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Ohio Environmental Council

# LIVING HISTORY, MAKING HISTORY

Advocating for a cleaner and healthier world isn't easy. But I find myself buoyed by an enduring gratitude for everyone who has supported the Ohio Environmental Council since we emerged in 1969. Certainly, we have all faced trying times over the last 50+ years. What carries us through is our commitment to pragmatic, science-based, and transparent advocacy for Ohio's environment.

In the spirit of transparency, I'd like to tell you about the making of this edition of GreenWatch. Originally, we planned to uplift the 50th anniversary of Earth Day with our theme of *Living History, Making History*. Although our world has drastically shifted since we wrote our initial drafts, we feel this theme remains just as poignant.

The first Earth Day was commemorated in 1970 against a backdrop of highly visible pollution: smoggy air, public lands littered with industrial waste, and oil-streaked rivers bursting into flame. Those who were living that history said, *no more*. Together, our neighbors and communities made history as they rose up and demanded sweeping policy changes to protect public health and our most important natural resources.

At the time of this newsletter's publication, in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, we are living history. And reflecting on the living history of the environmental movement offers a beacon of hope in times of crisis. We have weathered storms before; we will do it again.

If there's one thing the pandemic underscores, it's the critical importance of strong and sound science that protects clean air, clean water, and public health. My OEC colleagues and I continue to work—from our home offices

across the state—to do just that. We remain grateful for the chance to serve as the steady, trusted voice for environmental action Ohio needs.

But we know that the order to stay at home means different things for different people. Some Ohioans (including some of our staff) can't rely on clean water from their tap at home. Many Ohioans can't relieve the cabin fever of staying at home by going to their local park because they have no greenspace within walking distance. And many of us couldn't cast our ballots on Primary Election Day because the in-person voting process was upended.

Amidst these disruptions to clean water, greenspace, and our democracy, the OEC's mission has never been more important. Thanks to you, we're still fighting for the mission and values we have dedicated ourselves to for the past 50+ years. And we are more committed than ever to fight for healthier environments and healthier communities, all across Ohio.

Stay safe, be well, and thank you for all you do.

Yours in the fight,



**HEATHER TAYLOR-MIESELE**  
Executive Director

# REASONS FOR HOPE

What impact has the coronavirus had on our environment? What can the coronavirus crisis teach us about fighting climate change? In early April, Ohio Environmental Council Executive Director Heather Taylor-Miesle interviewed Bill McKibben on these very topics.

McKibben, an acclaimed author, educator, environmentalist, and co-founder of 350.org, shared the important parallels between flattening the COVID-19 curve and the urgency with which we must fight climate change. There were several lessons learned from our conversation: The world can shift quickly when we need to do so. Most people are willing to give things up for the people they love. Science works. Smart minds focused on a problem can accomplish big things.

During these chaotic times, the lessons we've learned from this conversation and our advocacy experiences across the state provide many reasons for hope:

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**Opting outside has become a routine for many.** As we see an increase in visits to Ohio's parks, preserves, and natural areas, I am hopeful that we see an increase in appreciation and stewardship of these important places.”  
 - **CAROL DAVEY**  
 OEC Southeast Ohio Regional Director  


“  
 From less polluted air to breathe, cleaner water resources to visit, and more wildlife sounds to tune into, many communities are experiencing environmental improvements. **Nature is resilient and can bounce back quickly if we let it.**”  
 - **DENA SICO**  
 OEC VP of Advancement  


“  
 This pandemic has starkly demonstrated how many Ohioans still lack water security due to costs that are rapidly increasing and inequitable. **As we move out of this crisis, we have the opportunity and responsibility to ensure Ohioans' right to water is met at all times.**”  
 - **MELANIE HOUSTON**  
 OEC Drinking Water Director  


“  
 Our spirit of community and connectedness is strong; **together we can accomplish great things!**”  
 - **ANNALISA ROCCA**  
 OEC Administrative Assistant  


“  
 Water is a basic human need. The City of Cleveland and its municipal utilities enacted a moratorium on water shutoffs and restoration of services to all customers, which will hopefully set the tone for **future positive engagement with local municipal utilities statewide on matters of water equity, access, and affordability.**”  
 - **KARLTON LASTER**  
 OEC Cleveland Metro Director  


“  
 As our communities come together, we're seeing how strong public health means stable incomes, healthy natural resources, and an abiding sense of community. **This emerging realization helps us better communicate about the connections between climate, health, and economy—which means a greater quality of life for all of us.**”  
 - **MJ ECKHOUSE**  
 OEC Communications Assistant  


