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...and Justice for All



Have you ever felt really visceral about fairness? Something that you saw or read that, at some basic level, made you feel that it just wasn't right? Were you filled with a desire for justice—for all? I have.

My father, a retired factory worker, grew up in gritty Akron. My mother hailed from Appalachia Ohio. I've experienced places where the natural beauty of this amazing state has been ravaged by bad decisions, intentional or not. I've also seen the hardship borne by the communities of our coal country. I've witnessed the pattern of poor, Black neighborhoods in the shadow of shuttered factories.

I've also seen how some people can game the system while others abide by the rules. How some special interests lobby elected and agency officials in an attempt to resist common sense protections. How some companies push back on the enforcement of our laws.

Deep down, we feel a twinge in our gut. We instinctively know that something is just not right.

As your environmental council, the issue of fairness manifests itself in our mission here at the OEC — in our outreach, in our policy and legislative campaigns, and most importantly, in our Law Center.

Now in its 10th year, the Ohio Environmental Law Center is thriving, fueled by our mission to secure healthy air, land, and water for all who call Ohio home.

We fight to level the playing field so that all players adhere to the same standards. So that, in addition to not gaining an unfair economic advantage, regulated industries don't put our children's health at risk.

We use the courtroom to build a system of legal precedents that reinforce our democracy—a democracy that has demonstrated decades of support for environmental laws.

We give everyday citizens tools to use in our sometimes bewildering framework of statutes and regulations.

And we are training a new generation of attorneys on environmental litigation and research. To date, nearly fifty law students have gained real-life experience through the OEC's Law Center.

The education we provide carries itself onward in these talented law students. And whether they end up practicing environmental law or not, they experience this ideal of environmental justice during their time with us.

The Law Center at the OEC, the only such law center in Ohio, fulfills a key part of our collective march for justice.

A march for justice for health, for the next generation, for fairness. For all of our citizens and for the wonderful, wild, beautiful landscape of Ohio.

Keith Dimoff
Executive Director

Cover photo by David R. Celebrezze.

A Win for the Wetlands

SAWMILL WETLANDS IN COLUMBUS TO REMAIN IN PUBLIC TRUST

Ten miles northwest of downtown Columbus, in the middle of acres of parking lots and shopping malls, is a special place that feels like a big, green oasis. Inside, you can't hear the traffic or see a bit of concrete. The only traffic is salamanders, 140 different kinds of birds, and other wildlife.

This place is the Sawmill Wetlands Education Area, a 17.8-acre natural area that includes a dense mature forest and a rare urban wetland. Since 1996, it's been a protected public natural area owned by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR), and held in trust for the people of Ohio.

The ODNR took ownership of the Sawmill Wetlands with an expectation to preserve the

“Everyone wins when protecting nature is a priority.”
Michelle Shinew, Friends of Sawmill Wetlands

area in perpetuity for the people of Ohio.

The Sawmill Wetlands—like all wetlands—absorb flood waters, clean stormwater runoff, and provide critical wildlife habitat.

The Ohio EPA has classified the Sawmill Wetlands as “high quality” and it is one of only a few remaining high-quality wetlands within Columbus' I-270 outerbelt.

In April 2012, ODNR entered into a purchase agreement with a private developer that proposed to swap the wetlands for a larger but ecologically inferior tract of land.

The proposed “land swap” sought to place a protected public land into the hands of a private citizen, with the express purpose of constructing buildings on the site and therefore destroying all, or most, of the natural wetlands.

“This land swap might not only destroy one of Columbus' few remaining high-quality wetlands but also set a dangerous precedent, threatening

other protected natural areas across the state,” said Kristen Kubitzka, OEC's Director of Water Policy & Outreach.

Upon learning of the proposed “land swap” in May 2012, the OEC and partners such as Friends of Sawmill Wetlands, the Ohio Wetlands Association, and the Sierra Club reached out to ODNR to express serious concerns and opposition to the proposal.

ODNR officials listened but ultimately maintained their conviction to proceed with the proposed land swap. The OEC and partners continued over the year to try to find a common-ground solution that would still protect the wetlands.

