Hope for a New Year — It Is Still Up to Us
Wenonah Hauter, Executive Director

For anyone who cares about our food, water and a stable climate, 2018 has made clear just how much danger we face. We’ve experienced up close and personal just how real climate change is: unprecedented wildfires, more superstorms, and hotter and hotter temperatures throughout the summer. And our government is not leading the way in responding to this existential threat, but is instead doubling down on business as usual, thanks to the unnatural disaster in the White House and a complicit Congress. Yet as we approach year’s end, I’m filled with hope for 2019. I’m hopeful because I can see the political shifts happening in our country. I’m inspired by the protests in the streets and the quiet activism happening at kitchen tables across the country. I am sustained by countless examples of older people joining in common cause with younger people to demand a politics that can lead to a better future. Thanks to all of us, I have faith that we will ultimately prevail and make our government work for what people really need: trustworthy food, clean water and a livable climate.

As I write this, we don’t know the results of the midterm elections, but I am (cautiously) optimistic that in November we will choose a different path. Thanks to you and the millions of people who are getting off the sidelines and getting out the vote, we have real hope that Congress and state governments will be very different in 2019.

Regardless of the elections, Food & Water Watch and Food & Water Action will continue to fight Trump’s harmful agenda while pushing our shared agenda — one that actually helps people, not just huge corporations. Together, we will build more support for the Off Fossil Fuels for a Better Future Act that we got introduced in Congress this year to stop new fossil fuel projects and move the United States to 100% renewable energy by 2035. A new Congress also means more chances to pass the WATER Act, which gives dedicated funding to rebuild our crumbling water infrastructure.

Still, with Trump in the White House, real affirmative progress will be most possible at the state and local level, and I can see it coming. In 2019, we will build on the work we have done in Florida and pass a ban on fracking in the state. We have already made huge progress, and thanks to our

The Petitions You Sign — Yes, They Matter!

The petitions you sign to ban fracking are one of the key ways we fight back against the huge corporations that make up Big Oil & Gas. They show our elected officials that their constituents — people like YOU that our leaders are supposed to represent — are against fracking. For example, in Florida, big companies like ExxonMobil want to carry out dangerous drilling even in environmentally sensitive areas like Big Cypress National Preserve. But thanks to your support, we are organizing to stop them by calling on Governor Rick Scott to ban fracking once and for all and to stop all new drilling permits in Big Cypress. We’ve been gathering the petitions you signed, and on September 10, 2018 we delivered over 8,000 petitions from Floridians

In September, Senior Florida Organizer Michelle Allen and volunteers delivered more than 8,000 petitions from Florida residents calling on Governor Rick Scott to ban fracking in Florida.
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public campaigns both candidates for governor of Florida are on record as supporting a ban. Working with our coalition partners, in New York we will move aggressive climate policy in Albany — something that may be possible if Democrats win a majority in the Senate thanks to several progressive victories in the primaries. We will keep New Jersey from becoming a dumping ground for Big Oil & Gas, and ban fracking waste in the state after building support for the last several years. In California, we will have strong champions who support a fracking ban in the legislature. And this is just a small sample of what will be possible if we keep standing strong together.

Food & Water Watch has worked for years to protect our food, water and climate from fracking and factory farm practices that threaten our planet. And with your support, we are going to keep ramping up all of our campaigns — to achieve some real wins in 2019 that set us up for even bigger efforts in 2020 and beyond. It is what we must do to secure a livable future for us and subsequent generations.

All of this is possible because of you, and caring people like you. It takes all of us working together in a sustained way for as long as it takes to win the fights against huge corporations so that we have food we can trust, water we can drink and a climate where we can thrive. I am so grateful that you continue to stand with all of us in these fights.

I’m especially pleased to recognize and honor some of the people — foundations, donors and volunteers — that are the engines that power all of our work. Our staff did a great deal of outreach to ensure that we got all the names on our list of people who allow us to recognize them in this way. I hope we got it right, but my sincere apologies if we missed anyone as we have erred on the side of caution in this recognition list. Thanks to all of you — both recognized and those who chose to stay anonymous — for your sustaining support in 2018. I hope your name will be on this list next year, either again or for the first time!

Fracking Destroyed His Home, But This Water Warrior Won’t Quit

In December 2010, dozens of households in Dimock, Pennsylvania reached an agreement with Cabot Energy after suing the fracking company for poisoning their wells. That agreement provided compensation — in exchange for signing a non-disclosure agreement that essentially bars residents from discussing the incident publicly.

But Ray Kemble, whose water was badly contaminated, refused to be gagged by the industry, becoming one of the most outspoken advocates against fracking, telling his story to media and working side by side with Food & Water Watch and other groups taking the industry head on. He stood with us as we worked to ban fracking in New York and Maryland and has spoken out about how he has been harmed by fracking in states across the country, from Florida to California.