“  
 Local communities are feeling the impact, in real time, of global challenges. **I'm hopeful this will help us motivate bolder action on climate change at the local, national, and global scale.**”  
 - **KRISTI BOGER**  
 OEC Grants Director  


“  
 We're in this together. That's got to be the underlying philosophy in the 21st century, faced with great environmental crises. **We're in this together and we can't solve any of these things by ourselves, but together we have a fighting chance.**”  
 - **BILL MCKIBBEN**  
 during our recent interview (see link below)  


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**The world has a better appreciation for data and expert opinion.** This will help us engage state decision makers on our science-based issues and hold them accountable.”  
 - **TRISH DEMETER**  
 OEC Chief of Staff  




To view our interview with Bill McKibben, please visit: [bit.ly/BillMcKibbenOEC](https://bit.ly/BillMcKibbenOEC)

# LOCALS LEAD THE WAY



**JOE FLARIDA**  
Power a Clean Future Ohio Executive Director

Over the past few weeks, I have been inspired by Ohioans mobilizing rapidly and working together to fight the novel coronavirus and save lives. I am inspired because I know that we are capable of employing a similarly aggressive, science-based, all-hands-on-deck approach to reduce carbon emissions and fight climate change.

In February, the Ohio Environmental Council joined leaders from across Ohio to launch Power a Clean Future Ohio, a bipartisan organization that is dedicated to working with local officials to develop equitable global climate change solutions.

We know that most climate action victories over the past several years have occurred in cities and counties where pragmatism and practical solutions drive decision-making. As the Executive Director of Power a Clean Future Ohio, I have witnessed Ohio leaders working together to reduce carbon emissions throughout Ohio in big and small ways that make the most sense for their communities. By amplifying these victories, sharing best practices and policies, and incentivizing action at the community level, we can fight the most devastating impacts of climate change on our communities.

Just as we launched the campaign, Athens became the first city in Ohio, and one of the very first in the Midwest, to declare a climate emergency. Athens City Council



passed the resolution with the strong support of the community, adding to the list of actions the city has taken to establish itself as a leader in local climate action in the U.S. The city has embraced this identity through its support of building local solar, supporting electric vehicle infrastructure, and completing energy efficiency projects.

In March, as all of our communities were beginning to grapple with the realities of COVID-19, we also saw Columbus continue the fight for environmental justice with the passage of an energy benchmarking ordinance. This will pave the way for the city to reduce its carbon footprint and ensure cleaner air and healthier futures for Columbus residents. The experience over the past several weeks has taught all of us that these things simply cannot wait.

As the saying goes, and as history is proving, we are stronger together. Together, we are building momentum for a clean, prosperous, and healthy future for all Ohioans.



To learn more about Power a Clean Future Ohio, please visit: [poweracleanfuture.org](http://poweracleanfuture.org)

## LEADING COMMUNITIES



Cincinnati has announced a solar project that would power 25% of the city's energy needs, making it the largest municipal solar array in the country.



Dayton is replacing all 5,000 of the streetlights it owns with energy-efficient, light-emitting diode (LED) fixtures as part of a special assessment program it implemented in 2014.



Known as the Glass City, Toledo was built on the industrial production of auto glass and glass bottles. In recent decades, Toledo has transitioned into becoming a pioneer in photovoltaic innovation and technology used in the production of solar panels. Since 2017, Glass City Community Solar (GCCS) has been working to identify new, innovative ways to bring solar energy to low-income neighborhoods in Toledo.



To read more about the success of Glass City Community Solar, visit: [theoec.org/blog](http://theoec.org/blog)

# GROWING THE NEXT GENERATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL LEADERS



**ALAINA McCLEERY**  
OEC Director of Individual Giving &  
Co-Chair Emerging Leaders Program

The Ohio Environmental Council Emerging Leaders program was created to fulfill a need in the Central Ohio community: a place for the next generation of environmental champions to come together to connect, learn, and grow as leaders in the movement.

A few years back, it became clear that some monthly event attendees were eager to deepen their involvement. They wanted to step into leadership themselves.

So in 2019, we launched the inaugural Emerging Leaders Council (ELC). This group of passionate, young leaders represent a range of sectors, professional levels, and backgrounds. The ELC builds on the program's core principles of issue education, connecting with peers, and taking action in our communities. Council members receive exclusive training on three skill areas: service, advocacy, and fundraising. These skills are important to careers or board roles across the environmental and non-profit sphere. ELC members execute three event-based projects where they can put their new skills into practice throughout the year-long program.