Despite opposition from neighbors, the environmental community and significant public outcry, the proposal seemed to be moving forward. In February 2013, it appeared that finding a solution outside of the courtroom was not feasible. So the OEC's Ohio Environmental Law Center (OELC) filed a lawsuit.

The lawsuit sought to stop the proposed land swap and ensure the Sawmill Wetlands would not face similar threats in the future.

The OEC contended that the proposed land swap violated the state's public trust obligations and the requirement that the Sawmill Wetlands be permanently preserved by the ODNR Division of Wildlife.

Then in April of this year, the developer failed to meet certain timeline requirements under the terms of the purchase agreement. In early May, ODNR enforced the terms of the agreement and the contract expired.

The expiration of the contract means that the immediate threat has been removed and that the Sawmill Wetlands will remain in the public trust for now. The OEC is considering additional action to ensure that the wetlands will not face similar future threats.

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Ohio's Clean Energy Battle

DEFENDING OHIO'S CLEAN ENERGY FUTURE AGAINST UTILITY GIANT FIRSTENERGY

As we expected, the new session of the Ohio General Assembly started off with a call for a review of Ohio's energy efficiency and renewable energy standards.

A memo released by Senator William J. Seitz, chair of the Ohio Senate Public Utilities Committee, called for oversight hearings on the standards, citing issues with cost, demand, and achievability. Hearings were held to address his concerns, and the OEC was present at each and every one, testifying about the consumer savings, new jobs, and investments the standards are achieving.

The OEC reinforced that the standards are achievable, with most of the investor-owned utilities even exceeding the laws' annual performance benchmarks.

Only FirstEnergy, the state's largest investor-owned utility, is fighting back and attempting to weaken these standards. So much so that the OEC—along with the Environmental Law & Policy Center and the Sierra Club—awarded FirstEnergy with the “Worst Energy Award,” calling out the utility giant for



Photo by Sharon R. Risden Geis.

claiming to be environmentally sustainable while working simultaneously to repeal Ohio's energy efficiency law.

In an effort to expose FirstEnergy's gambit to undermine ratepayers, the OEC has joined forces with Moms Clean Air Force and the Small Business Majority.

We've launched “Stop FirstEnergy Hikes,” a campaign focused on engaging and educating Ohio small businesses and the public about FirstEnergy's effort to roll back Ohio's energy efficiency standard.

FirstEnergy is fighting back. Their lawyers attempted to pull down the content of our campaign's social media website and block our freedom of speech.

But we aren't backing down. Our campaign's lawyers have countered FirstEnergy's, ensuring the public can continue to learn about FirstEnergy's agenda.

Read more at www.theOEC.org/CleanEnergy.

A WIN FOR THE WETLANDS (CONTINUED)

“The expiration of the contract to swap the Sawmill Wetlands is great news and an important step in the right direction,” said Cathryn N. Loucas, attorney with the OELC. “We look forward to resolving the remaining issues in the lawsuit and ensuring the permanent preservation and proper management of the Sawmill Wetlands.”

Hundreds of Ohioans such as Melissa Gayhart, who grew up in the area, and her children (*in photo*) turned out to rallies and tours of the wetland area during the winter and spring to show their support for this gem in their backyard.

“The interest in the Sawmill Wetlands during this past year has been amazing and we hope it is a start of more involvement in determining how our neighborhoods are developed,” said Michelle Sinew, a volunteer with Friends of Sawmill Wetlands. “Everyone wins when protecting nature is a priority.”

Read more at www.theOEC.org/SawmillWin.



OEC to Propose Fracking “Mega Bill”

PROPOSAL WILL COVER MORE THAN 40 AREAS OF INDUSTRY REGULATION AND OVERSIGHT

In 2011, the Ohio Environmental Council called for a moratorium on the permitting of horizontal shale gas wells until drilling practices are demonstrated to be safe for the environment and human health and are properly regulated. A moratorium has not been adopted by the state, and drilling has steadily continued during the past two years.

