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# FY 2019 Annual Report





Earth Island is a vibrant network of more than 80 environmental action projects in the US and around the world. We help build the power of youth through our New Leaders Initiative as well as through sponsorship of the annual Brower Youth Awards to recognize tomorrow's environmental leaders. Our award-winning *Earth Island Journal* educates and empowers readers to take action. And our legal arm, Earth Island Advocates, fosters legal defense of irreplaceable resources, wild spaces, and wildlife that are critical to a healthy planet.

*Cover Photo: Howling Wild Coyote*

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# MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends,

FY 2019 was a year of strong growth as we've built our network of action projects to the highest level in our organizational history. We now have approximately 80 projects. But it is more than simply numbers. We have our strongest and most skilled group of Project Directors, and they are making a big difference for the Earth.

We provide extensive support services to help Projects succeed. Earth Island continues to be recognized as a premier sponsor organization for environmental protection.

This year we are reaching the 20th Anniversary of our **Brower Youth Awards** program, recognizing and celebrating the leading youth environmental activists in North America.

Our **Earth Island Journal** was awarded the prestigious 2019 **Izzy Award** "for outstanding achievement in independent media." The *Journal* continues to put out hard-hitting environmental news and investigative reports on on topics that don't get the exposure that they deserve. Our daily online news posts are also reaching a large online following.

Our **Earth Island Advocates** program is making great headway in combining the expertise of our grassroots projects network with pro bono resources of law firms and legal clinics to bring new cases for protecting the environment.

We have a great staff and Board team, and remain committed to making a difference.

Best Regards,



David Phillips, Executive Director



# MISSION STATEMENT

Earth Island supports environmental action projects and builds the next generation of leaders in order to achieve solutions to environmental crises threatening the survival of life on Earth.

Earth Island Institute is recognized under the IRS as a 501(c)(3) organization. Our fiscal year is from July 1 to June 30. Our financial 990 Reports and yearly independent audits are available on our website at [www.earthisland.org](http://www.earthisland.org).

# FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

	2017	2018	2019
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Cash	\$ 2,475,325	\$ 1,989,311	\$ 1,666,796
Accounts Receivable	1,090,977	787,454	1,674,362
Fixed Assets	1,157,811	1,176,164	1,099,938
Investments	5,765,592	8,596,572	9,893,856
Other assets	226,271	2,402,320	4,415,351
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>10,715,975</b>	<b>14,951,821</b>	<b>18,750,303</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
Accounts Payable	272,463	427,110	281,502
Deferred Revenue	147,322	155,745	161,112
Other Liabilities	202,260	225,722	314,791
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>622,045</b>	<b>808,577</b>	<b>757,405</b>
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>10,093,930</b>	<b>14,143,244</b>	<b>17,992,898</b>

# SELECTED FINANCIAL DATA

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## STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES

	2017	2018	2019
<b>INCOME</b>			
Contributions and Grants	\$ 8,804,893	\$ 13,501,176	\$15,812,657
Program Service Revenue	1,646,601	1,565,844	1,801,478
Investment Income	651,458	343,384	742,309
Other Revenue	273,691	93,680	75,730
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>11,376,643</b>	<b>15,504,084</b>	<b>18,432,174</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
Program Service Expenses	7,975,966	9,697,441	12,984,176
Administrative Expenses	949,065	840,064	939,275
Fundraising Expenses	979,825	917,265	659,069
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>9,904,856</b>	<b>11,454,770</b>	<b>14,582,520</b>
<b>Revenue Less Expenses</b>	<b>1,471,787</b>	<b>4,049,314</b>	<b>3,849,654</b>

# PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

## Overview

In the 2018-2019 fiscal year, Earth Island had 79 projects under sponsorship during all or part of the year.