Our January 2020 event was an amazing capstone to the first year of the program. The 2019 ELC organized a Climate Forum with Columbus City Council Members Liz Brown, Rob Dorans, and Emmanuel Remy which was moderated by InsideClimate News reporter, Dan Gearino. We were particularly excited to hear the councilmembers talk about bold and exciting ideas like implementing community choice energy aggregation, expanding urban tree canopy cover, investing in clean energy, and making Columbus a welcoming community for climate change refugees. The event drew more than 100 young Central Ohioans eager to learn and support climate action in our city. Since this event, Mayor Ginther announced plans for the city to reach 100% renewable energy through aggregation by 2022. We thank the 2019 ELC team for their work to elevate climate change as a priority for Columbus.

In February, the ELC kicked-off the 2020 program year with its second ever cohort of 12 volunteers ready to learn and grow. We're excited to see how the 2020 ELC can build on last year's success and continue mobilizing the next generation of environmental champions!



Community members listen in at the Columbus Climate Forum



Members of the 2019 ELC at OEC's Green Gala



Members of the 2020 ELC at their kickoff retreat

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To sign up for OEC's Emerging Leaders updates, please visit: [theoec.org/emerging-leaders](https://theoec.org/emerging-leaders)

# YOUR FORESTS, YOUR VOICES, YOUR VICTORIES



## OEC, PARTNERS SCORE A MAJOR LEGAL WIN FOR THE WAYNE



**NATHAN JOHNSON**  
OEC Director of Public Lands

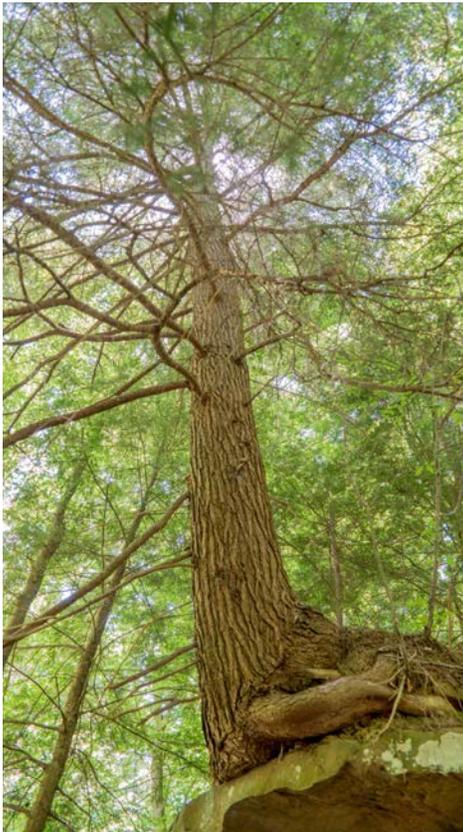
The Wayne National Forest is Ohio's only National Forest. Located in Southeast Ohio, and covering nearly one quarter of a million acres, the Wayne is Ohio's largest public space for outdoor recreation, for wildlife habitat, and for carbon storage. It's one of the best places in Ohio to "get away from it all."



When the U.S. Forest Service and U.S. Bureau of Land Management ignored significant environmental threats and put this beautiful forest on the market for fracking in 2016, the Ohio Environmental Council and our partners sued. For three years, we battled to protect the Wayne.

And in March 2020, a federal judge ruled in our favor writing that federal agencies failed to consider threats to public health, endangered species, and watersheds before trying to lease out 40,000 acres of forest area for oil and gas development.

This victory for Ohio's environment sets a key precedent emphasizing the fact that federal agencies must consider the impacts of fracking. For now, this ruling stops oil and gas development in the Wayne. And, since it requires the agencies to go back to the drawing board, it may stop fracking in the Wayne for many years to come.



Keeping fracking out of the Wayne is crucial. Oil and gas development would disrupt Ohio's only National Forest with roads, well pads, and gas lines. That kind of development would destroy endangered Indiana bat habitat, scar the forest, and threaten to pollute watersheds that support millions of people. Plus, this is a huge win — literally. For context, the 40,000 acres covered by this ruling is larger than Cuyahoga Valley National Park (Ohio's only national park) and measures approximately the size of 30,303 football fields.

You helped us achieve this significant victory. Supporters like you across Ohio, frontline communities in Southeast Ohio, and our legal partners, including the Center for Biological Diversity, the Sierra Club, and Heartwood, all played a key part in this victory. Together, we stopped fracking in its tracks and protected a significant portion of Ohio's only National Forest.