The OEC continues to advocate for proper drilling regulation and is developing a fracking Mega Bill for the Ohio General Assembly to address gaps in state regulation and promote environmental safeguards to protect our communities.

The OEC's Mega Bill covers more than 40 important areas of state regulation and oversight of the shale gas industry, including:

- strengthened protections for human health, public safety, and the environment;
- industry accountability and transparency;
- stepped-up enforcement of current rules and regulations;
- drillers' financial liability; and
- meaningful landowner protection.

With events such as the brine dumping in Youngstown, there is even greater urgency to close the gaps in regulation to protect our health and environment. In late January, employees of an energy and excavating company were caught illegally dumping an estimated 30,000 gallons of oil and gas drilling waste (brine) water into a storm sewer that drains to the Mahoning River near Youngstown.

Healthy Lakes Mean Healthier Communities

The OEC is teaming up with lawmakers and the Kasich administration to stop toxic blue-green algae from harming our lakes. That means starving the algae of its main source of food supply—the tons of phosphorus and nitrogen that run off from farm fields each year, draining to Lake Erie, Grand Lake St. Marys, and other inland lakes.

This spring, Kristy Meyer, Managing Director of Agricultural & Clean Water Programs, worked successfully with Senators Randy Gardner (R-Bowling Green) and Bob Peterson (R-Sabina) and ODNR officials to secure \$600,000 in additional funding



Fracking in eastern Ohio. Photo by Ted Auch, FracTracker.

“It's clear that stronger regulations and penalties are needed to ensure that rules are followed and there are no gaps when it comes to the safety of Ohioans,” said Trent Dougherty, Managing Director of the OEC's Ohio Environmental Law Center.

The OEC will be working throughout the current session of the legislature to press for passage of the comprehensive reforms.

Visit our event calendar for details on upcoming Fracking Forums. www.theOEC.org/Calendar.

for the Healthy Lake Erie Fund. The fund will expand Ohio's network of water quality monitoring, especially in Lake Erie's shallow western basin, which is most susceptible to the blue-green menace.

“The cause of our lakes' sickness is well known,” said Meyer. “But before we can apply an effective prescription, we need to better pinpoint where to focus treatments. That way, agencies and farmers can more effectively target preventative efforts, maximizing investments. The OEC is committed to solving this serious problem.”

Read more at www.theOEC.org/LakeErie.

Clean Construction Project a Success

OEC HELPS THE CITY OF COLUMBUS TO MOVE TOWARD A CLEAN CONSTRUCTION FLEET

The OEC recently teamed up with the city of Columbus to demonstrate the benefits of modern emission control devices on nonroad construction equipment.

The city chose a 1999 Volvo 251-horsepower wheel loader for retrofitting. This vehicle operates at the city's composting facility for 1,300 hours per year, burning 5,100 gallons of Biodiesel 20.

In other words, it burns a lot of fuel and emits a lot of harmful pollution, according to David R. Celebrezze, OEC's Director of Clean Air & Water Special Projects.

The city and OEC chose a HUSS Filter MK400 system to clean up the wheel loader's emissions. This diesel particulate filter reduces soot by 99.9%. That means a reduction of more than 700 pounds of pollution a year.

Installation took two days and has been a great success. The wheel loader on the left in the photo is the retrofitted vehicle. The emissions from the non-retrofitted wheel loader on the right are clearly visible.



With this and other clean air projects, the Ohio Environmental Council is showing how emission controls, no-idling policies, and other strategies can effectively and economically clear the air.

"The technology exists to dramatically reduce pollution and there are several grant programs that can pay for all or most of the cost," said Celebrezze. "It makes good business sense to invest in clean air."

The OEC encourages construction companies to invest in clean air, which will pay off with a healthier workforce and a competitive edge.

"This project demonstrates that when modern emission controls are added to construction equipment, air pollutants are cut significantly,"

Columbus Mayor Michael B. Coleman said. "The project fits in with our commitment to improve air quality in Columbus."

