

U.S. Non-Profit Water Directory

A comprehensive guide to water activism in the U.S.

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A worldwide crisis over water is brewing. According to the United Nations, 31 countries are now facing water scarcity and 1 billion people lack access clean drinking water. The World Bank predicts that by 2025, two-thirds of the world's population will suffer from lack of clean and safe drinking water.

Fortune magazine has predicted that "water is the oil of the 21 century," and corporations are rushing to invest in the new get-rich economy of water. Consumption of water is predicted to double every 20 years; at the same time, water sources are rapidly being polluted, depleted, and diverted. This situation is being exploited by corporate interests ranging from industrial agriculture and manufacturing to electricity production and mining.

Water scarcity and pollution problems are not just endemic in the developing world. Here in the United States, multinational energy, food, soft drink, and shipping companies have plans to buy water rights, privatize publicly-owned water systems, promote bottled water, and sell "bulk" water by transporting it from water rich areas to thirsty markets.

Instead of protecting water resources from self-interested profiteers, our government is retreating from its responsibility and bending to the will of giant transnational corporations that are poised to profit from the water industry. In response to this situation, a growing movement is coalescing around water issues. While some organizations are national in scope, working on federal water legislation, many are local grassroots organizations addressing a particular crisis in their community ranging from protecting local waterways to fighting the privatization of their local municipal utility.

Public Citizen's Water for All Campaign is dedicated to protecting water as part of the global commons, stopping water privatization and bulk water sales, and defending access to clean and affordable water around the world. Here in the United States we have had the pleasure to work with many different organizations working on water issues, and have found that many groups work very locally and in some

cases have not had the benefit of networking with other organizations doing similar work. We began collecting names with the idea of helping to strengthen the water movement by facilitating communication between organizations.

This directory lists more than 700 contacts for groups around the country. If your group works on water and is not listed, or you know of other organizations left out, please contact us at cmep@citizen.org and put "Add to water directory" in the subject line. We hope that the water directory is a useful resource guide for you, as we work together to build a strong movement to protect and defend water for future generations.



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