



In 2022 Friends of the Earth Members like you achieved so much for people and the planet—like helping save Alaska's Tongass National Forest, pictured below, from mining and logging companies.

Annual Report

2022





Left: Erich Pica, President
Right: Jayni Chase, Chair of the Board

CHAMPIONING A MORE HEALTHY AND JUST WORLD

Friends,

Thank you for supporting Friends of the Earth.

2022 was a historic year. After decades of advocacy, we won the largest investment ever to fight climate change when Congress passed and President Biden signed the Inflation Reduction Act.

This bill is significant, but our work is not done. We need to ensure that the \$350 billion in investments is used to support true climate solutions, and must resist the legislation's political compromises that will benefit Big Oil and Gas and further harm communities already damaged by the fossil fuel industry.

This year was also historic in our effort to protect pollinators. Thousands of our Members called, wrote and took direct action convincing 12 of the nation's top 25 grocery retailers to establish pollinator protection policies. With coalition partners, we passed legislation in Connecticut banning the brain-damaging pesticide chlorpyrifos from golf courses.

We continued our efforts to protect communities from environmental harm, working with environmental justice leaders in Louisiana's "Cancer Alley" to block the construction of the Formosa Plastic Sunshine Project. We forced the Environmental Protection Agency to begin the process of removing lead from aviation fuel to protect the health of people who live near airports. In a huge win for children, our climate and our food system, we pushed California to allocate \$100 million to help schools purchase plant-based, sustainably produced and California-grown food.

We're also protecting communities internationally. Our advocacy and partnership with Friends of the Earth Indonesia convinced companies like Nestlé, Procter & Gamble and Hershey to suspend sourcing of palm oil from plantations owned by Astra Agro Lestari, a company responsible for land grabbing, human rights violations and environmental destruction in Indonesia. In Mongolia, we helped stop construction of a dam that threatened the habitat of snow leopards and other threatened species.

Our work with Friends of the Earth International helps to defeat harmful projects; mobilize people to take action; and transform the dialogue about environmental and climate justice in communities worldwide.

Friends of the Earth is able to do this work because of you. You provide the financial support and, more importantly, the *people power* to fulfill our mission of championing a more healthy and just world.

On behalf of the Board and Staff of Friends of the Earth...

Thank you.

Jayni and Erich



We couldn't do it **WITHOUT YOU!**

Friends of the Earth has always been committed to being a bold voice for justice and the planet. But every success we've had in our decades-long fight has come from environmental champions like you, whose passion and commitment have driven our mission and made our work possible.

From working to halt fossil fuel leasing on public lands, to convincing more grocery retailers to issue pollinator protection plans and protecting Alaska's pristine Bristol Bay from proposed mining, Friends of the Earth and Members like you scored huge victories for our planet in 2022.

Indeed, your generous and steadfast support and your fierce activism for our planet kept us going every step of the way this past year:

- You helped us convince **12 of the top 25 grocery retailers** to establish pollinator protection policies.
- You helped us join with local communities in "Cancer Alley" to **fight back against a dirty, dangerous proposed plastics manufacturing plant** in Louisiana.
- You helped us **save over one million acres of public lands** in California's Central Valley when the Bureau of Land Management agreed to suspend oil and gas leasing in the area.
- You helped us **hold giant corporations accountable**, delivering 500,000 signed petitions urging Procter & Gamble to end its role in deforestation, including in Canada's boreal forest.

- You helped us **keep up the pressure on the Biden Administration**, restoring the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument and restoring and expanding the Bears Ears National Monument.
- You helped us achieve our years-long dream to create a **plant-based school food pilot program** in California.

You can read about all these victories and more in our 2022 Annual Report. And when you do, we hope you'll take a moment to celebrate the wins and reflect on the difference you've made for our planet this year.

Our work continues in 2023, and with Members like you at our side we're confident that we will win more key victories. Together, we will speak truth to power. Together, we'll change the rules that are destroying our planet and leaving far too many people behind. And together, we will create a more healthy and just world for us all.