[Read more and watch the wheel loader video at www.theOEC.org/CleanVehiclesFleets.](http://www.theOEC.org/CleanVehiclesFleets)

Partner Spotlight: Ohio Wetlands Association

Two years ago, the Friends of Wetlands Association evolved into the Ohio Wetlands Association (OWA) and continues to be active across the state. It works to provide the highest level of protection to Ohio's wetlands through educating the public, influencing public policy, and helping to identify, protect, and preserve some of Ohio's greatest natural resources.

Ray Stewart, President and Director of OWA, credits the organization's growth and success to its dedicated volunteer staff and partnering organizations, including the Ohio Environmental Council, who help identify areas in need of OWA's attention.

"Usually I hear about issues from things I catch in the wind," Stewart said. "I'll catch word or a red flag from someone and know that we need to be involved."

The Ohio Environmental Council has partnered with the Ohio Wetlands Association since the organization's beginning, says Stewart, including co-sponsoring a vernal pool workshop to educate the public about the importance of monitoring the health of these vibrant seasonal wetlands.

The OWA continues to be involved in local wetland protection and the environmental-conservation community, including participating in the Wetlands Summit in Columbus this fall.

OWA also plans to hold workshops within the next year to teach people to identify wetlands through the presence of certain plants such as sedges—a type of flowering plant.

[Learn more about OWA at www.ohwetlands.org](http://www.ohwetlands.org)

Written by Lucy Infeld, OEC Intern.

Clean Ohio Fund Update

FUNDS ARE REAPING DIVIDENDS FOR OHIO'S NATURAL HERITAGE AND ECONOMY

Good news! State lawmakers in Columbus have added \$52 million for the Clean Ohio Fund to Ohio's new state operating budget.

This appropriation will max out the remainder of a \$400 million bond that Ohio voters in 2008 gave the state permission to borrow for the fund.

Since it was first approved in 2000, the Clean Ohio Fund has helped enable the permanent conservation of thousands of acres of open space and prime family farmland, build hundreds of miles of recreational trails, and clean up and put back into production hundreds of acres of abandoned old industrial sites (also known as "brownfields").

According to two recent economic analyses, the Clean Ohio Fund is paying a pretty dividend to Ohio taxpayers and Ohio's economy and natural environment:

- The Trust for Public Land found that every \$1 invested in land conservation returned \$4 in natural goods and services to the Ohio economy.
- The Greater Ohio Policy Center similarly found that every \$1 spent on brownfield redevelopment produced a return on investment of \$4.67 in new economic activity on 21 surveyed brownfield projects.

"This is a solid investment that is paying solid dividends to nature, families, farmers, and employers alike," said Keith Dimoff, OEC's Executive Director. "The Clean Ohio Fund has an impressive track record in every county of the state. By including the final dollars of the fund in the budget bill, Ohio lawmakers have shown good, bi-partisan government at its best."

Projects have been funded in every one of Ohio's 88 counties, such as:

- Brownfield fund payments for environmental remediation of the historic Atlas Building in downtown Columbus (Franklin County) and the American Carco site in Harrison Township (Montgomery County).
- The construction of a multi-use 16-mile trail on an elevated railroad corridor in Champaign and Logan counties.

- In Ashland County, the preservation of 101 acres of Crall Woods and 186 acres of Sauers Farm to preserve Ohio's natural heritage, protect habitat, and support comprehensive open space planning.
- In Vinton County, the restoration and protection of access to more than 4 miles of the Buckeye Trail at Pretty Run (*photo*) and the acquisition of a historic 1839 log cabin on the property.



Photo: Buckeye Trail Association.

- In Hamilton County, the restoration of nearly 10 acres of Colerain Connector green space property to help introduce native vegetation and trees to stabilize hillside slippage, remove invasive amur honeysuckle and euonymus, restore existing creek beds, and more.
- The construction of the first segment of the Riverfront Heritage Recreational Trail starting in the Village of Shadyside and connecting Belmont, Jefferson, and Monroe counties.

The OEC and partners worked hard to assure appropriation of the full \$52 million. On June 30, Governor John Kasich signed the budget bill, ensuring full funding of the Clean Ohio Fund.