During that period, Network Services:

- **Onboarded 6 new projects and decommissioned 5 existing projects.**
- **Processed combined revenue of \$16,610,542 and expenses of \$13,432,696 (includes \$2,564,134 in pro bono donated services).**
- **Received \$5,217,725 in grants on behalf of projects.**
- **Supported 212 employees in 40 states.**
- **Made \$563,376 in grants to other organizations on behalf of projects.**
- **Advised 21 grants totaling \$90,000 for Global Greengrants Fund.**
- **Launched a new monthly Project Support Newsletter**
- **Provided trainings and webinars on Fundraising as our annual focus, including:**
  - How to Create a Fundraising Plan
  - Why Donors Give
  - Maximizing Donor Relationships
  - Celebrating & Listening to EI's Largest Projects
  - Inside the World of Environmental Grant Making
  - How to Involve Your Advisors in Raising Funds
  - Connecting to Your Story and Creating a Compelling Narrative
  - Fireside Chat with EI's Executive Director



# PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

## Conservation, Preservation, & Restoration

**Impact Story: Nature in the City** worked over the past year to open the new Crosstown Trail (SFCT), featuring stairways, wildlife habitats, transit hubs, epic views, hidden gems, and other surprises along the way. Bob Siegel took the lead and gathered a group of volunteers, organizations, and City departments to select the route and make the SFCT available to the public. The Crosstown Trail Coalition was born, composed of Bay Area Ridge Trail Council, Friends of the Oak Woodlands, Nature in the City, SF Parks Alliance, SF Urban Riders, Sutro Stewards, and Visitation Valley Greenway, among others. The trail's official opening was on National Trails Day weekend in June, 2019.

The International Convention on Biological Diversity now recognizes the critical importance of primary forests as well as the concept of "ecosystem integrity" both promoted by **Wild Heritage** through its advocacy work and championed by Costa Rica and other countries.

**Baikal Watch** advanced their efforts to protect the region around Lake Baikal and Siberia by constructing over 75 miles of modern, low-impact trails through the national parks and reserves in the area and trained 150 nature interpreters and eco-educators on their responsible use.

In the past year, **John Muir Project** made 30 presentations to the public throughout California and generated 34 regional and national news stories about the issue of forests and fire ecology, community protection and the threats that logging pose to the ecosystems and communities. The played a critical central role in stopping Congressional rollbacks of environmental laws in relation to National Forests by providing research that convinced Congress to keep a damaging logging rider out of the Farm Bill.

**John Muir Trail Foundation** has built partnerships yielding outstanding results this year, having completed two agreements with federal partners in order to deploy donor funding to support backcountry rangers across the Inyo and Sierra National Forest region.

**Public Lands Media** initiated a new wilderness advocacy group - the Gallatin Yellowstone Wilderness Alliance - with the goal of garnering wilderness protection for some 700,000 acres of the Custer Gallatin National Forest.

**Serengeti Watch** continued their community-based conservation efforts, planting several thousand-tree saplings, conducting twice-weekly radio programs that air throughout the year, and hosting four hundred students in the Serengeti National Park.

Given the enormity of problems with wildfire in the Santa Barbara region, **South Coast Habitat Restoration** has been sought out to address the post fire/debris flow conditions and to assist with restoration opportunities in the area. They also completed the *Carpentaria Creek Watershed Assessment - Post Fire and Debris Flows* report highlighting those impacts and opportunities.

# PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

## Clean Energy & Climate Change

**Impact Story:** In September 2018, as an official event of the Global Climate Action Summit, **Viva Sierra Gorda** with its partners across North America, convened a panel discussion about the proven Nationally Appropriate Mitigation Action (NAMA) model underway in Querétaro State. The model is creating and implementing local protocols that incentivize forest and pastureland regeneration to reduce carbon emissions. In early 2019, spearheaded by their partner Grupo Ecológico Sierra Gorda, they achieved verification of their monitoring and reporting under the five guidelines of the Initiative for Climate Action Transparency, which is a global first, proving that where the market incentives don't work, voluntary carbon reductions can create social and environmental returns.

Working with teams from the Stanford Society of Black Scientist and Engineers, **Energie Rich** developed their second clean energy prototype, a portable solar lamp. They also trained their first cohort of engineering interns in Ghana at Ashesi University in Accra, Ghana.

