

Tisconsin's economy, natural heritage, and the health of its people depend on clean water and fresh air. Despite that, many powerful special interests look for opportunities to erode environmental protections for the financial benefit from highly unsustain-

able practices. They may not care about Wisconsin's environment, but we do! And so do you and the many foundations, businesses, and individuals who supported Clean Wisconsin in 2016.

Clean Wisconsin had a successful year financially and programmatically.

In 2016, we doubled down on our legal work to



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protect our groundwater and halt efforts to erode environmental laws. Our science team showed the negative health and environmental impacts of harmful PAH's, and we pushed for local bans of that cancer-causing chemical. We helped advance important utility-scale pilot projects and energy policies in collaboration with individual utilities to protect our air and reduce Wisconsin's contribution to climate change. And we worked closely with Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District, neighbors, and local organizations throughout Southeast Wisconsin to install more green infrastructure projects to collect rain where it falls, preventing run-off and pollution from getting to inland waterways and Lake Michigan, or from flooding basements and city streets.

These are just a few things we did in 2016, in addition to being your voice for strong environmental protections in the state capitol and agencies.

We have ambitious plans for the future; those plans are possible through your support. And now more than ever before, we need your help! In short, thank you for all you've done for Clean Wisconsin.

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Looking Forward to 2017

Clean Wisconsin's work to protect our water, air, and natural resources has never been more vital. With our local and statewide allies, we'll work harder than ever to find meaningful and lasting solutions to the biggest challenges facing our fragile, but resilient environment. Our priorities for 2017 include:

Ending the Use of Tar-based Sealants

Tar-based pavement sealants are the primary source of toxic PAH pollution in urban landscapes. Those PAHs are harmful to human health, and hurt fish and other aquatic life in our lakes and rivers. Clean Wisconsin is a leading voice on this issue, and will continue to encourage municipalities and the state to find solutions to this challenge.

Standing for strong groundwater protections

Our groundwater continues to face multiple threats, both in terms of quality and quantity. In too many places across Wisconsin, the groundwater either isn't safe to drink, or there isn't enough to go around (or, sadly, both). As areas like Kewaunee County and the Central Sands face fundamental challenges to their groundwater, we're committed to being a leader in finding lasting solutions to safe and plentiful drinking water for all Wisconsin citizens.

Monitoring Waukesha's diversion plan

Over the summer, the Great Lakes Compact Council approved Waukesha's request to divert waters from Lake Michigan to meet its demand for water, despite significant issues with their request. As Waukesha and other stakeholders move ahead with the diversion process, we're keeping an eye on developments to ensure that Waukesha sticks to the provisions of approval to ensure that the integrity of the Great Lakes Compact remains strong.



2016 Success Stories

Since 1970, Clean Wisconsin has worked hard to defend our clean air, clean water and special places. Through the years, we've effectively done this by enacting or strengthening environmental policies; defending those policies when they are threatened; holding polluters and elected leaders accountable; and educating members, decision-makers and the public on the importance of protecting our natural resources. In 2016 we:

Fought to protect groundwater

In October, we filed nine lawsuits against the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources after the agency approved permits for high-capacity wells, despite agency findings that indicate these wells would harm to nearby waters. By granting these permits, the DNR abdicated its duty to the people of Wisconsin to protect the state's waters by not accounting for cumulative impacts to nearby lakes, rivers, and streams when issuing these permits. By filing these lawsuits, we're holding the DNR accountable to its constitutional responsibility to protect our water resources for everyone to use and enjoy.

Made progress on cleaning up groundwater

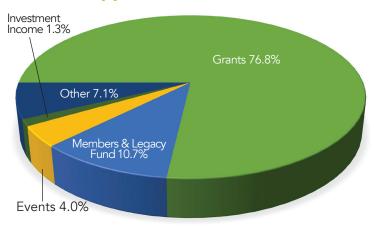
In July, a Dane County Circuit Court judge ruled that a confined animal feeding operation (CAFO) located in Kewaunee County is required to do regular groundwater monitoring for fecal contamination. Kewaunee County has long been plagued with water quality challenges, and we've advocated for DNR and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to address these challenges. This ruling is incremental progress towards finding real, lasting solutions for Kewaunee County residents who are constantly affected by contaminated drinking water.

Launched Take Back Your Meds Milwaukee

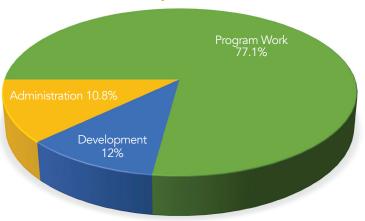
Clean Wisconsin teamed up with Milwaukee-area pharmacies, law enforcement, and public health organizations to form the Take Back Your Meds Milwaukee Coalition. This group is tasked with creating a network of prescription drop-off locations across the city. Encouraging responsible disposal of prescription drugs protects our kids by ensuring these drugs don't end up in the wrong hands and safeguards our waters—especially Lake Michigan—by keeping pharmaceuticals from being flushed down the toilet and into our waterways.

Fueled by your generosity

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2016 Total Expenses: \$1,836,287



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