Meanwhile, he’s lost everything. His property value and his business have been destroyed thanks to the water contamination. Since December 2011 when former Republican Governor Corbett and the state environmental agency said Cabot could end free water deliveries, Kemble and the others have now been left to fend for themselves, having to transport safe water to their homes. Now Cabot Energy is suing Kemble, asserting that he violated the terms of his signed agreement.

What’s more, Kemble is in another high-stakes fight: he was recently diagnosed with cancer and faces a series of health problems.

Kemble’s fight illustrates how people in front-line communities are destroyed and intimidated by polluting industries every day. We are honored to stand with Ray and others like him who continue to fight for what’s right.

Please consider contributing to Ray Kemble’s GoFundMe page started by our organizing co-director, Emily Wurth, at this link: fwwat.ch/Kemble.
Diane Fletcher-Hoppe and Carl Hoppe: “Activism Is the Antidote to Feeling Helpless”

When Diane Fletcher-Hoppe and Carl Hoppe began supporting Food & Water Watch in 2012, these donors and activists could not have imagined how their involvement would lead to a major campaign in their own community.

“It was a total shock,” says Diane, recounting her and Carl’s visit to the Aliso Canyon gas storage facility with Los Angeles organizer Alex Nagy in January 2017. “We met with the people affected by the methane blowout.” Residents vividly described the health and emotional effects from the disaster and the state and local governments’ deeply inadequate response.

Then Diane learned from Alex that a similar and even older gas storage facility in Playa Del Rey sits just a mile from her home.

Instead of worrying, Diane and Carl used this information to act. Since the Aliso Canyon visit, they have become more active with Food & Water Watch. Diane has become involved in Protect Playa Now (PPN), the community group focused on closing their neighborhood Playa Del Rey gas storage facility before another methane disaster happens.

Now Diane is very active on the PPN steering committee. PPN is a critical part of the 100% renewable energy campaign for Los Angeles.

“I’m not a happy camper if I don’t have an environmental project to work on, and having a partner who shares your involvement with the issues is so important,” says Diane, who has been engaged in various campaigns for more than 30 years.

Carl, like many others, participates when he can. “To have this as part of our life together is significant,” he says. “Activism is the antidote to feeling helpless.” Over the decades, Diane and Carl have developed a strong partnership to balance family, to the Department of Environmental Protection in Hillsborough County calling on Gov. Scott to ban dangerous drilling and fracking in Florida. Any time thousands of people take action — especially in an election year — political leaders take notice. It is no coincidence that both the Democratic and the Republican gubernatorial candidates are on record in support of a ban.

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Get Passionate and Get Involved — the Future Depends On Us!

By Lee Fahey

Each of us has our individual passion, and mine has been the environment — ever since the 1960s when I was in high school. I personally don’t understand the greed behind financially benefiting from wreaking havoc with the environment. My brother teases me that if everyone followed my lifestyle, there wouldn’t be environmental issues. But sometimes I think I’m just a weirdo, or maybe an environmental nerd, based on the extremes I go to in minimizing my footprint on the earth. And yet — I’m also very proud of my lifestyle.

In 2012, I attended a gathering in Charlotte, North Carolina hosted by Food & Water Watch. During this gathering, and during the course of the evening while the information was presented, I became hooked on this wonderful organization!

Here is a list of what impresses me about Food & Water Watch:

• Wenonah Hauter, the founder and executive director, is an incredible woman who is a wise, passionate and fearless leader; the thought-provoking author of both Foodopoly and Frackopoly; and a tireless activist for environmental issues — a woman who very obviously “walks the talk.”
• If you want to present information to an audience on Food & Water Watch’s behalf, training is required in addition to a review of the accuracy of what you’re presenting.
• Staff members comprise a diverse mix of people, each one very obviously passionate about this organization.
• Food & Water Watch is open to partnering with other organizations united in the same goals.
• Published materials are impeccably researched.

I realize we each have varying abilities for accomplishing the same goal. I’d like to encourage you to focus on whatever it is you’re passionate about, and to get involved. Trust me, your contribution is needed and very appreciated, especially for the sake of our future generations.

Join Lee as a monthly Partner, and by considering including Food & Water Watch in your estate plans: contact Royelen Lee Boykie by phone at 202-683-2509 or by email at royelen@fwwatch.org.

You’re Making Big Things Possible: Our Top 10 Victories

You are fueling people-powered campaigns and winning victory after victory across the country. Together, we’re going to keep this momentum going.

Check out our 10 biggest victories (so far)!

