat of new and expanding oil pipelines,



Photo: GASP

mines, petrochemical plants, and other dangerous and destructive projects. In concert with public mobilization, leveraging the power of the law with highly impacted community-based plaintiffs is by far the most compelling pathway in advancing equitable environmental protections and safeguards. By directing funding to under-resourced communities that are using legal advocacy to address environmental degradation and injustice, we can help to secure the rights of people and nature and create durable and impactful systemic change so that all can thrive.

2023 Funding Priorities

- Groups engaged in (or anticipate engaging in) legal or regulatory actions designed to fight existing or proposed extractive industry infrastructure projects that threaten the health, safety, and well-being of frontline communities (e.g., pipelines, oil and gas, petrochemicals, mining).
- Groups that are leveraging legal, regulatory, and/or legislative advocacy to access or enforce recent federal infrastructure funding and policies to ensure equitable distribution of investments to under-resourced communities.
- Chronically underfunded regions, especially the Southeast, Gulf South/TX, the Southwest, and Appalachia/the Ohio River Valley.
- Groups that face systemic barriers to resources and opportunities.
- Grassroots and frontline organizations with an organizational and/or climate program budget less than or close to \$2 million.

Our Approach

- Flexible, unrestricted general operating and project support grants to contribute to the sustainability of frontline environmental and climate justice organizations.
- Provide rapid-response grants to cover urgent legal battles and multiyear grants on a case-by-case basis to help groups thrive for the long-term.
- Funding decisions through a participatory grantmaking model designed to work directly in partnership with frontline groups, leaders, and activists.
- Trust-based philanthropy practices that are accessible, transparent, and responsive. The FJF seeks to apply the 6 Practices of Trust-Based Grantmaking to address the inherent power imbalances between funders and grant recipients.
- Partner closely with national and regional environmental litigation groups to ensure grantmaking aligns with larger legal campaigns and strategies.
- Draw upon Tides' nearly 50 years of experience working hand-in-hand with movement leaders and grassroots environmental and social justice organizations.

*To learn more about our approach to grantmaking, see [Tides Grantmaking Best Practices](#)

By the Numbers

In 2023, the
Frontline Justice
Fund made

\$4.1
million
in grants



Photo: GASP

37 organizations

in 17 states, the District of Columbia,
and Puerto Rico.

Governance

The Frontline Justice Fund is a Tides collective action fund led by an Independent Advisory Committee with members deeply rooted in both the environmental justice movement and community-based work.

Their voices are essential to a participatory grantmaking process that prioritizes accessibility, transparency, and responsiveness.



Meet the Independent Advisory Committee

Movement Leaders



Angela Mahecha
Environmental Justice Movement Fellowship at the Tishman Environment and Design Center



Douglas Cox
Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin



Jacqueline Patterson
Chisholm Legacy Project: A Resource Hub for Black Frontline Climate Justice Leadership



Maria Lopez-Nuñez
Ironbound Community Corporation

Photo:
7 Directions
of Service

Funders



Ash McNeely
Pacific Foundation Services



Peter Martin
Tides Foundation

7 Directions of Service

North Carolina

It's hard to understand why the elected officials of the North Carolina legislature would override a gubernatorial veto in order to make it easier to extend the notorious Mountain Valley Pipeline (MVP).

The proposed Southgate extension will disrupt sacred Indigenous spaces and endanger the water and ecosystem that sustain North Carolinians. How do legislators explain to their constituents that the legislation they pushed through will, in the words of the governor who vetoed it, "result in dirtier water, discriminatory permitting, and threats to North Carolina's environment." "What we found out," says Crystal Cavalier-Keck, co-founder of 7 Directions of Service (7DS), a grassroots organization of movement bridge-builders and educators working to stop the Mountain Valley Pipeline Southgate extension, "is that people don't know. It's always been really hush-hush."





Because of this, Cavalier-Keck says that 7DS is focusing on awareness and education. Perhaps because of the resistance they were able to create in her immediate community, the proposed route of the pipeline recently changed. It will no longer go through Alamance County, North Carolina, where Cavalier-Keck was born and still lives on Occaneechi-Saponi land. The new route that the MVP's directors proposed would cut the pipeline length, but it would be larger and carry more gas and end in North Carolina's Rockingham County. But 7DS is not simply a "not in our backyard" organization: It doesn't want anyone's water contaminated nor their lands disturbed.

