Your voice. Your OEC.

Every day, the Ohio Environmental Council (OEC) works in partnership with other organizations and communities to challenge polluters and fight for clean water, clean air, and healthy communities. In response to the Trump Administration’s assault on our environment, Ohioans are speaking up and demanding that polluters be held accountable.

Polluters are under attack, but so is the environment. The OEC is working hard to ensure that the public’s voice is heard. The Ohio legislature attempted to pass a bill to bail out old, dirty coal plants by raising Ohioans’ electric bills. The OEC was successful in preventing the bill from passing. We are anticipating a 2024 legislative session to stall costly bailouts of dirty coal plants in Ohio, the OEC and its family of organizations held a regional campaign to protect Ohio’s environment. The work resulted in news coverage that Lake Erie communities don’t want to wait any longer for real action on toxic algae. Your Ohio Environmental Council is one of the few organizations in the state with a regional field staff. The OEC is a careful steward of your generosity.

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**CLEAN WATER**

The OEC celebrates World Water Day this year by shining a spotlight on Lake Erie’s continued toxic algae crisis. The Ohio Environmental Council participates in environmental conferences on the lakes’ behalf at Erie in Toledo and on Lake Huron.

**CLEAN ENERGY**

The OEC is pursuing critical clean energy laws, working with the OEC Executive Director and Governor Dick Celeste in 2009 to establish Ohio’s cap-and-trade program. The state legislature attempted to wrestle this power away from Gov. Kasich by removing $400 million from the 2018 budget to fund university lands for oil and gas development has effectively been off the table. The Ohio Legislature laid the foundation for oil and gas leasing in Ohio’s parks and forests, but the voters ultimately voted to keep the methane protections in place, dealing the Trump Administration its first legislative defeat. This victory means that places like the Wayne National Forest will be better preserved and protected from methane pollution. While public lands are ultimately owned by all of us, we are effectively leasing these natural resources through leasing on federal lands. The OEC has been a steady advocate for protecting all Ohio waterways since our creation in 1969. Thanks to our generous funders and donors, the Ohio Environmental Council is one of the few organizations in the state with a regional field staff. The OEC is using cutting-edge tools and messaging tactics to reach Ohioans who care about the environment, but have not been meaningfully engaged to protect it. The OEC family of organizations has launched a major effort to educate people through targeted digital ads, canvassing, phone banking, and direct mail. The OEC also works to educate and mobilize communities through digital and social media messages to key members of the legislature. As a result, the bills will only continue to advance in the face of strong opposition from the Ohio Environmental Council.

**CLEAN AIR**

In 2019, the OEC intervened in AEP’s Electric Security Plan extension case, and worked directly with AEP and other parties to come to an agreement that will boost clean energy. The Ohio Environmental Council uses many different tools to help fight for a healthy environment, including direct mail, online advertising, social media, and direct service. The OEC offered those looking to fight for a healthier planet a chance to work together and create a new law, challenging big polluters in court, organizing communities to stand up for a new law, challenging big polluters in court, organizing communities to stand up for a new law, and organizing communities to stand up for a new law. The OEC intervened in AEP’s Electric Security Plan extension case, and worked directly with AEP and other parties to come to an agreement that will boost clean energy. The Ohio Environmental Council uses many different tools to help fight for a healthy environment, including direct mail, online advertising, social media, and direct service. The OEC offered those looking to fight for a healthier planet a chance to work together and create a new law, challenging big polluters in court, organizing communities to stand up for a new law, and organizing communities to stand up for a new law. The OEC intervened in AEP’s Electric Security Plan extension case, and worked directly with AEP and other parties to come to an agreement that will boost clean energy. The Ohio Environmental Council uses many different tools to help fight for a healthy environment, including direct mail, online advertising, social media, and direct service. The OEC offered those looking to fight for a healthier planet a chance to work together and create a new law, challenging big polluters in court, organizing communities to stand up for a new law, and organizing communities to stand up for a new law. The OEC intervened in AEP’s Electric Security Plan extension case, and worked directly with AEP and other parties to come to an agreement that will boost clean energy. The Ohio Environmental Council uses many different tools to help fight for a healthy environment, including direct mail, online advertising, social media, and direct service. The OEC offered those looking to fight for a healthier planet a chance to work together and create a new law, challenging big polluters in court, organizing communities to stand up for a new law, and organizing communities to stand up for a new law. The OEC intervened in AEP’s Electric Security Plan extension case, and worked directly with AEP and other parties to come to an agreement that will boost clean energy. The Ohio Environmental Council uses many different tools to help fight for a healthy environment, including direct mail, online advertising, social media, and direct service. The OEC offered those looking to fight for a healthier planet a chance to work together and create a new law, challenging big polluters in court, organizing communities to stand up for a new law, and organizing communities to stand up for a new law. The OEC intervened in AEP’s Electric Security Plan extension case, and worked directly with AEP and other parties to come to an agreement that will boost clean energy.
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