**The Borneo Project** co-hosted Clean Energy Collaboration, a multi-stakeholder dialogue on energy issues in Malaysia, including 60 Indigenous representatives. They also launched the *Baram Heritage Survey* to assess, catalog and utilize community knowledge of their environment for sustainable development.

**EcoEquity** continues to work for climate action, serving as the co-chair of the Global Responsibility working group of US Climate Action and by publishing as often as possible, including a recent article on international climate politics in *The Nation*.

**Richmond Trees** planted 75 trees in Richmond during their monthly tree plantings between October and March. They continue to weed, prune and care for 250 trees in their area.

Through **Women's Earth Alliance's** *WISE Women's Clean Cookstoves Project*, 13,000 Nigerians are breathing clean air and using less firewood through the efforts of their clean cookstove entrepreneurs.

## Environmental Education

**Impact Story: Women for Wildlife** partnered with an all-female team traversing 7000+ miles across four countries in Southern Africa in an effort to raise awareness about women-led wildlife conservation projects. The expedition distributed over 30,000 education booklets on human/wildlife conflict to people across Botswana, South Africa, Namibia, Zimbabwe and Swaziland. The expedition gained mass media exposure via social media platforms, magazine articles, tv/radio.



# PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

**Children in Nature Collaborative** played a primary role in organizing the *Developing Networks of Community Leaders* track for the three-day international Children & Nature Network Conference, including ten sessions with over 40 participants in each session.

Through an ongoing collaboration with Oakland USD and The Trust for Public Land, **Green Schoolyards America** wrote a Living Schoolyard Policy that envisions green schoolyards across all of Oakland's schools. The OUSD school board adopted the policy in February.

**The Green Life San Quentin** provided four "Peer Leaders" - formerly incarcerated individuals who are returning to community - with a six-month grassroots leadership training to advance environmental awareness and justice in the East Bay. In March, they began a new environmental sustainability course with 20 new students inside San Quentin.

**Guias Unidos** expanded their educational outreach in Nicaragua to include 24 Junior Ranger classes plus two excursions for 40 kids, four training seminars for tour guides on interpretation and education, and two field workshops for tour guides on natural resource topics.

**Junior Wildlife Rangers** developed their "Digital Passport" program for families to upgrade their badge online by visiting their local National Wildlife Refuge multiple times, or visiting multiple sites around the United States.

In the 2018-2019 school year, **Kids for the Bay** delivered environmental education programs to 4,589 school students and provided programs, curricula and resources to 161 partner teachers.

**Nature in the City** hosted 36 community-based and 24 corporate group habitat restoration workdays throughout San Francisco. They organized ten local nature walks and free and open to the public events to explore San Francisco nature with expert leaders.

## Environmental Justice

**Impact Story: Planet Earth Arts** produced a five-week *Environment & Social Justice Theater & Film Festival* at Stanford University including an original new play called, "Polar Bears, Black Boys & Prairie Fringed Orchids" about the explosive encounter between the environmental movement and Black Lives Matter. Through their Community Engagement Program, 100 under-represented high school students of color attended the play and participated in a post-performance talk back with the playwright & actors. One student wrote: "*It has been almost a week since we attended and I still cannot stop thinking about this amazing play, the overall message concerning social justice and the manner in which it shows the struggles that people of color face daily. Seeing people of color in a play was definitely new and inspiring.*"





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**Action for a Livable Tomorrow** is fighting to stop the open burn of hazardous explosives and permanently remove an incinerator that was brought in temporarily to dispose of them. This year they were able to get the Shreveport City Council & Downtown Development Authority to pass a resolution against the incinerator staying in the community.

**Break Free From Plastic** and its subproject, *The Integrated Narrative*, are reframing the story around plastic in our environment and its impact on our lives and planet. This year, they brought three new frontline environmental justice organizations into their coalition.