"We are planning a water walk that is going to follow the route of the pipeline," Cavalier-Keck says, "and end in Rockingham County. We're starting to door-knock in Rockingham. We invited the community to come to watch a movie screening about pipelines, as well as talk about what are the effects on water in your community."

While Cavalier-Keck has always been involved in supporting her community, she had to shift somewhat to fight the pipeline. She was an elected tribal council woman for the Occaneechi Band of the Saponi Nation when she started to speak out against the pipeline. "I was told that I couldn't speak out because I was an elected official. So I resigned my position so I could fight the pipeline in the community because we lived in the community."

Cavalier-Keck and her co-director and husband, Jason Crazy Bear Keck, work full time with 7 Directions of Service. Like so many of these grassroots activists, many of the team members are volunteers, in essence working two jobs in order to protect their communities. In addition to supporting leadership development, communication efforts and travel budgets, support from Tides will help provide stable salaries and health insurance to team members.

The effort to bring the Indigenous-led Rights of Nature Movement to North Carolina is a long haul, according to 7DS. "We're going to lay down some prayers at the beginning of the path of the MVP, where the main line is," Cavalier-Keck says about the water walk. "If we could stop the main line, then we can definitely stop the Southgate portion."

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Cherokee Concerned Citizens

Mississippi

It's called the singing river, the water that flows through the city of Pascagoula, Mississippi. Legend holds that it is so called for the songs the peace-loving Pascagoula people sang as they walked into it to avoid warring with the Biloxi tribe. It's a freshwater river that flows into salt: the Gulf of Mexico and the Mississippi Sound. In other words, it's part of what makes Pascagoula a lovely place to retire, Barbara Weckesser thought, until the gritty black dust began covering the inside and outside of her home in the neighborhood known as Cherokee Forest.

When she called the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) to report and inquire about the dust in 2011, Weckesser says she was told that she was the only one reporting it. But a few streetside conversations alerted her to the truth, so she gathered a coterie of her neighbors in her living room, and from this initial gathering grew the Cherokee Concerned Citizens, a group of people determined to fight back against the health ramifications of living down the road from seven industrial factories: The soot that alerted them was a tangible manifestation of the toxins infiltrating the air and the presence of contaminants that would soon coat their lovely river.

Individually, the residents were gaslighted and not just by the MDEQ, but by the local government and corporate investigators. "The mayor told us that our responses were just 'a feeling,'" Weckesser says. After numerous complaints, one company sent someone to test the air. According to Weckesser, the investigator denied any contamination, telling her and other residents that the undeniable smell might be someone in their neighborhood "cooking meth," the memory of which still infuriates her.

They noticed that respiratory problems, hospitalizations, cancer diagnoses, and even deaths seemed to be increasing and, realizing they had to compile proof of the toxic matter themselves, Weckesser and other residents engaged in citizen science, ordering and paying for their own testing kits to provide evidence after being gaslighted for so long.





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The funds from Tides will enable the Cherokee Concerned Citizens to start funding the data collection themselves. But now the residents are tired, Weckesser says of her small frontline neighborhood. Although they plan to continue working with outside scientists and activists to compile hard proof, she says, "Most of us want to relocate somewhere else. Take this little section which only has 120 houses in it, clear this out, take this and turn this into green space. Build a buffer back to save the subdivision that abuts us."

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Comité Diálogo Ambiental (Diálogo)

Puerto Rico

Comité Diálogo Ambiental (Diálogo) is based on the south side of the island of Puerto Rico where two towns, Salinas and Guayama, sandwich Jobos Bay, a tropical estuary with a thriving ecosystem that includes coral reefs, mangrove forests, and endangered hawksbill sea turtles. Its grounds were acquired by the island's Department of Natural and Environmental Resources in 1981, which would seem to bring increased protection, but for 25 years, Diálogo — a collection of community activist organizations in the area — has had to fight to protect their environment.

In 2011, and again in 2021, Diálogo joined with other community groups to file successful complaints proving that the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency were not protecting Jobos Bay and the rest of the southern Puerto Rican community from debilitating construction and water pollution. In their latest salvo, Diálogo filed a 2023 lawsuit against the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) alleging that it and other defendants “prepared flawed environmental assessments of the impacts of using federal disaster aid to repair, reconstruct, and relocate Puerto Rico’s fossil fuel-based electricity infrastructure after hurricanes.”