"I am glad to help Friends of the Earth – I want to make this world a better place for all living creatures."

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Fighting for Our Climate Future

The climate crisis is the definitive environmental issue of our time, and addressing it in a humane, just and sustainable way is Friends of the Earth's top priority. Your support is making a big difference in this make-or-break effort to save our planet.

Telling the truth about climate change

We are proud to be a leader of the Climate Disinformation Coalition, which combats threats to climate knowledge from new communications technologies, including disinformation, surveillance, deep-fakes, and algorithmic discrimination. This year, we secured commitments from eight companies—including Facebook, Twitter, Google and Pinterest—to fight climate disinformation on their platforms.

Preserving public lands

Pressure from Members like you opposing fossil fuel leasing on public lands and demanding protection for endangered species paid off when the Biden Administration restored the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument and restored and expanded the Bears Ears National Monument, both in Utah.

We also successfully pressured the Biden Administration to designate Texas's Castner Range and Nevada's Avi Kwa Ame as National Monuments, supporting a coalition press conference at the Department of Interior and the delivery of over 135,000 written comments.

Along with allies, we submitted over 200,000 comments urging the Biden Administration to oppose the Willow oil and gas development project in Alaska's Western Arctic—a region inhabited by the Inupiat people for thousands of years, and a haven for caribou and polar bears.

Fighting for cleaner, greener energy

We ended 2022 on a high note by defeating Sen. Joe Manchin's attempts to attach climate-wrecking provisions to the National Defense Authorization Act and must-pass spending legislation.

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Manchin's proposal would have made it easier to force through dirty fossil fuel projects—harming frontline communities and worsening the climate crisis. Thank you for contacting your representatives and senators to help prevent this!

Friends of the Earth continues to push for the timely shutdown of the Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant in California. Following our successful petition for the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to deny Pacific Gas and Electric's request to renew its license to operate the aging plant, we filed a new petition demanding that the NRC complete its legal obligation to keep Diablo Canyon on schedule to close its twin units in 2024 and 2025. With the facility receiving only minimal—if any—safety updates in decades, Pacific Gas and Electric must proceed with the closure as planned.

Friends of the Earth worked closely with local organizations in Alaska and the Gulf of Mexico to draft and release a letter to the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, joining with 193 organizations demanding no new leases in the agency's five-year



program for offshore drilling. The letter included 40 frontline groups from the Gulf and Alaska.

Curbing the influence of Big Oil

We're working to expose potential fossil fuel industry influence over the U.S. response to the crisis in Ukraine. We are shining a bright light on the secretive U.S.-European Union Energy Task Force embedded at the State Department that works behind the scenes to pressure Europe into long-term liquefied natural gas contracts. We are holding the State Department accountable to its open-government obligations at



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every turn. We filed and won a lawsuit, as well as a separate administrative appeal against the State Department, to force compliance with our comprehensive Freedom of Information Act request. We will put our findings to good use to build pressure in Congress and the Biden Administration against fossil fuel exports.

We also called out Big Oil CEOs who have exploited the crisis in Ukraine to sell shares and reap massive profits at the expense of people and the planet. Our report identified the biggest profiteers and called for an end to the age of fossil fuels.

And we continued our work to stop subsidies and bailouts to fossil fuel polluters. We were pleased when the final version of the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) removed some of the harmful kickbacks to the fossil fuel industry that we had been fighting in the legislative precursor to the IRA, the Build Back Better Act. We also advocated successfully for a strengthened definition of “clean hydrogen” in the IRA, improving on the weak standard in Senator Manchin’s original bipartisan bill.

With your support in 2023, Friends of the Earth will continue to work for a future free of fossil fuels.

YOUR LEGACY AND OURS

A gift in your will to Friends of the Earth helps us fight for a more healthy and just world for generations to come. We have partnered with FreeWill to provide you a free online tool to write your will so you can support the people and causes you love the most. Visit freewill.com/foe to get started today.