#1: Banned Fracking in New York!
The oil and gas industry was targeting New York for fracking — so we made it our goal to stop them. In 2014, Food & Water Watch and our grassroots allies did what many said was impossible: we banned fracking in the state. How did we do it? With your support and years of organizing with hundreds of groups in the New Yorkers Against Fracking coalition!
#2: Got Arsenic Out of Animal Feed

For decades, arsenic-based drugs were given to chickens and turkeys. After winning a ban on using arsenic in poultry feed in Maryland, we continued national efforts and won a federal ban on arsenic-based animal drugs in 2015.

#3: Stopped Nestlé Water Bottling Across the Country

Standing firm in our belief that water is a basic human right (and should not be used for corporate profit), we worked with broad coalitions to stop Nestlé from taking water from communities in California, Oregon, Pennsylvania and Washington. We’ve proved that people can take on the world’s most powerful food and beverage company, and WIN!

#4: Stopped the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP)

The TPP would have undermined laws that protect our food and water, and promoted more fracking. Despite the backing of Big Business and politicians from both parties, we helped stop this controversial trade deal alongside a mighty coalition of environmental, labor, health and community organizations — and with support from people like you.

#5: Launched the National Movement to Ban Fracking!

Food & Water Watch released a report calling for a national ban on fracking, and became the first U.S. national organization to do so. Since then, the movement for a fracking ban has grown exponentially, with more than 600 measures against fracking passed in communities from California to Florida, and everywhere in between!

#6: Convinced Starbucks to Use Milk Without Growth Hormones

Factory farms give dairy cows rGBH, an artificial growth hormone that causes serious health problems for cows. Its effects on people are still not fully understood. After two years of pressure from Food & Water Watch, Starbucks committed to making 100% of its milk supply rGBH-free. Once Starbucks switched to using only rGBH-free milk, more companies followed, and rGBH-free milk grew in the marketplace.

#7: Banned Fracking in Maryland!

Hard work, dedication and incredible people power made this huge victory possible — after five years of fighting, Maryland became the third state to ban fracking. Food & Water Watch and the Don’t Frack Maryland Coalition stood together and pushed for what we knew was necessary to protect Maryland’s air, water, health and climate. In April 2017, Governor Larry Hogan signed the bipartisan bill.

#8: Organized the Largest Anti-Fracking March

The March for a Clean Energy Revolution was the largest anti-fracking action in the United States! On July 24, 2016, outside the Democratic National Convention in Philadelphia, over 10,000 people stood together to demand a sustainable future.
You rarely achieve the important things in life without a tough fight. That’s why I’ve spent my entire adult life, and the last seven years with Food & Water Watch, getting up every morning and fighting hard against irresponsible governmental agencies and industry bad actors over some of the most critical issues of our time. And almost every evening, I head down to the local boxing gym, put on a pair of worn hand wraps and gloves and continue a much less consequential, but cathartic struggle with a 100-pound heavy bag or some fast-moving mitt work.

At Food & Water Watch, I co-direct our legal team. But I didn’t go to law school just to be a lawyer—I went to become a more effective environmental activist, because I understand the importance that the law plays in protecting our threatened communities from the onslaught of uncontrolled pollution. And today, the courts are often the last line of defense against an administration and Congress that seem increasingly determined to take us down a path leading to wholesale destruction.

Being an advocate isn’t always easy; you lose more than you win when up against powerful enemies. So it’s important to take the time to look up from the struggle every so often and appreciate the progress we’re making together: banning fracking in New York and Maryland, protecting public municipal drinking water supplies and implementing clean, renewable energy programs across the country. It’s those times when I realize how truly privileged I am to be able to spend my days doing the work I do.

I’m at an age now when most people start thinking about retirement plans, but if you’re an advocate, you don’t walk away from fighting for what’s right just because you turned 65, any more than you give up breathing or eating. I can’t envision a day when I don’t get up in the morning and fight the battle for a better future. And I really can’t imagine not heading down to the boxing club after work every evening and punching the hell out of that bag. There are some things in life you just have to keep doing.

Some Things Are Worth Fighting For

By Scott Edwards, Co-Director, Food & Water Justice

#9: Kept Private Water Companies From Controlling Public Water in More Than 40 U.S. Cities

Water privatization is nothing short of a giveaway to profiteering corporations. When communities hand control of their water systems over to private companies, rates skyrocket (on average by 59% more), service worsens, and workers lose jobs. We’ve fought water privatization since our founding, and working with local coalitions we’ve protected local control of water and sewer systems in dozens of communities.

#10: Stopped Over a Dozen Major Fossil Fuel Projects

Fossil fuel projects (especially ones connected to the rush to expand fracking) are poisoning our water, polluting our air and threatening the climate we all depend on. Working with community partners across the country, we’ve stopped fracking and drilling projects, power plants, gas storage facilities, export facilities and pipelines.