Roberto José Thomas-Ramírez, who serves as general coordinator of Diálogo, says that the Puerto Rican government is again permitting commodification and ill-thought construction on what should be the people's land.

"The government is trying to impose a supposed alternative: solar farms. They are taking, for example, 250 acres of our best agricultural lands," Thomas-Ramírez says. We are having the problem that when it rains, all the water that falls creates flooding in our communities because there's no vegetation stopping the water between the community and the solar projects."

Diálogo was a trailblazer in pushing Puerto Rico to reduce reliance on fossil fuels and instead utilize its huge supply of solar energy. But it believes that this is best done by using the existing structures and leaving ownership in the hands of the community with local rooftop solar to avert further environmental degradation. "This will give us power because we're going to be part of the energy production; we're going to be direct shareholders of the energy production in Puerto Rico."

Thomas-Ramírez says that education is an important part of the process: The communities were not expecting the first government-imposed solar farms and wondered why jobs didn't follow but it seemed like increased flooding did. "We are doing meetings street by street around the community, trying to give information and create conversation within the community," he says. Diálogo is also making alliances with communities in the same area and across the island to promote a more environmentally prudent production of solar energy.

Funds from Tides will support these community efforts as well as the legal and regulatory advocacy that Diálogo has used so effectively. "We use every strategy that we have in hand to promote people organizing and build power," says Diálogo board member Luis Calderon.



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GASP/Greater-Birmingham Alliance to Stop Pollution

Alabama

GASP, the Greater-Birmingham Alliance to Stop Pollution, has had several iterations, but the current one could be called GASP for the future. Latrice Dudley and Jilisa Milton, two black women, assumed leadership in 2023 and are putting their distinct stamp on an organization that began forcing Birmingham, Alabama's industrial plants to comply with the nascent federal Clean Air Act more than 50 years ago.

From its founding, Birmingham was one of the largest iron and steel producers in the United States, and those companies were integral in creating the city. Says Milton, "Communities of color were literally built to live near and work at facilities."

Milton is a social worker and attorney who co-founded Black Lives Matter Birmingham Chapter. Her co-leadership of GASP coincided with the filing of a 2023 federal lawsuit against Bluestone Coke, a plant owned and operated by the governor of West Virginia (and now U.S. Senate candidate), James "Jim" Justice II, and his son in a primarily Black neighborhood of the city.

Coke is a material made from heating coal and is one of the raw materials needed to create iron. In 2021, the Bluestone facility went idle, but it still has a permit to discharge wastewater into Five Mile Creek, which flows into the Black Warrior River. According to Bluestone's own reports, 392 times it has discharged pollutant levels that exceed what its permit allows. In addition, it has discharged pollutants at times and locations that are not permitted.

In 2022, GASP helped force Bluestone to sign a consent decree that required it to pay a penalty of nearly \$1 million for polluting primarily Black neighborhoods in Jefferson County. Bluestone owes nearly \$300,000 still and accrues a fine of \$1,000 per day, yet it continues to discharge waste. The new 2023 suit supported by Tides Frontline Justice Fund takes on this alleged violation of the Clean Water Act.



In addition to the lawsuit, GASP is working to increase protections for all of Birmingham. Milton mentions the community's fatigue after a local basketball star turned legislator (since convicted) was paid by the owner of another coke producer, ABC Coke, to convince residents of north Birmingham and its surroundings not to have their soil tested for harmful toxins.

The fatigue of people who have been fighting so long can be exploited in these ways, Milton says. "When you think about the history of Birmingham, what they've experienced in their communities in this deep segregation to tighten it, you can see when you are engaging in talking about solutions how connected to place people are. That either presents as 'I don't want to leave my house, this is my house,' or it presents as 'I'm just so done.'"

As a new Black leader, Milton and her co-director are determined to overcome this disillusionment and justifiable mistrust. "We say we are from this area and we care about this," she says. "We're having to engage in a different way."

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River Valley Organizing

Ohio

When a Norfolk Southern freight train carrying hazardous materials derailed in the village of East Palestine, Ohio, in February 2023, Amanda Kiger, founder and executive director of River Valley Organizing (RVO), knew what might be coming.

