

Earthworks is dedicated to protecting communities and the environment from the adverse impacts of mineral and energy development while promoting sustainable solutions.

# 2017

## ANNUAL REPORT



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# 2017 TOP ACCOMPLISHMENTS



PHOTOS, TOP - DOWN: Videos of methane pollution in front of the EPA's headquarters in Washington, D.C. Sharon Wilson on site with our optical gas imaging camera in Pennsylvania. Lauren Pagel testifying in Washington, D.C.

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## Protected Montana's Cabinet Mountains Wilderness

Mining companies were unable to move the Montanore and Rock Creek copper and silver mine proposals forward due to our legal challenges. One of the country's oldest designated Wilderness areas and its rare grizzly bear and bull trout habitats remain intact.

## Expanded the Community Empowerment Project

Earthworks doubled our capacity to assist communities by exposing air pollution at oil and gas operations. We visited 371 oil and gas facilities in 14 states with our two optical gas imaging cameras, gathering video evidence of air pollution, and filing dozens of official complaints with state and federal regulators. In several cases, regulators required companies to take action to fix methane leaks and make other changes to their operations.

## Resisted Rollbacks of Environmental Standards

The Trump administration proposed loosening or eliminating bedrock environmental protections, including public lands, air and water pollution standards, federal monument designations, mine waste clean up, and requirements for environmental reviews of projects. Earthworks fought hard to stop these rollbacks where possible, and won an unexpected victory in preserving federal methane emissions regulations enacted under the Obama administration.

## Fought Fossil Fuel Infrastructure Expansion

Communities across the country have risen up to protest proposed new oil and gas infrastructure projects from pipelines to petrochemical plants. We provided technical and advocacy support to grassroots groups in the Gulf Coast and Appalachia opposing new pipelines and infrastructure for oil, gas, and plastics. Earthworks, along with Stop the Frack Attack and other partners, organized the People vs. Oil & Gas Summit in Pittsburgh, which brought together 425 frontline activists from 24 states for mutual support, learning, and movement leadership building.

## California Air Rules Finalized and Improved

In 2017, California issued the country's strongest regulations to reduce methane pollution from oil and gas operations. Earthworks provided evidence to support this rulemaking, which allows communities to partner with government in enforcement.



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Cover photo and above: "A" Peak at Granite Lake, Cabinet Mountains Wilderness, Montana. PHOTO: John Lambing, Alamy Stock

## REACHING YOU FASTER

We've revamped our website to make it easier to find what you're looking for. Need information about mining or drilling near your home? Concerned about how Trump administration policies could worsen climate change? **Explore our new website at [earthworks.org](http://earthworks.org)**

## POWERFUL REPORTS

Earthworks' 2017 reports continue to shape the discussion about mining, drilling, and fracking. Find reports and more at [earthworks.org/publications](http://earthworks.org/publications).



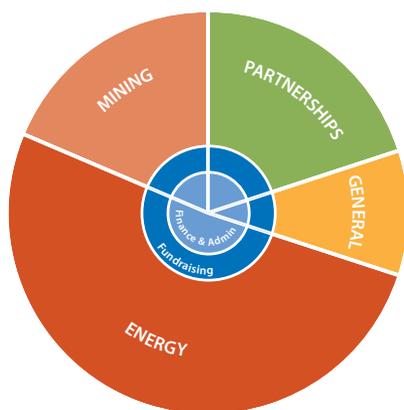
## FINANCIALS

### Income

Corp. & Foundation Grants	\$3,168,742
Individual Contributions	\$1,315,638
Other	\$54,132

**Total Income:** **\$4,538,512**

**Year End Net Assets:** **\$2,221,676**



**Core Mission Support**  
 ■ Finance & Administration  
 ■ Fundraising

### Expenses

Programs	\$2,841,754
Core Mission Support:	
Fundraising	\$330,820
Finance & Administration	\$129,379

### Programs — Details

Energy	\$1,459,173
Mining	\$524,913
General	\$287,282
Partnerships	\$570,386
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$2,841,754</b>

### Partnerships

- Alaskans for Responsible Mining
- Arizona Mining Reform Coalition
- Beyond Extreme Energy
- Big Bend Conservation Alliance
- Campaign to End Sacrifice Zones
- Coalition for Oklahoma's Renewable Energy
- Common Ground United
- Ethical Metalsmiths
- Friends of Livingston Mountain
- Resilient Communities Network
- ShaleTest
- Shalefield Organizing Committee
- Stop The Frack Attack

**Total Expenses:** **\$3,301,953**



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Participant in the Combined Federal Campaign #41290, member of EarthShare, the national federation of environmental charities.

Earthworks' fiscal year is January 1 through December 31. Audited financial statements and IRS forms 990 are available online or by request.



Earthworks Staff Molly Duntun, Lorraine Osinski, Lauren Pagel and Ann Corbett stand with hundreds of thousands of concerned protestors at the People's Climate March in Washington, D.C. on April 29, 2017.

## Our Supporters

Earthworks deeply appreciates the generous contributions of all our donors and supporters. Thank you for your commitment to protecting communities and the environment, which makes our work possible! 100% of Earthworks' budget is raised from private sources.

## We would like to recognize the many wonderful people who support our mission:

- Members of Earthworks' giving circles:
  - Defender Circle donors who give \$1,000 or more annually;
  - Sustainability Circle donors who make donations monthly;
  - Legacy Circle members who have pledged to include Earthworks in their estate plans.
- 1% for the Planet Partner Boxcar Press
- Clean Choice Energy
- Special thanks also to all of you who give through EarthShare, the Combined Federal Campaign, workplace giving, and corporate matching campaigns.
- A big thanks to the 75,000+ online activists who helped make 2017 a success!

*Thank you for another great year. Your support makes our work possible!*

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**Frances "Freddie" Carter a long time Earthworks supporter, died in June 2017, at the age of 92. Freddie was the first woman to climb the highest peak in every state. We are grateful for her adventurous spirit and her generous bequest.**

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