To learn more about this win for the Wayne, check out our interview with OEC's Public Lands Director, Nathan Johnson, please visit: [bit.ly/OECWayneWinInterview](https://bit.ly/OECWayneWinInterview)



## HOW AN UNLIKELY COALITION KEPT STRIP MINING OUT OF PERRY STATE FOREST



**CHRIS TAVENOR**  
OEC Staff Attorney

There are times when we must put aside differences to work where we have common ground, especially when we want to protect it.

In 2017, the Oxford Mining Company applied for a permit to strip mine 545 acres of Perry State Forest, about 20 miles southwest of Zanesville. Soon after, an unlikely coalition of nature enthusiasts, sustainable farmers, local residents, business owners, and ATV riders united around their goal of preserving the forest. Friends of Perry State Forest was born.

Ironically, the remnants of a former strip mining operation laid the groundwork for today's forest. Decades ago, in an era before modern reclamation regulations, a previous mine altered the natural landscape significantly. This left a uniquely rough terrain that's ideal for horseback riders as well as ATV and motorcycle enthusiasts. Visitors travel from all over the state and the world to ride the forest's challenging trails. These outdoor recreationists, along with hunters, hikers, and campers,

visit Perry State Forest regularly, providing a substantial boost to the region's economy. Local farmers and neighboring homeowners are attracted to the area for the quality of life the forest provides, creating jobs and growing the local tax base.

The potential impacts on these local residents were a prominent piece of the opposition to the proposed mine. When it became clear state officials weren't listening, the Ohio Environmental Council joined forces with Friends of Perry State Forest and community members to protect the treasured Ohio forest from the devastating impacts of strip mining. We appealed a water permit in early 2019, to push back against the proposed mine.

Together, from the courthouse to the front page, we painted a picture of how much value the forest offers the community. We highlighted everything from the tourist dollars supporting the local economy to the deeper dividends of families bonding in the splendor of nature, right in their

backyards. On January 30, 2020, the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency announced it would terminate the key permit for the proposed coal mine, bringing this project one step closer to termination.

Lauren Ketcham, a local farmer and member of Friends of Perry State Forest noted, "This is a huge victory for our community and our forest. This project cast a dark shadow over our farm and the businesses and homes of our neighbors for more than two years. The state heard from more than 1,000 citizens who spoke loud and clear that they didn't want to see our public forest handed over to a private company to be destroyed. This is a great example of how local community organizing can make a positive impact. We came together with a common love for the forest, put aside differences, shared our unique strengths, and stood up for something important, even when the deck seemed so stacked against us."

To read more about our Perry State Forest victory, please visit: [theoec.org/blog](https://theoec.org/blog)



### WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

For now, we're celebrating these wins while looking ahead. OEC's Public Lands team remains focused on expanding protections for our forests. Meanwhile, our Energy team continues to build on the momentum we're seeing in cities and towns across Ohio, where local leaders are excited to invest in sustainable industries. As the coal industry wanes and Ohio's former coal towns grapple with their economic future, the OEC and our sister organization, the OEC Action Fund, will continue advocating for policies that support these areas. A just transition can offer career opportunities in renewable energy while meaningfully addressing the impacts of climate change. Getting to a future that protects our people, our environment, and our economy may seem a tall order, but victories like this one remind us that our movement is part of a decades-long momentum of environmental progress. We are grateful that, with all your help, we're able to be a part of it!

# TAKING CARE OF EACH OTHER



**ALEXIS SMITH**

Junction Coalition Youth Program Director

Junction Coalition is a neighborhood community based organization built on four pillars of justice: social justice, economic justice, environmental justice, and peace education. There are over 7,000 residents in the neighborhood that stretches from Toledo's Dorr St. to Collingwood and from Brown to the Anthony Wayne Trail—an area once known as the Onyx area.

This neighborhood coalition was created to give voice and advocacy to the most vulnerable populations of the Junction community, many of which fall within low socioeconomic status. Challenges that are faced within the community include food insecurities, substandard living conditions, high rates of vacant properties and homes, concerns of safety and violence, and lack of investment within small businesses that still exist in the neighborhood. All of these challenges are areas that are linked to lack information, resources, and opportunity. Members of the coalition are residents of the community and anchor institutions committed to a better quality of life—building on the idea of neighbors helping neighbors.

It is proven that when residents are provided the tools and knowledge collectively, they are empowered and capable of sustaining their own communities. Neighborhood partners are invited to monthly meetings to help bridge the gap between lack of opportunity and information and the residents who need it most.