For years Heritage Thermal Services, a waste disposal plant in East Liverpool, a small Ohio city about 20 miles south of East Palestine, has been accepting basically any kind of waste — medical, cosmetic, industrial — and burning it barely a street away from people’s homes. Heritage is infamous for its many violations of the Clean Air Act: It was proven to have released so many toxins that in 2022 it entered a consent decree to reduce toxic emissions with the Environmental Protection Agency. The federal judge presiding over the agreement noted that even as the consent decree was awaiting approval, Heritage was continuing its toxic emissions and expressed skepticism that Heritage would adhere to the terms. Kiger agrees. In 2023, she witnessed Heritage bringing in toxic soil from the East Palestine disaster.

The chemical that the train was carrying when it derailed, vinyl chloride, is known to cause cancer. East Palestine residents were warned by the state’s governor that their lives were at stake if they remained in the area in the days after the derailment. But then some of that contaminated soil was brought to Heritage.

“They were in a parking lot setting it outside with tarps that were flopping in the wind — flopping! And this dirt was literally being blown around this neighborhood that’s already getting put upon by the carcinogens that come out of that incinerator. It’s just crazy,” Kiger says.

East Liverpool, where RVO is based, is also known for being routed by opioid abuse and for its poverty. It may





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be that the corporations thought the residents wouldn't have time to focus on industrial pollution in their midst. But poor does not mean unempowered, and Kiger is determined that they will band together to reclaim their air and their health.

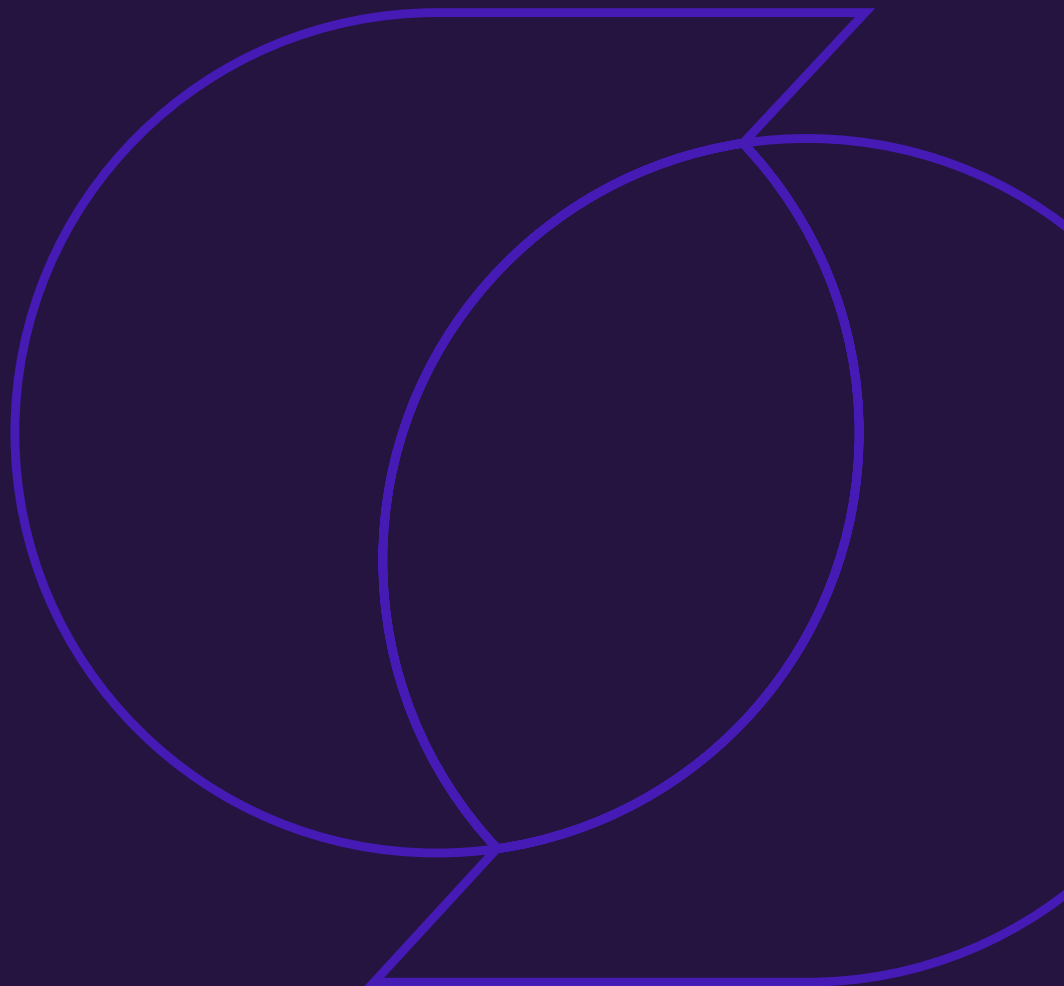
Kiger says she reached back into the 1970s for one of River Valley Organizing's core operational models. "We do the Service to Power model after the Black Panthers. Instead of serving down like a social work model, you serve across and build up the community. So you're serving and you're serving people in the power, building that power." RVO tackles environmental justice, mass incarceration, public safety, drug policy, and works to increase civic engagement.