Already working on your plans? Here is suggested wording you can use in your will or trust:

“After taking care of all expenses, debts, and other specific provisions, I give, devise,

and bequeath ___% of the rest and residue [or \$__ if a specific amount] to Friends of the Earth, a Washington, DC charitable organization [Tax ID# 23-7420660] currently having offices at 1101 15th St. NW, Washington, DC 20005.”

Already included us in your plans? Let us know so we can thank you and welcome you to the Shared Earth Society!

QUESTIONS? CONTACT:

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Protecting Oceans from Industrial Pollution

Oceans and the millions of people who live near them are under threat from oil spills, air and noise pollution, sewage and plastic pollution. Friends of the Earth is working hard to protect our precious marine areas.

Campaigning in Alaska's pristine Bristol Bay

Over 20,000 Members like you urged the Alaska Department of Natural Resources to reject exploratory mining activities at the proposed Groundhog copper mine, which would endanger the salmon fisheries and fishing communities of Bristol Bay.

In a big win for Bristol Bay and its surrounding communities, the EPA blocked the proposed Pebble Mine in January 2023. Public pressure helped make this happen, including thousands of Members like you who signed petitions opposing this project.

Taking on the cruise and cargo ship industries

We launched our tenth annual Cruise Ship Report Card in July, exposing the companies that continue to harm our oceans and the communities that depend on them.

We joined with allies urging President Biden to demand that the EPA establish up-to-date discharge

standards for cruise and cargo ships' ballast water that comply with the Clean Water Act; and to stop these ships' discharge of harmful invasive species and human pathogens into U.S. waters.

Protecting port communities and wildlife

We successfully campaigned for the inclusion of a "marine mammal desk" in the U.S. Senate Coast Guard Authorization Act. This requires ships in Northwest waters to report sightings of marine mammals and to consider measures to reduce these vessels' disturbance of marine life, including endangered Southern Resident orcas. With only 73 of these precious whales remaining, every action helps.

Growing traffic at American ports is responsible for tons of toxins and greenhouse gases being released into the atmosphere. Friends of the Earth is working with and supporting local port communities to monitor air quality and advocate for comprehensive port air pollution mitigation strategies to improve these communities' health. Thanks in part to this advocacy, millions of dollars were included for port greening, electrification and CO2 reduction in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act and the Inflation Reduction Act.

With you by our side this year, we will keep fighting to protect our oceans and ocean communities and marine ecosystems.



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Winning Legal Victories for Our Planet

Friends of the Earth's legal team is working hard to win battles for our planet in court, thanks to the support of Members like you.

Holding the Bureau of Land Management accountable

Alongside community and conservation groups, we reached an agreement in August with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to suspend new oil and gas leasing across over one million acres of public lands in California's Central Valley. We also secured Spanish translation of pertinent documents, and live translation at public hearings to ensure more transparency and inclusion for crucial land decisions.

We have continued working with allies to file lawsuits challenging BLM approvals of drilling on public lands without proper environmental reviews. In August, we challenged Peregrine, an exploratory drilling program in Alaska's Western Arctic, which would generate the carbon equivalent of emissions from 173 coal-fired power plants operating for a year. And in June, we challenged the auction of almost 120,000 acres of Wyoming public lands to Big Oil.

Undoing the damage from the Trump era

Persuaded by our 2020 lawsuit, filed along with allies, challenging Trump's efforts to turn Alaska's Tongass rainforest over to loggers and road builders, the Forest Service reinstated protections for the area in January 2023. We also filed a 2020 lawsuit challenging Trump's attempts to roll back the country's premier bedrock environmental law, the National Environmental Policy Act. Our lawsuit has successfully spurred formal reinstatement activity by the Biden Administration.

Pressuring the EPA to work for us, not the polluters

In September we filed a notice of intent to sue the EPA for failing to finalize nationwide standards to protect waterways from vessel discharges that harm ecosystems, local economies and public health.