[Find out what's been funded in YOUR county by visiting www.clean.ohio.gov.](http://www.clean.ohio.gov)

At the Statehouse

Jack Shaner, OEC Deputy Director,
Senior Director of Legislative & Public Affairs



Solid progress. Some risky regress. And several missed opportunities.

That about sums up Ohio's new operating budget, which will guide state operations including environmental protection and land and water conservation for the next two state fiscal years beginning July 1. Here are the top 10 priorities that the OEC pushed lawmakers to add or subtract during the just-concluded budget debate.

1. Fund the Clean Ohio Fund. Led by The Nature Conservancy, a coalition of conservation groups including the OEC asked lawmakers to direct the sale of the remaining \$52 million in bonds authorized by the voters for Ohio's land and water conservation fund. Helping the cause were reports confirming impressive returns for both the environment and the economy from Clean Ohio investments. Lawmakers approved all \$52 million!

2. Protect Lake Erie From Toxic Algae. Lawmakers ladled on additional funding for water quality monitoring to help identify "hot spots" where phosphorus and nitrogen are entering waterways. The objective: stop farm field runoff, which is fueling the growth of harmful algae from excessive nutrients in Lake Erie, Grand Lake St. Marys, and other lakes. The OEC led the successful effort to add funds to the Healthy Lake Erie Fund. (See page 5.)

3. Maintain Buffers Along Reservoirs & Streams. Some lawmakers think public reservoir managers are going too far in restricting property owners from mowing grass and vegetation in protective buffer strips bordering reservoirs and headwater streams. So they want to revoke local officials' power to enforce these restrictions. Governor Kasich agreed with the OEC and vetoed this bad amendment, keeping the buffers protected.

4. Keep Radioactive Waste Out of Ohio's Landfills. Lawmakers chose not to adopt a stronger standard to better control the testing and disposal of radioactive-laced waste from oil and gas drilling. The OEC pushed for a narrower definition of which wastes are "technically enhanced," arguing that once drill cuttings are brought to the Earth's surface, they should be carefully scrutinized for radioactivity and not be discarded in a landfill.

5. Make the Coal Industry Pay for Oversight. More than a decade ago, Ohio moved the funding of most environmental oversight of industrial operations off of taxpayers and onto the industries themselves. The OEC supports the same formula for the coal industry. Lawmakers rejected our recommendation.

6. Add Sirens & Lights to Ohio EPA Emergency Vehicles. Ohio EPA Emergency Response technicians often direct clean-up and investigation efforts at spill sites involving hazardous materials. But because of a quirk in Ohio law, OEPA's emergency vehicles do not have authority to use sirens and lights. Lawmakers did not adopt our proposal to upgrade Ohio law—yet.

7. Boost Energy-Saving Public Transit & Freight Rail. The OEC continues to push for stepped-up investment in a dynamic, interconnected transportation system with more options for people to walk, bike, bus, or take the train to work or school and for shippers to ship freight by rail. We pushed lawmakers to add funding, to no avail. Glimmer of hope: ODOT is updating Ohio's long-range transportation plan, including transit.

8. Pour on the Green Chemistry. Imagine the creation of products that eliminates toxic waste by-products. That's the essence of "green chemistry." Lawmakers slated such sustainable production for a boost when they earmarked \$500,000 for workforce development for the BioOhio program. Gov. Kasich, though, vetoed this funding earmark.

9. Uniform Posting of Public Records. Lawmakers voted to establish a uniform system for posting public information on agency websites. The OEC supports this effort to enable citizens to access public information and help hold agencies accountable.

10. Keep Ohio's Clean Energy Standards Intact. The OEC and partners successfully urged lawmakers to set aside a proposal to let utility companies backslide on already-approved energy efficiency programs. (See page 4.)

[Read our testimony and check out past and future webinars on hot issues at www.theOEC.org.](http://www.theOEC.org)

OEC Green Gala Moves to COSI

Saturday, November 2

6 - 9 p.m.

COSI

333 W. Broad Street
Columbus, OH 43215

Join the Ohio Environmental Council's environmental-conservation network at the 2013 Green Gala celebration to honor Ohio's environmental heroes and the successes they are achieving.