The **California Trade Justice Coalition** continued to fight against bad trade policies, primarily focusing on Trump's revised NAFTA proposal, and were successful in securing strong commitments from multiple members of California's Congressional Delegation to stand against trade policies that would threaten the environment, working people and access to medicines. They hosted and participated in half a dozen workshops and town halls to discuss trade policies and highlight the stories of those most impacted, and they grew their mailing list by 5,242 active subscribers in California.

**Environmental Finances Center West** designed and taught a Leadership training course to 30 residents and professionals in Imperial County, California. The workshops, sponsored by the County Local Health

Authority, focused on building "health leaders" who could respond to Imperial County's daunting environmental hazards and poor air quality that aggravate already high asthma rates. By the end of the training, almost all participants had either moved into leadership positions on various county health coalitions and boards or had committed to do so by the end of 2019. One student, inspired by the training, ran for local public office and won.

**People of the Global Majority in the Outdoors, Nature and Environment** welcomed over 350 people to their '19 Summit in Oakland, an event geared towards providing a space for people of all racial and ethnic backgrounds to share, learn, collaborate, heal, celebrate, build community, find support, and sharpen their analysis of racial equity in their fields.

## Indigenous Rights

**Impact Story:** In collaboration with the Alliance for California Traditional Arts (ACTA) and other friends and associates, **California Institute for Community, Art and Nature** organized their first *California Indian Arts and Culture Festival* for the Bay Area in Ohlone Park, Berkeley on June 1st. It was an enormous success attended by hundreds of local residents and featuring over two dozen California Indian artisans, storytellers, jewelry makers, and boat-builders. They envision the event becoming an annual, two-day celebration featuring the best dancers, singers, storytellers, boat-builders, regalia-makers, chefs, and others who are maintaining or expanding the artistic heritage of Native California.



# PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

**The Altai Project** supported indigenous-conceived and indigenous-led mentoring for over 50 spiritual and cultural indigenous practitioners and sacred site protectors to promote intergenerational transmission of those traditional practices across Greater Altai, as well as their importance for place-based conservation work.

**Environmental Finances Center West** provided nine climate resiliency workshops to 39 California Native American Tribes and over 180 Tribal members.

**Friends of Muonde** have been instrumental in the creation of a traditional music and dance group that have revived many moribund sacred and environment-related music and ritual traditions. They have been invited to represent the area at a series of provincial and national cultural events throughout the region.

**Hempstead Project Heart** educated 9 Wisconsin tribes about hemp production and the new law that secures tribal sovereignty protections on hemp production.

**Sacred Land Film Project** worked via short films, blogs, social media to support Ohlone leader Corrina Gould in ensuring that the site of the West Berkeley Shellmound was not developed into a condominium complex. They also supported Winnemem Chief Caleen Sisk's resistance to Trump administration and Westlands Water District efforts to raise the height of Shasta Dam which would flood dozens of remaining Winnemem sacred places.

## Ocean & Water

**Impact Story: California Urban Streams Partnership (CUSP)** built a statewide collaboration in order to sponsor legislation providing grants for watershed restoration. The effort resulted in a bill that was sidelined due to political factors but the coalition is working to revive the bill. Additionally, CUSP workshops reached federal, state and local agencies and consulting firms with technical information on how best to manage the common problems of urban creeks. Their property owner assistance program assisted 24-creek side private property owners located in ten distinct watersheds.



**All One Ocean** cleaned up over 2,000 pounds of litter on Bay Area beaches in the past year! They also educated over 1,200 school children and 750 community members about the causes of ocean pollution and how to use sustainable methods to reduce pollution.

**International Marine Mammal Project** achieved a major victory for the Dolphin Safe label and standards when the World Trade Organization (WTO) panel report was officially adopted by the full WTO, closing the Mexican government's challenge of the Dolphin Safe label and ending a ten-year battle. Dolphin Safe labeling saves approximately 80,000 to 100,000 dolphins annually.

# PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

**Kids for the Bay** students cleaned up 96,665 pieces of trash, totaling 1,703 gallons, from their local watershed environment. Over 1,900 Kids for the Bay students experienced nature-based Field Trips to creek, bay and ocean habitats.