Thanks to our decade-plus campaign and over 20,000 comments from Members like you, the EPA finally proposed an endangerment finding on leaded aviation gasoline, or avgas—a critical step to regulate lead pollution from piston-engine aircrafts, the largest source of lead emissions in the country. The endangerment finding on avgas is the first step in the EPA's process to adopt rules restricting its use.

In 2023 we will continue fighting in the courts for people and the planet.



Making Our Food Healthier and More Sustainable

Food is essential to life, and yet our current food system is polluting and inequitable, and is driving the climate and biodiversity crises. Friends of the Earth is working to create a food system that is sustainable, healthy and just for all.

Healthy and climate-friendly school food

After our years-long effort to create a plant-based school food pilot program in California, the state allocated \$100 million to help schools purchase plant-based, sustainably produced and California-grown food—a big win for children, our climate and our food system.

At the federal level our advocacy led to the first-ever congressional support for plant-based school meals and non-dairy beverage options in the Healthy Meals, Healthy Kids Act that passed the House Education and Labor Committee in July. The bill provided a \$10 million pilot grants program to expand healthy, plant-based school meal options. It also included provisions that would remove barriers for students to access soymilk and facilitate values-aligned school meal purchasing, including purchasing environmentally sustainable foods.

Our campaign for healthy, climate-friendly food in federal facilities also bore fruit. Propelled by our comments, a sign-on letter we co-led from 49 organizations, nearly 20,000 letters to President Biden from Friends of the Earth Members, and letters from Senator Cory Booker and eight members of Congress, the White House committed to updating and implementing federal foodservice guidelines in its National Strategy on Hunger, Health, and Nutrition. This is a key vehicle for advancing climate-friendly foodservice.

Keeping risky, unlabeled genetically engineered animals off our plates

Thanks to pressure from Friends of the Earth and Members like you, top retailers such as Walmart and Costco and food service management companies such as Aramark and Compass have rejected genetically engineered salmon in the U.S. GMO salmon are the first genetically engineered animal allowed to be sold to U.S. consumers and set a precedent for other animals like pigs, chickens and cows, engineered to withstand filthy, crowded and polluting factory farms. In this ongoing campaign, we are pressuring restaurants and retailers to publicly commit to not sell GMO salmon and other GMO animals.

With your continued support, Friends of the Earth will continue fighting for a more sustainable and just food system.



Photo: Blue Ridge Mountains, North Carolina

Working for Justice, Democracy in the Southeast

Friends of the Earth is fighting to protect Southeastern communities from polluters and to preserve their democratic voice.

Limiting forest destruction and climate pollution

We won a big victory in March 2022, when Active Energy agreed to sell its planned biomass plant in Lumberton, NC. This community effort saved forests from being turned into wood pellets and protected primarily BIPOC and low-wealth communities from water and air pollution. This was the first biomass project of its kind to be denied in North Carolina, which is the top U.S. exporter of wood pellets for burning.

Preventing plastics

We continue to work with frontline communities fighting the Formosa Plastics Sunshine project, a massive plastics production facility earmarked for a predominantly Black area of Louisiana so ravaged by pollution that it is known as “Cancer Alley.”

Our partner group RISE St. James struck two significant blows against this project. First, the EPA recognized their complaints of discrimination under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act. Then a state court rejected the air permits issued by the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality to Formosa Plastics on ecological and environmental justice grounds. Both develop-

ments boost our efforts to get banks to commit to not finance toxic, harmful plastics production projects.

Pumping up renewable energy

The Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA), the country's largest public utility, has a largely nuclear- and carbon-based energy generation portfolio and is the sole supplier of electricity for the city of Memphis. Friends of the Earth is advocating for Memphis to break away from the TVA in favor of cleaner, lower-cost renewable energy. The numbers show we're making progress: so far we have recruited over 2,000 residents to contact their Memphis City Council members.