Enjoy a great evening of dinner, cocktails, live entertainment, and an eco-friendly silent auction as we honor the winners of the 2013 Environmental Achievement Awards.

**Find details, tickets, and sponsorship info
at www.theOEC.org/GreenGala2013**

OEC's Law Center Turns 10

TEN YEARS OF LEGAL ANALYSIS, ADVOCACY & EDUCATION

When Trent Dougherty, a law student at Capital University Law School in Columbus, took a summer internship with the Ohio Environmental Council in 2004, little did he know what those three months would turn into.

Historically, the Ohio Environmental Council's legal team consisted of outside counsel assisting OEC policy staff in filing lawsuits. In September of 2003, shortly before Trent's arrival to OEC, then-Executive Director Vicki Deisner and OEC Legal Advisor Pete Precario launched the OEC Law Clinic to provide law students with the opportunity to gain hands-on experience in environmental law and real world education in conservation advocacy. The Law Clinic was staffed each semester by law students from local law schools.

These students performed legal research for OEC's clean air, water, and legislative programs. After Trent's internship and graduation he became the first OEC law fellow, managing the interns, and working to grow OEC's relationship with Ohio's law schools.



Cathy Loucas, Trent Dougherty, and Grant Maki.

Soon, Trent was hired as OEC's first full-time staff attorney. This led to his being named Managing Director of Legal Affairs where he has expanded the OEC's legal advocacy to fighting to protect the rights of Ohioans to have clean water, healthy air, and a greener energy future before the Environmental Review Appeals Commission, Public Utilities Commission, and state and federal courts.

In 2009, the clinic evolved into the William W. Ellis, Jr. Ohio Environmental Law Center (OELC). The Ohio Environmental Law Center was named for the late William W. Ellis, a naturalist, botanist, and an accomplished corporate attorney and partner at Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease in Columbus.

Today, the OELC has become Ohio's environmental law resource hub to protect and conserve Ohio's human and natural resources. It also provides citizens with valuable tools and guidance through the legal system as well as educating tomorrow's environmental law professionals. OELC is staffed by Cathy Loucas, Attorney, and Grant Maki, Of Counsel, along with assistance from attorneys on OEC's policy staff and external legal advisors.

"Over the past decade the cases and issues the Law Center has taken on have certainly evolved. However, one thing that stays the same is our commitment to providing law students with real-world experience in public interest advocacy and training them to become the next generation of green lawyers," said Trent.

Learn more about OELC's history of legal cases and current legal work at www.theOEC.org/LawCenter.

Upcoming Events

Join us for these exciting and informative events.

View event details at www.theOEC.org/Calendar.

September 26

OELC 10th Anniversary Celebration & Fundraiser

Join us to celebrate 10 years of legal analysis, advocacy, and education at this fundraiser and reception for the William W. Ellis, Jr. Ohio Environmental Law Center. 5 - 7 p.m. Ray's Living Room, 17 Brickel St., Columbus. www.theOEC.org/OELC10Year

October 2

WEBINAR

Building Your Best Board (Part 1)

Join us for part one of a series on how to build the best board for your watershed council. 1 - 2 p.m. www.theOEC.org/Webinars

October 9

WEBINAR

Building Your Best Board (Part 2)

Join us for part two on how to build the best board for your watershed council. 1 - 2 p.m. www.theOEC.org/Webinars

November 2

2013 Green Gala.

Join Ohio's environmental-conservation network as we celebrate the year's successes and honor the 2013 Environmental Achievement Award winners. 6 - 9 p.m. COSI, 333 W. Broad Street, Columbus. See page 9 for details.

Environmental Lobby Day 2013

CITIZEN-ACTIVISTS BRINGS CONCERNS DIRECTLY TO STATE LAWMAKERS

Nearly 200 dedicated Ohioans gathered near the Statehouse on a wintry day in March for a day of learning and lobbying. After a morning training on the primary issues for the event, the crowd divided up into teams and headed off to meetings with lawmakers and agency officials.

This year, the focus was four specific topics, imploring lawmakers to pledge their support to protecting Ohio's communities and environment.