Some of the projects that Junction has been focused on include ensuring that the streets of the neighborhoods are sufficiently lit, turning vacant lots into beautiful green usable spaces to provide stormwater management, feeding of elders and community members, and engaging youth in creative and emotional expression outreach through restorative justice practices. Junction Coalition also works to ensure that residents have resources and information to rehabilitate homes, as well as support towards becoming homeowners.

Most recently Junction's focus has been on addressing the increasing water rates within the city of Toledo that impact families living in poverty. The Junction community



champions the idea that water is life and ensuring affordable access to clean safe drinking water is a necessary fight.

All of the work done by the community is interconnected. Ensuring access to clean, affordable water is essential to everyone especially our nursing mothers, families with children, and our senior citizens who need to take their medication. Living in an older neighborhood where there is aged and failing infrastructure exposes residents to pollutants such as lead in pipes, lead in paint, and asbestos on a regular basis. These pollutants pose serious threats to public health. If inhaled or ingested, residents can become seriously ill and develop ailments that could potentially lead to death. Children become susceptible to cognitive disabilities after having exposure to lead which has been tied to their behavioral and academic performance in and outside of school. Investing in our small business owners, especially minority business owners, enriches the overall economic health of the community as many of our small business owners live in the Junction area. Access to information gives life to the opportunities necessary to not just build, but also sustain a community.

When the challenges are addressed as interconnected problems, and not isolated disparities, the impact on the lives of all the people living in our community will be able to resonate for generations.

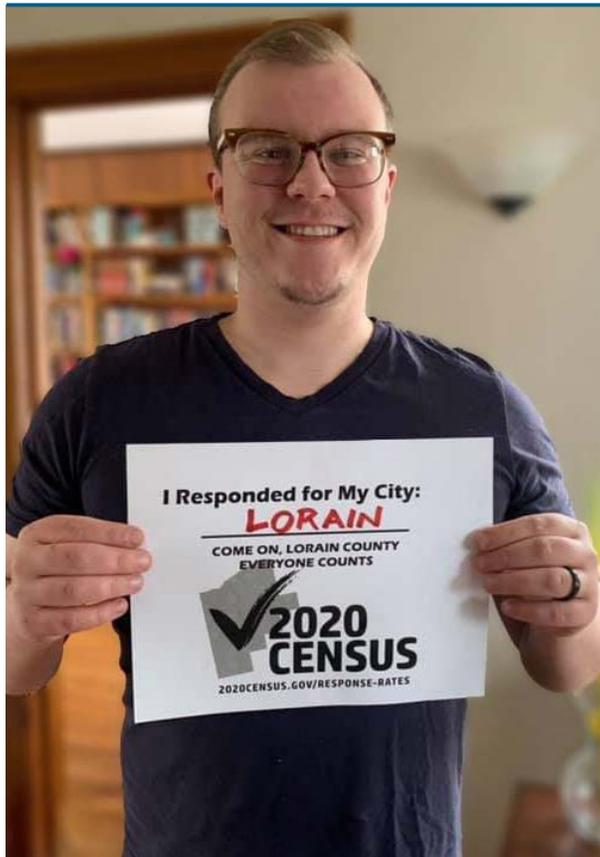
To learn more about Junction Coalition, please visit: [bit.ly/JunctionCoalition](https://bit.ly/JunctionCoalition) 

## THE IMPORTANCE OF WATER

**NICK MANDROS**, OEC Northwest Ohio Regional Director

In August 2014, many of my neighbors and I woke up to the startling early-morning news that residents could not drink, cook, shower, or brush their teeth with our tap water. We learned that in the face of that water shortage, we must do everything we can to help our neighbors. Our community stepped up during the Toledo Water Crisis. Today, Toledoans continue the fight to ensure everyone has clean, safe, affordable drinking water. I'm proud to work alongside local partners, like the Junction Coalition, and state-wide partners to ensure residents have access to clean water at all times.

To learn more about this work, please visit: [theoec.org/blog](https://theoec.org/blog)



## MAKE IT COUNT!



**ANNE MORRICE**

OEC Managing Director, External Team

The year 2020 isn't only about presidential debates and bad puns about perfect vision. It's also the year we conduct the census, the count of our nation's population.

The Ohio Environmental Council has joined a coalition focused on helping make sure the census runs smoothly and successfully. The census is more than a headcount—it's what determines a community's share of federal funding and political representation. An accurate count helps us reach our goals of protecting and improving Ohio's air, land, and water.