Defending democracy

Friends of the Earth is partnering with BIPOC-led organizations to ensure that North Carolinian votes count by leading a campaign for fair maps. Directly impacted advocates worked to introduce a marker bill to establish a race-equity focused Independent Redistricting Commission. Additionally, hundreds of local Members demanded that state legislative leaders publicly release the General Assembly's redistricting maps. Once the maps were made public, our community generated 1,000 comments demanding fair representation in the Tar Heel state.

In 2023 Friends of the Earth will continue working with local communities for a clean, green and just Southeast.



Protecting People and Planet from Corporate Harm

Thanks to the support of Members like you, Friends of the Earth's Finance and Economics team is winning battles against some of the deepest pockets in the corporate world.

Protecting forests and the human rights of forest communities

In September corporate giants including Nestlé, Procter & Gamble, Hershey and several others suspended palm oil sourcing from plantations owned by Astra Agro Lestari, a company responsible for land grabbing, human rights violations and environmental destruction in Indonesia. This comes after two years of campaigning alongside our Indonesian counterpart WALHI, and over a decade of resistance from Indigenous and frontline communities, farmers and land and environmental human rights defenders. Now we're working with the impacted communities to get their land back.

We helped organize a day of action at investment giant TIAA's New York City headquarters, delivering 23,000 petitions demanding action on fossil fuels and forests and land grabs. We are also working on a deforestation bill in New York state.

Standing up for Indigenous and citizen rights

More than 500,000 allies and Members like you signed petitions urging P&G to honor its commitment to social responsibility and end its role in deforestation and the violation of Indigenous rights. This includes a demand to end the production of toilet paper using wood pulp from Canada's boreal forest—a critical bulwark against climate change.

Friends of the Earth led a group letter to the U.S. Treasury calling on the department to release a strategy on how it will use its "voice and vote" at the International Monetary Fund to advance clean, green climate goals. We also delivered more than 15,000 petitions to the Treasury signed by Friends of the Earth Members echoing these concerns.

Stopping destructive energy projects

Friends of the Earth worked with frontline communities to highlight the negative environmental, social and biodiversity impacts of the proposed Erdeneburen hydropower dam in Mongolia—which has now been suspended indefinitely. If built, the dam would have impacted an ecologically sensitive area of a national park, devastated wetlands and potentially impacted snow leopards and several threatened species.

Your support in 2023 is essential as Friends of the Earth fights for a financial system that puts people and the planet first.



Powering Protections for Pollinators

As bees and other pollinators struggle for survival amid what one scientist has called an “ecological Armageddon,” Friends of the Earth is working hard to protect them from pollinator-toxic pesticides.

Our retail campaign

With Members like you behind us, our Bee-Friendly Retailer campaign has convinced 12 of America’s top 25 grocery retailers to establish pollinator protection policies. Thousands of you called, wrote and showed up in person at stores to pressure Kroger, the country’s largest supermarket corporation, to do more for pollinators.

You also made possible our effective Bee-Friendly Retailer Scorecard. By benchmarking 25 of the largest U.S. food retailers on their pollinator policies, Friends of the Earth is helping to spur a race to the top, forcing retailers to address the use of toxic pesticides in supply chains and support the expansion of organic agriculture and other ecological solutions.

Legislating for pollinators

Working alongside allies, we helped get legislation passed in Connecticut banning the toxic pesticide chlorpyrifos on golf courses. This was the first successful effort to close this loophole since the EPA ended the use of chlorpyrifos on food in 2021. We also continued lobbying at the federal and state levels for immediate bans on deadly pesticides.

We also organized a lobby day with allies in support of the Protect America’s Children from Toxic Pesticides Act (PACTPA). This bill, introduced by Senator Cory Booker, would ban several of the most toxic pesticides in the country and dramatically strengthen the EPA’s ability and mandate to protect pollinators and people from pesticides.