Environmental Lobby Day teams asked lawmakers to:

- Oppose threats to weaken Ohio's energy efficiency resource standard and renewable energy portfolio standard.
- Appropriate the remaining \$52 million in conservation bonds for the Clean Ohio Fund approved by voters in 2008.
- Support a flat 5% tax on shale oil and gas, and ensure that the revenue is dedicated to more resources for state agency oversight for enforcement and local impacts.
- Support a permanent line item for the Healthy Lake Erie Fund and appropriate \$1.7 million annually to it.

After morning meetings, teams gathered at the Statehouse Atrium for a lunch with lawmakers, giving them another opportunity to casually mingle and chat with those representing their districts. The afternoon continued with more meetings and ended with a social hour where attendees could discuss their day.

It was an enormously productive event, allowing Ohioans to raise their voices and talk directly to those who influence their everyday lives.

Jan Oakley, an OEC Legacy Club member from Northfield, has attended Environmental Lobby Day for the last three years. "OEC is very well respected by legislators and their aides," Jan said. "I heard it and saw it at Lobby Day."

Read more about the OEC's efforts to protect Ohio's clean energy laws on page 4, and an update on the Clean Ohio Fund on page 7.



Rashay Layman, Sierra Club.



Sandra Woy-Hazleton, OEC Board Member, and Eriyah Flynn.



Rep. Nickie Antonio (D-Lakewood), Rep. Sandra Williams (D-Cleveland), Jack Shaner, OEC, Rep. Denise Driehaus (D-Cincinnati).



Rep. Vern Skyes (D-Akron) greets citizen-activists during "Lunch with Lawmakers" at the Statehouse Atrium.



Citizen-activists and lawmakers gathered at lunch.

Donor Spotlight: Andy Jones

HELPING PROTECT OUR HEALTH AND OHIO'S NATURAL BEAUTY

Preserving Ohio's natural beauty is a lifelong pursuit for Andy Jones, a Southeast Ohio resident and a member of the Ohio Environmental Council. She first became involved with the OEC in the 1970s when she joined the Columbus Council of the American Youth Hostels. Some of the founding members of OEC happened to be active in that organization as well.

"The OEC was a one-person show back then," said Andy with a laugh. "As a high school and college student, I didn't have the means to donate much, but I did spend time in the office volunteering."

After graduation, as family and career took her attention, she became less connected with the OEC. But in 2012 she attended an OEC house party fundraiser and decided it was time to reconnect.

"I am impressed by the breadth of the issues that the OEC is involved in—from wetlands and vernal pools to all the legislation at the Statehouse."

She decided to throw a fundraising party herself. More than 60 friends gathered in April of this year at the home she and her partner, Steve Gassman, are building in the Rockbridge area of Hocking Hills.

"It was something unique I could do to help OEC raise funds," said Andy, adding "everybody loves a party."

When asked what inspired her to host a fundraiser, Andy responded that her continued interest in the OEC's work comes from a lifelong connection with the environment. Her childhood was filled with delights of the natural world, such as identifying birds along the Olentangy River with her mother.

"That was a connection that I had in my youth and with my mom that I want to be able to pass on to the next generation," said Andy.



Larry Hanna, Andy Jones, Wendy Hanna.

But it's not just about the beautiful scenery and wildlife. "Sometimes we think of the environment as just trees and bobcats and butterflies," she continued, "and while I love those things, it's ultimately about our own health."

And that's why Andy continues to support the local efforts of the OEC.

"The OEC is an organization where I can see it happening. It's playing out where I live," said Andy. "To be able to turn on the television and see Jack Shaner, someone who I know, talking about something I care about...it's immediate feedback."

Andy is currently on the board of trustees for the Hocking River Commission and is an avid kayaker and canoeist.

Interested in hosting a house party? Contact the OEC at Membership@theOEC.org or (614) 487-7506.

Bequests: Leaving a Green Legacy

You can leave a legacy in many ways—through your family, your work, and your passion.

A donation to the Ohio Environmental Council in your Will or estate plan—also known as a bequest—is a wonderful way to ensure your environmental legacy.