**Stop Fish Bombing USA** hit the ground running after becoming an Earth Island project by conducting site surveys in two Sabah Malaysia Marine Parks and deploying the first sensors in Tun Sakaran Marine Park. These sensors are the beginning of a system that will alert officials to illegal fish bombing in the area.

**The Wild Oyster Project** developed their new *Recycled Reefs Initiative*, designed to reuse old crab pots, otherwise destined for the landfill, to build new nesting beds for oysters. Volunteers play a big role in collecting the oyster shells used to propagate new beds, and placing the crab pots in the subtidal zone.

**Wholly H2O** ran six citizen science events, called “BioBlitzes,” with 350 participants observing 1035 different species of flora and fauna in the Bay Area. They also hosted 14 interns, teaching them about watersheds, water conservation and reuse, as well as helping them develop new skills to move into the environmental field.

## Pollution & Toxics

**Impact Story: ALERT** made a splash when the Berkeley E-Law Clinic took on the filing ALERT’s Notice of Intent to sue the U.S. EPA over its failure to regularly update the nation’s oil spill response plan (NCP or national contingency plan) on the 30th memorial of the Exxon Valdez oil spill. The Notice of Intent received media attention and generated interest among lawyers involved in representing 75,000 sick workers from the BP Deepwater Horizon blowout, as well as a film producer who is wrapping up a film on the same topic.



Although new to Earth Island, **Break Free From Plastic** and their subproject, *The Integrated Narrative*, are making steady gains in building their movement and amplifying environmental justice voices missing from the plastic pollution narrative. The group pushed a rapid response to the Exxon explosion in Baytown, TX, assisting their local organizing partner in reaching far beyond her network and expanding the delivery of firsthand knowledge about the crisis and its causes to many more people.



# PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

Four hundred and fifty students trained by **Kids for the Bay** led Schoolwide Assemblies educating 3,200 additional students about the importance of reducing waste, trash and marine debris and using the Five Rs (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Rot and Refuse).

In June 2019, **Plastic Pollution Coalition** released the *Global Plastic Reduction Legislative Toolkit* that provides citizens, organizations, and policymakers around the world with tools and best practices to enact legislation to ban or limit single-use plastic in their communities.

**Alaska Clean Water Advocacy** continues to build local opposition to mine development on the Chilkat River through their research, outreach, and communication efforts. Their reports on the likely ill effects of the mine convinced residents to send 5000 letters opposing the mine to the Japanese company financially backing the exploration and mine development.

**Save Our Soils** continues to work to keep toxic chemicals out of soil, air and water, most recently helping the citizens of Yelm, Washington defeat a proposed permit to land-apply toxic sewage sludge around their community.

**Impact Story: Women's Earth Alliance** launched their Ripple Academy in Rishikesh, Indian and Accelerator programs in Indonesia and the United States to support women leaders in strengthening their grassroots environmental initiatives. In India, WEA worked with their local partner to implement "Learning Labs" as part of a two-month program that included a three-day workshop and an interactive online training. The Accelerator program catalyzes the efforts of 27 Indonesian women leaders from 15 regions, and 24 U.S. women leaders from 14 states and Territories, who are protecting their communities and ecosystems from environmental/climate threats. This four-month online and in-person initiative supports leaders from across the country to deepen their strategies, build powerful alliances, and scale their solutions for the environment.



# PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

In spite of staffing challenges, the **Armenian Environmental Network** was able to procure Global Greengrants for two of their partner organizations, ARK Armenia and Innovative Solutions for Sustainable Development of Communities.

In partnership with **Climate Wise Women** and **Transition Earth, EFC West** helped launch and fund Women's Climate Centers Int'l to support rural women's resiliency in East Africa. The Centers are hubs of sustainable innovations that emphasize low-cost technologies and women's leadership. The collaborative effort has raised \$240,000 to date.

**Ethical Traveler's** annual Ethical Destination Awards recognized 10 countries as "Best Ethical Destinations" looking at everything from the carbon footprint to the risk of cultural appropriation in it's research.