Using investments to protect pollinators

Friends of the Earth is also co-leading the Initiative for Pesticide Use Reduction & Safer Chemicals Management with Mercy Investments and the Investor Environmental Health Network. With the full force of our Members behind us, we’re joining with over 15 socially responsible investors—with a combined \$444 billion in assets under management—to pressure food retailers to track and reduce pesticide use in supply chains.

Your support this year will fuel our fight for a healthy, pesticide-free future for pollinators and people.

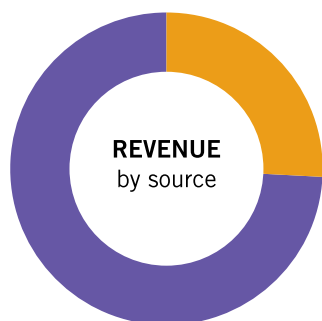
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Statement of Activities

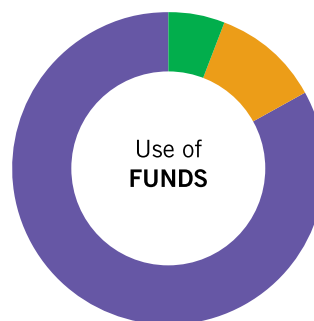
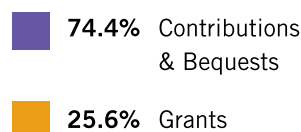
For fiscal year ended June 30, 2022

REVENUE			
	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total
Grants, Bequests & Contributions	\$10,705,677	\$6,645,191	\$17,350,868
Other Income*	\$(487,693)	\$(23,512)	\$(511,205)
Net Assets Released from Restrictions	\$4,466,256	\$(4,466,256)	\$ -
TOTAL REVENUE	\$14,684,240	\$2,155,423	\$16,839,663
EXPENSES			
PROGRAM EXPENSES			
Economic Policy	\$1,284,489	\$ -	\$1,284,489
Oceans & Vessels	\$832,320	\$ -	\$832,320
Climate & Energy	\$1,813,984	\$ -	\$1,813,984
Food & Agriculture	\$2,229,552	\$ -	\$2,229,552
Organizing	\$452,868	\$ -	\$452,868
Outreach, Communications, DEIJ & NC Restricted	\$4,952,273	\$ -	\$4,952,273
Membership	\$810,648	\$ -	\$810,648
TOTAL PROGRAM EXPENSES	\$12,376,134	\$ -	\$12,376,134
SUPPORTING EXPENSES			
Management & General	\$847,948	\$ -	\$847,948
Fundraising	\$1,714,239	\$ -	\$1,714,239
TOTAL SUPPORTING EXPENSES	\$2,562,187	\$ -	\$2,562,187
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$14,938,321	\$ -	\$14,938,321
NET ASSETS			
Net Assets—Beginning of Year	\$15,391,248	\$2,377,282	\$17,768,530
Change in Net Assets	\$(254,081)	\$2,155,423	\$1,901,342
NET ASSETS — END OF YEAR	\$15,137,167	\$4,532,705	\$19,669,872

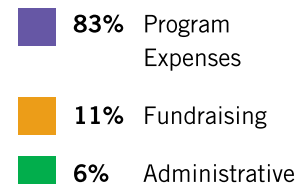
*Negative due to market-related losses



Revenue



Expenses



Statement of Financial Position

As of June 30, 2022

ASSETS	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$13,229,649
Grants Receivable	\$1,415,863
Accounts Receivable	\$66,469
Prepaid Expenses and Other Assets	\$948,768
Fixed Assets, Net of Depreciation	\$747,045
Investments	\$5,907,009
TOTAL ASSETS	\$22,314,803
LIABILITIES	
Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses	\$1,095,791
Lease-related Liabilities	\$1,373,113
Charitable Gift Annuities Liability	\$51,890
Loan Payable	\$124,137
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$2,644,931
NET ASSETS	
Unrestricted	\$15,137,167
Restricted	\$4,532,705
TOTAL NET ASSETS	\$19,669,872
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$22,314,803