Plus, a fair and accurate count is necessary to ensure federal resources are distributed fairly, especially for those who are often left out. For example, communities of color and low income communities disproportionately bear the burden of pollution and climate impacts. The census can help change that by providing demographic information useful for assessing the impacts of the climate crisis and environmental hazards on a community's quality of life.

Across Ohio, OEC's regional directors are engaging their communities to help uplift the census and ensure an accurate count. For example, our Northeast Ohio Regional Director, Max Schaefer (pictured here), serves on both the Lorain County Complete Count Committee and the Lorain City Complete Count Committee. Along with community leaders and elected officials, Max helps amplify the importance of the census to Lorain County residents. He assists the city of Lorain with overseeing the marketing and promotion of the census to faith communities, nonprofit organizations, local businesses, and schools. A primary focus is making sure the census reaches members of groups who are often harder to locate, to contact, or to persuade to complete their census forms.

As we've seen over and over, Ohio's environment won't protect itself. We need advocates like you to fill out your census form. Please encourage your friends, family, neighbors, coworkers, and acquaintances to do the same!

### CENSUS FAQ

**Why do we do a census?** The government is required by the U.S. Constitution to conduct a census every 10 years.

**How do I participate?** You can complete your questionnaire online, by phone, or by mail. Be sure to include all household members, including infants and children. If you need the census form in another language, or you have concerns about accessibility or immigration status, there are resources available to help.

**What will I be asked?** The census includes questions about residency and demographic information like age and race. Your answers will be kept confidential.

For more information, visit:  
2020census.gov



To learn more about the Census's impact on our environment and democracy, check out interviews with OEC's NEO Regional Director, Max Schaefer, & Cleveland Metro Director, Karlton Laster: [bit.ly/OECfbvideo](https://bit.ly/OECfbvideo)



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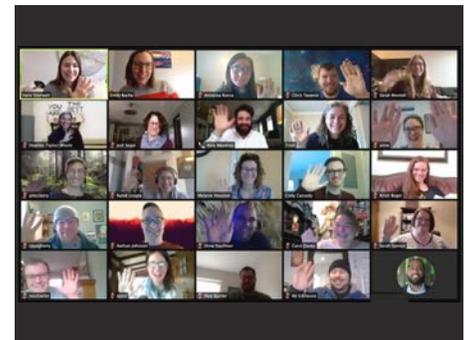
## OUT & ABOUT

Before the coronavirus pandemic, staff members from the OEC family of organizations hosted and attended a number of events in support of our mission. As we transitioned to working from home, our staff members have been participating in and leading numerous virtual conversations. Here are a few highlights:



Our Green Gala was a spectacular evening celebrating five decades of environmental progress! In November, we honored generations of trailblazers who have fought to protect Ohio's air, land, water, and democracy. We also joined the next generation of trailblazers in calling for bold climate action. We presented the Community Collaboration Award to the Lead Safe Cleveland Coalition in honor of the historic lead poisoning prevention legislation they helped pass. Kim Foreman, Executive Director of Environmental Health Watch and a trailblazer in this work, accepted this award on behalf of the many coalition partners. Thanks to all who attended, sponsored, and celebrated our groovy golden anniversary with us!

In January, members of our Emerging Leaders hosted more than 100 people at the Columbus Climate Forum featuring Councilmembers Liz Brown, Rob Dorans, and Emmanuel Remy and moderated by InsideClimate reporter, Dan Gearino. We were excited to hear the bold and exciting ideas on climate action.



In January, OEC Public Lands Director Nathan Johnson presented to members of the Columbus Audubon on the history of Ohio's forests, shared stories about some bird species that depend on Ohio's forests, and highlighted how folks can support our forests and wildlife in the face of climate change.

In early March, OEC Action Fund advocates Pete Bucher and Nick Mandros traveled to Washington, D.C. for Great Lakes Day 2020. This annual pilgrimage brings more than 100 Great Lakes residents to the nation's capital to advocate for the protection and restoration of our greatest freshwater assets.

Starting in mid-March, OEC staff members began working from home in order to slow the spread of the coronavirus. From hosting virtual staff meetings to conversations with community leaders, the work of protecting Ohio's air, land, water, and democracy continues thanks to your support!

**Be sure to check out OEC's website ([www.theoec.org](http://www.theoec.org)) and our OEC Action Fund website ([www.theoecactionfund.org](http://www.theoecactionfund.org)) for our latest news and offerings.**



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