The funds from Tides will help RVO in its quest for Medicare for life for everyone touched by the East Palestine disaster and Heritage's many years of toxic emissions. RVO also canvasses 52 weeks a year, according to Kiger. Tides' support will help pay their canvassers, which in East Liverpool, where more than a quarter of people live in poverty, is meaningful.

"We really try to fight to get folks civically engaged and take their space at their table. This is our town, this is our space. We're allowed to speak on it. And then that builds up the community's pride. We don't want a seat at the table — this is our table!" Kiger says. "We get all the seats."

The Frontline Justice Fund is profoundly grateful to our philanthropic partners who are responding to the urgency of the climate crisis and advancing equity and justice by resourcing frontline organizations entrenched in critical legal and regulatory battles. With your support, these frontline champions will win important victories for their communities that will serve as a wake-up call to our state, national, and international leaders.

We thank you.



Frontline Justice Fund 2023 Approved Grants

The grant recipients of the Frontline Justice Fund represent a breadth of environmental and climate justice advocacy and organizing efforts and were chosen for their depth of commitment to their communities. They are working across geographical and perceived borders and intersecting issues to achieve their vision – and our human right – for safe, healthy, and sustainable environments.

ALASKA

Alaska Institute for Justice akijp.org

Promoting and protecting the human rights of all Alaskans including immigrants, refugees and Alaska Native communities.

Native Conservancy nativeconservancy.org

Empowering Alaska Native peoples to permanently protect and preserve endangered habitats on their ancestral homelands.

Southeast Alaska Indigenous Transboundary Commission seitc.org

A consortium of 15 Tlingit, Haida, and Tsimshian Nations defending the transboundary rivers and ways of life from the rapidly expanding mining development occurring in the Canadian headwaters.

ARIZONA

Chispa Arizona chispaaz.org

Supporting Arizona's Latinx communities to grow political power and civic engagement for environmental justice.

International Indian Treaty Council iitc.org

Provides information, networking, and training for Indigenous communities to address the severe health, environmental, and human rights impacts of toxic pesticides, persistent organic pollutants, mercury, mining, and other extractive industries.

CALIFORNIA

Californians for Pesticide Reform pesticidereform.org

A statewide coalition of more than 190 organizations to shift pesticide use in California by challenging the powerful political and economic forces opposing healthy, positive change.

Coalition For A Safe Environment cfase.org

CSE works on many fronts in their fight for environmental justice: international-trade marine ports, the goods movement, transportation corridors, distribution centers, and petroleum and energy industries.

People's Collective for Environmental Justice pc4ej.org

Fighting for environmental justice and challenging the cultural and systemic roots of white supremacy.

COLORADO

Black Parents United Foundation

blackparentsunitedfoundation.org

Developing policies that will improve air quality in the Aurora, North Denver, and Commerce City areas.

GEORGIA

Georgia Conservation Voters Education Fund gcvedfund.org

Advocating for environmental protection, organizing communities, and engaging in the democratic process.

Ogeechee Riverkeeper ogeecheeriverkeeper.org

Working to protect, preserve, and improve the water quality of the Ogeechee River Basin.

ILLINOIS

Men of Power-Women of Strength Inc.

facebook.com/mopwosinc

Provides workforce and employment education, as well as urban economic and agricultural development within the Southern Illinois, Kentucky, and Southeast Missouri tri-state area.