And we’re just getting started. Together, we’re building the people power it takes to protect our food, water and environment—and win! This is only possible with your support, so thank you for all that you give. Onward to the next 10 victories!
Thanks to YOU, we can win the future we must have!

Food & Water Watch and Food & Water Action don’t accept any corporate or government funding so that we can take the strong, independent stands necessary to protect people and what we need to thrive. That means taking on some of the world’s biggest corporations to make our government work for people — so that we can all trust the food we eat, know that our water is safe, and ensure that we have a livable climate for ourselves and future generations.

We know that there is no distinction between helping people and protecting the environment. That the earth is the only home we get. That we are fighting to save our home.

More than 1 million people are part of Food & Water Watch and Food & Water Action. We salute all who stand with us! As we move into a new year, we wanted to recognize and thank some of the real heroes who make all of our work possible and give us a reason to hope for a better 2019.
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Why Isn’t Your Name Here?

This list was created to honor and recognize those people and institutions that provided extraordinary support in 2018 for our work to stop fracking and protect our most essential resources — our food and water.

If you are wondering why your name isn’t here... it could be in the future! If you would like to become a Leader, Champion or Partner, please go to our Ways to Give section on our website at foodandwaterwatch.org/ways-give or contact Alexa Catherman at donate@fwwatch.org.

Remember, we will only recognize you with your permission. Many people and foundations wish for their contributions to be anonymous, and we have honored their wishes. If you feel your name should be on this year’s list, and we missed it, please accept our apologies, but know that we erred on the side of caution and only listed the names of those who gave us explicit permission to list them.

We tried hard to get it right, and are very sorry if we inadvertently omitted or incorrectly listed your name. Please contact Alexa at the email address above or by phone at 202-683-4941 with any questions or additional information.

Thank you again to all who agreed to be recognized — and to all who wished to remain anonymous — for your incredible support. We would love to honor you and publicly recognize your contributions next year!

The 2017 Tax Bill and You

Regardless of how you feel about the federal tax bill passed in late 2017, its exact impact on you will depend on your family’s situation and on your personal finances. For many people, though, the biggest impact is likely to be on whether or not they can itemize their deductions. That’s because the law includes a substantial increase in the Standard Deduction that each taxpayer can take, but new limits on mortgage interest deductions and reductions in how much can be itemized from state and local taxes, as well as the outright elimination of some miscellaneous itemized deductions. As a result, many people who itemized in the past will no longer be able to — experts are predicting that only about 5% of tax filers will itemize in 2018 versus more than 30% in previous years. While you can still deduct donations to public charities (501(c)(3)s) like Food & Water Watch from your taxes, the real question is, will you still itemize your taxes at all for 2018? Whether you can itemize or not, your donations to Food & Water Watch and Food & Water Action will always be put to work fighting for what we need: healthy food, clean water and a livable climate.

Got a Question About Your Support?

Have a question? We’re here to help! If you have any questions about a donation you’ve made or if you’d like some assistance in making a contribution, please reach out to Alexa Catherman at 202-683-4941. And if you want to make any changes to your monthly donation, you can reach Aliya Mejias at 202-683-2462. Please feel free to call us at any time — if you don’t reach us, we will return your call promptly.

You can also email us at donate@fwwatch.org. Your support matters a great deal to us, and we want to make it as convenient as possible for you to donate to make a difference in our fight to protect our food and water, stop fracking, and win a livable future!
We Have a New Champion in Office in Maryland

In Maryland’s primary election this year, there was a contentious race for state Senate in the 43rd district. Mary Washington, a progressive voice and leader in the House of Delegates, challenged Joan Carter Conway, a powerful 19-year incumbent in the Maryland Senate who chaired the Environment Committee, where she consistently ignored the needs of her constituents and blocked important legislation. Through our political arm, Food & Water Action, our staff and volunteers did everything we could to get out the vote for Mary: we knocked on over 3,000 doors, sent 5,332 text messages, made 10,326 calls and reached over 20,000 people in the district through digital advertisements. And Mary won her primary race!

Throughout her career as a delegate, Mary introduced and passed legislation to remove water bills from Baltimore city tax sale, supported our 100% clean energy by 2035 state bill, was an early supporter of our fracking ban, opposed Big Ag and was a key environmental voice in Maryland. Baltimore has struggled with its dysfunctional water rate system for years, and Mary has been fighting this with us, and winning.

As the votes rolled in on election day, it became clear that every single text, call and conversation had made an impact. This win signals a promising shift toward a more progressive Maryland State Senate, and shows the power that Food & Water Action/Watch and our members have in the state. We are excited about what this means for our work in Maryland in the next year.

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