The OEC created the Legacy Club to recognize those supporters who have generously chosen to support Ohio's environment in this way. (See page 14 for a list of current Legacy Club members.)

While you may think that you have to make a large donation or be wealthy to give a bequest, people who make planned gifts often make small, \$25-\$50 donations throughout their lifetimes.

We hope you will consider leaving a legacy to the Ohio Environmental Council and your other favorite charities.

Legacy Club Benefits:

- Lifetime membership to the Ohio Environmental Council.
- A dozen hardwood trees planted in your honor in the Wayne National Forest.
- Free admission to OEC events including Environmental Lobby Day and the Green Gala.
- Special recognition at OEC events.

Learn more about bequests and other planned gifts at www.theOEC.org/Bequests or call (614) 487-7506.

Inside an OEC Internship

BY ABIGAIL RODERBACK, GRADUATE STUDENT, THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

If you want to fully immerse yourself in a setting where you can not only learn what it is like working in a non-profit setting, but also have a part in making an impact on important environmental issues facing Ohio, then you want to be an intern for the Ohio Environmental Council.

My time at the OEC was invaluable to me. I worked with Melanie Houston, the OEC's Director of Water Policy & Environmental Health, on the issue of horizontal hydraulic fracturing (fracking). I learned just how multi-faceted the issue of fracking is and how it impacts people and the environment.

I helped to create an action plan for communities impacted by the fracking process, and assisted in coordinating educational forums and town-hall meetings where experts and local officials discussed how fracking affects communities and resources.

One of my favorite experiences was participating in the OEC's Environmental Lobby Day at the Ohio Statehouse. I met and had lunch with several lawmakers from my area. I learned just how accessible they are to me as a citizen and the impact personal contact can make in advocating for a cleaner, greener Ohio.

The best advice I can give to interns at the OEC or anywhere is to involve yourself however you can. Volunteer to staff tables during festivals, attend events, and help out whenever you are needed.

Learn as much as you can about the issues you are and aren't working on, and get to know the staff members and fellow interns. This is as valuable to you as it is to the organization!

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OEC'S SUMMER INTERNSHIP EXPERIENCE

Once again, desk space is scarce as summer interns flood the Ohio Environmental Council to gain firsthand knowledge about environmental issues and experience about working for a non-profit.

College students from around the state are working on OEC issues, in the law center, and at the Statehouse meeting with lawmakers and agency officials. We have students from University of Akron, Ohio State University, Yale University, Lehigh University, and more, with interests ranging from sustainability to environmental engineering to environmental activism.

"The summer interns we bring on here at the OEC stand to gain quite a bit of career experience," says Trish Demeter, Director of Clean Energy Campaigns &

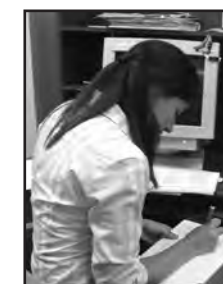
Legislative Affairs Associate, and the program's lead manager. "Through our Summer Internship Experience, they have a chance to enrich their education, and build up their own networks by working and learning alongside our staff."

This year, the Summer Intern Experience will bring current interns together with past interns and environmental professionals to network and learn about their many possible career paths.

The interns will also become a community through social hours, informal OEC workshops, and networking opportunities with current and past interns.



OEC's Jack Shaner with Shamima Johan, Melanie Chudik, and Marilyn Johnson.



Patty Arehart.



Miranda Meklevey, (back, left to right) Madeleine Oulevey, Samantha Allen, Alex Pore, and Jessi Jones.

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Amateur and professional photographers who are current Ohio residents are invited to submit their best nature shots of Ohio. There is no fee to submit up to six entries (three in each category).

There are two categories:

- My Ohio
- People in Nature

There will be one Grand Prize winner and two Runners-Up in each category. A Fan Favorite also will be awarded as voted on by OEC's fans on Facebook.

The contest runs until August 31, 2013.

Complete contest rules and entry form are available at www.theOEC.org.

New this year! You can enter and upload your photos online!