**Generation Waking Up** hosted 60 eco-social wellness events and led 1,200 people in community building events through its subproject, Thrive East Bay.

Over 6,500 people in Assam, India now enjoy access to clean water and sanitation due to the **Numi Foundation's** H2OPE program, a collaboration with Women's Earth Alliance, which provides Indian tea farmers safe drinking water and tools to manage their water for future generations.

In the past year, **Transition Earth** hosted public events on population, climate change and consumption featuring a well-known climate change author, as well as presented on a reproductive health and environment workshop at a major UN civil society conference.

## Wildlife Protection

**Impact Story:** Following the illegal capture of more than 90 orcas and beluga whales by Russian companies for sale to Chinese aquariums, **International Marine Mammal Project** fought to have the whales returned to their home waters in the Sea of Okhotsk, north of Japan. The last 2 orcas (of 11) will be released in the coming weeks, along with some beluga whales. Over 1,000,000 Russian signatures were garnered on a special web site operated by a Russian partner, calling for the cessation of any future whale capture for export abroad.



**EcoVet Global** developed a new curriculum for the Women's One Health (animal-human-ecosystem) training workshop and kid's wildlife health and conservation program launching in Ethiopia in 2020.

As a result of years of campaigning on the part of **Project Coyote** and their coalition partners, the Arizona Governor's Regulatory Review Council approved a rule banning wildlife killing contests for predatory and furbearing species in Arizona. In California, Project Coyote organized successfully for a ban on fur trapping with the signing of The Wildlife Protection Act of 2019 into law, following on the heels of the 2015 ban on bobcat trapping in the state.

# PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

**Raptors are the Solution** grew their coalition by adding three new chapters and 50 organization members all supporting the legislative battle to restrict the most toxic rodenticides that devastate wildlife such as raptors, bobcats and coyotes.

This year, researchers from National Cheng Kung University, partnering with **SAVE International** members, were able to conduct ecosystem service mapping research of Chigu Salt Pan Wetland, the very wetland that SAVE International was initially created to help protect. By mapping the ecosystem services provided by the wetland, local communities, researchers and environmental NGOs such as SAVE can better work towards promoting wise-use of wetlands and preserving Black-faced Spoonbill habitat.

**Shark Stewards** established new chapters in Florida, Singapore, the United Kingdom, Indonesia and Shin Zhen, China to advocate for the reduction of shark fin consumption and end the shark fin trade. Closer to home, they successfully campaigned to end the gill net fishery off Southern California and are campaigning to prohibit short-set longlines in Federal waters outside our state, a fishery that has killed 130,000 sharks.

**WildFutures** produced a collaborative California Mountain Lion Brochure with federal, state, and local wildlife agencies and other organizations, distributing 50,000 brochures throughout CA with important information about the ecology, behavior, and answers to the most frequently asked questions, along with safety tips about the species.

As a result of being published in **Wild Hope**, one of their contributors was invited to give a presentation on raptor rehabilitation at a national wildlife rehabilitators' conference. The techniques she and her colleagues at Pacific Wildlife Care developed for training injured raptors how to fly again before being released are now being adopted by the National Wildlife Rehabilitators Association as the standard treatment protocol for injured raptors.

## Youth Empowerment

**Impact Story:** In a special partnership with the City of Alameda, Alameda Unified School District (AUSD) and Alameda elementary schools, **KIDS for the BAY** is delivering the Watershed Rangers Program to every third grade class in Alameda schools. This exciting, hands-on environmental education program, funded by the City of Alameda, helps the City meet its goals for a clean, healthy, Zero-Waste environment and meets goals for district-wide Environmental Literacy Scope and Sequencing. KIDS for the BAY also received the BEST of the Bay award for the second year in a row, for the Best Nature and Outdoor Camp for their environmental Summer Camp.





# PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

**Bay Area Wilderness Training** served 9,250 Bay Area youth on outdoor trips, trained 240 educators in the Bay Area in outdoor leadership, and grew their three gear libraries to have enough outdoor equipment for over 700 students to be out on outdoor trips at a time.

**Conservation Kids** had 50 young adults in attendance at their conservation photography workshops and sold over \$1000 of their images to support conservation organizations.

One of **Junior Wildlife Rangers'** top volunteers applied to work for the project after going backpacking for the first time. She reported that her volunteer experience with Junior Wildlife Rangers, which involved creating the educational curriculum for a local National Wildlife Refuge, had been incredibly meaningful and led her to pursue a career in environmental policy.

Over 500 students in Oakland and 2,000 in San Francisco participated in the **Numi Foundation's** gardening program in public schools.

**Ultimate Civics** completed six new high school lessons for their program, "Activating My Democracy" and posted modules on the U.S. Green Building Council's "Learning Lab" website. The Learning Lab site had a sharp uptick in new account creations after Ultimate Civics posted its new curriculum, with the module page having the most visits. During the May sustainability month campaign with Learning Lab, page views increased 1233%.

**YEA Camp** ran three camps in three states for 100 campers from 15 states, ages 12-42 and provided financial aid to half of all campers.

# NEW LEADERS INITIATIVE

*Since 2000, the Brower Youth Awards have recognized outstanding youth environmental leaders. Under the New Leaders Initiative, the Brower Youth Awards provides a platform to showcase and honor the accomplishments of young environmental leaders. Here are the 2018 winners. More details about the winners and videos of their stories are available online at: [www.broweryouthawards.org/](http://www.broweryouthawards.org/)*



Stephen O'Hanlon



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Valeree Catangay



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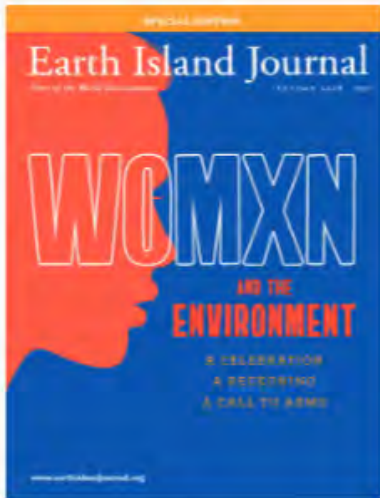


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# EARTH ISLAND JOURNAL



Autumn 2018



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Winter 2019

The quarterly *Earth Island Journal* forged ahead this year to provide a lively mix of reporting, commentary, essays, and art both in print and online.

The *Journal* informs and inspires people to take action for the protection of our shared planet.

Unlike commercial magazines, the *Journal* does not rely on advertising to pay its international pool of writers, photographers and artists, or to cover production costs. Our supporters help keep it going.

The *Journal* helps keep our readers informed with news and perspective. Further details are available at [www.earthislandjournal.org](http://www.earthislandjournal.org)

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# EARTH ISLAND ADVOCATES

Earth Island Advocates, our legal arm, is on a mission to protect irreplaceable resources, wild spaces, and wildlife that are critical to a healthy planet.

Earth Island has a long history of engaging in precedent-setting litigation that achieves tangible results for the environment and its inhabitants. For instance, we were lead plaintiffs in a series of landmark cases over two decades which effectively ended the practice of setting tuna nets on dolphins, and thus reduced dolphin deaths by the US tuna industry from hundreds of thousands a year to virtually zero. In another case, we obtained extensive wetland restoration and a marine ecological center through a settlement with Southern California Edison over Clean Water Act violations at its San Onofre Nuclear Power Generating Station. Our more recent legal successes have addressed plastic pollution, destructive logging, renewable energy standards, wildlife killing contests, and much more.

This year our Advocates program provided critical legal support to the following EI Projects: Alert, Break Free From Plastic - US, Cultivate Oregon, International Marine Mammal Project, John Muir Project, Plastic Pollution Coalition, Project Coyote, Raptors are the Solution, Save our Soil, Seeding Sovereignty, and Shark Stewards.



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