KENTUCKY

Kentucky Coalition

archive.kftc.org/about-us/kentucky-coalition

Supporting leadership development, grassroots organizing, and public policy advocacy in Kentucky, across the South, and in Appalachia.

LOUISIANA

Rise St. James risestjames.org

A faith-based grassroots organization fighting for environmental justice by working to defeat the proliferation of petrochemical industries in St. James Parish.

MINNESOTA

TakeAction Minnesota Education Fund

takeactionminnesota.org

Building a people-powered movement across the state for a government and economy that works for all.

MISSISSIPPI

Cherokee Concerned Citizens cherokeeconcernedcitizens.com

A fence-line community in Pascagoula, Mississippi, organized to protect the health and well-being of families and neighbors from exposure to industrial pollution.

NEW MEXICO

Concerned Citizens for Nuclear Safety nuclearactive.org

Working to protect all living beings and the environment from the effects of radioactive and other hazardous materials, now and in the future.

Tewa Women United tewawomenunited.org

Engaging in local, national, and international dialogue and activism on nuclear abolition, human rights, and the rights of our Earth Mother and Sky Father.

NORTH CAROLINA

7 Directions of Service 7directionsofservice.com

Advocating for legal Rights of Nature and developing a land, language, and cultural center based on traditional teachings.

Duplin County NAACP facebook.com/DuplinCountyNAACP

Ensuring the political, educational, social, and economic equality of rights of all persons and eliminating race-based discrimination.

Environmental Justice Community Action Network ejcan.org

EJCAN informs, educates, and empowers communities to confront environmental injustice by advocating for change.

Robeson County Cooperative for Sustainable Development

ncsurvivalschool.org/robeson-county-cooperative-for-sustainable-development-rccsd

Building a multiracial base of power to achieve just disaster recovery, climate justice, and a just economy in Robeson County.

OHIO

Campaign for Migrant Worker Justice cmwj.org

Working to support farmworkers for a more equitable agricultural system.

Ohio Organizing Collaborative ohorganizing.org

Building transformative relational power with everyday Ohians for statewide social, racial, and economic justice.

River Valley Organizing rivervalleyorganizing.org

Organizing local communities in the Appalachian Ohio River Valley to create systemic change in environmental justice, public safety, mass incarceration, drug policy, and civic engagement.

OREGON

Portland Harbor Community Coalition phccoalition.org

A collective of individuals and groups working to support and empower those most impacted by over 100 years of water and land pollution from heavy industrial activity in the Willamut or Wa' lúmt (Willamette River).

PENNSYLVANIA

One Pennsylvania onepa.org

A grassroots movement for racial, economic, and social justice in Pennsylvania.

Philly Thrive phillythrive.org

Organizing for environmental, racial, and economic justice in the poorest big city in the U.S.

RiverWise getriverwise.com/home

Organizing community power and voice so that all people, organizations, and communities in Beaver County can thrive.

PUERTO RICO

Comité Diálogo Ambiental/Iniciativa de Ecodesarrollo de Bahía de Jobs

facebook.com/idebajo.idebajo

Formed by a coalition of communities and citizen organizations concerned about social inequality and the protection of their natural and cultural heritage.

SOUTH CAROLINA

Phillips Community Association ourphillipscommunity.com

The Phillips Community Association works to protect, preserve, and restore the history and community connections of the Phillips Community.

TEXAS

Bayou City Waterkeeper bayoucitywaterkeeper.org

Houston-based organization focusing on water quality, wetlands protection, and flood mitigation across the region with an emphasis on climate resilience and environmental justice

Downwinders At Risk downwindersatrisk.org

Building a strong grassroots constituency and creating new strategies for clean air in North Texas.

East Harris County Empowerment Council

eastharriscounty.org

Building the capacity and advancing justice in the East Harris County region through the Climate and Environmental Advocacy Initiative.

Texas Freedom Network Education Fund

tfn.org

Training emerging grassroots leaders and activists on university and college campuses across the state through Texas Rising.

Texas Health and Environment Alliance, Inc. txhea.org

Building coalitions most impacted by toxic waste and holding polluters and government agencies accountable.

WASHINGTON, DC

Empower DC/District of Columbia Grassroots Empowerment Project empowerdc.org

Advancing racial, economic, and environmental justice by investing in the leadership and organized political power of DC's lowest income residents and communities.

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