

## ORGANIZATIONS: CLIMATE / ENERGY / WATER / RIVERS / OCEAN / ...

*“There are many people on the front lines of solid information-seeking and advocacy in relation to our world’s challenges right now. I am so grateful to them and others who carry the banners of vigilance and change on my behalf. This is incomplete. Nevertheless, a starting point reflecting my own work and interests.”*

LB [lynnbenson.com](http://lynnbenson.com)

\_\_\_\_\_ climate

[insideclimateneews.org](http://insideclimateneews.org) Inside Climate News...”Pulitzer-prize winning reporting”

[climatemuseum.org](http://climatemuseum.org). The Climate Museum, “in-the-works” in NYC...”Vision: An informed, confident, and motivated public will advance climate action.” An effective launch, so far.

[climaterealityproject.org](http://climaterealityproject.org). The Climate Reality Project. “training activists for climate change action”...including Climate Reality Leadership Corps Training Sessions around the world.

[YaleClimateConnections.org](http://YaleClimateConnections.org) Newsletter, an initiative of the Yale Center for Environmental Communication, available as a weekly delivery to your email.

Other media outlets as well...

[e360.yale.edu](http://e360.yale.edu) Yale Environment 360. Wide-ranging, big picture thinking, reporting.

[350.org](http://350.org) and [350KC.org](http://350KC.org). “Empowering a global network of climate activists”  
“Climate action for a livable world” including notifications of actions in your region/city.

[ipcc.ch](http://ipcc.ch). United Nations backed “Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change”.  
(Paris Accord)...reports, press releases, links...  
interesting calendar of meetings in multiple world locations.

[climatecentral.org](http://climatecentral.org) Climate Central - non-profit research and journalism organization.  
“leaders in climate science...researching and reporting the science and impacts of climate change.”

[endclimatesilence.org](http://endclimatesilence.org)

[climatehawksvote.com](http://climatehawksvote.com) Climate Hawks and Climate Hawks Vote  
“Our mission: to identify, train, and elect individual climate hawk leaders, while generating a political environment in which those leaders have the power to advance policies needed to address climate change.”

[climatechangenews.com](http://climatechangenews.com) Climate Change News, Ltd (London)...2018 award winner “The Drum Online Media Awards”...Interviews from around the world via “Climate Home News” team  
(also: [climatehomenews.com](http://climatehomenews.com))

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## legal action

[earthjustice.com](http://earthjustice.com). [earthjustice.org](http://earthjustice.org)

Earth Justice: “Because the Earth Needs a Good Lawyer.”

[nrdc.org](http://nrdc.org) Natural Resources Defense Council

Founded in 1970 by a group of law students and attorneys at the forefront of the environmental movement,...now a global and robust team employing lawyers and experts, currently tackling many issues simultaneously.

November 23, 2018: “This is our report—for our time—and the message is crystal clear: Climate change is not a political football. It’s an existential threat to our nation and our people.”

-NRDC president Rhea Suh

[onearth.org](http://onearth.org) On Earth: the magazine of the Natural Resources Defense Council

[edf.org](http://edf.org) Environmental Defense Fund “Finding the ways that work”...founded by scientists.

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## nature/conservation

[thenatureconservancy.com](http://thenatureconservancy.com). The Nature Conservancy...world wide...”more than 65 years of tangible lasting results.”

[honorearth.org](http://honorearth.org). Honor the Earth “uses indigenous wisdom, music, art, and the media to raise awareness and support for Indigenous environmental issues. We leverage this awareness and support to develop financial and political capital for Indigenous land and life.”

[conservation.org](http://conservation.org). Conservation International works with partners in more than 30 countries; a robust organization with publications, films, blog, a “Center for Environmental Leadership in Business.”

Conservation International sponsors the stunning Nature is Speaking series:

[natureisspeaking.org](http://natureisspeaking.org) features films voiced by well-known celebrities: Reece Witherspoon is “Home;” Harrison Ford is “The Ocean; etc...” “The Redwood.” “The Flower,” “Mountain,” “Water”, etc. (available online)

[ewg.org](http://ewg.org). Environmental Working Group...good info on consumer products and research on those products in regard to safety for people and the environment...

Since 1992, Washington, D.C.

[foei.org](http://foei.org). Friends of the Earth, International...”mobilize, resist, transform”

Based in the Netherlands.

[sierraclub.org](http://sierraclub.org). Sierra Club...”since 1892”...”276 coal plants retired” (etc.)

Sierra Club Insider, magazine... based in Oakland, CA

...connect to your regional initiatives on the website.

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## water / rivers

[uswateralliance.org](http://uswateralliance.org). US Water Alliance...”driving a one water movement”...transforming the way the nation values and manages our most precious resource.” (Including municipal water departments and many more.)

[water.org](http://water.org). Water (dot) Org ... Headquartered in Kansas City, MO; global outreach. “Water(dot)org has empowered 16 million people with access to safe water and sanitation through affordable financing.”

[wetlands.org](http://wetlands.org). Wetlands International “We safeguard wetlands for people and nature.” Headquartered in the Netherlands.

[americanrivers.org](http://americanrivers.org). American Rivers...advocacy and fieldwork...”Outside Magazine named American Rivers one of the best groups to support.”

[internationalrivers.org](http://internationalrivers.org) International Rivers...”Freshwater is essential to life on earth. And it’s under threat.”

[thefreshwatertrust.org](http://thefreshwatertrust.org). “protects and restores freshwater ecosystems.”

[ngrrec.org](http://ngrrec.org). The National Great Rivers Research and Education Center (East Alton, Illinois.) Relatively new and unique in their mission.

<https://www.hydrofinity.com/blog/organizations-addressing-the-worlds-water-issues>  
“Fifteen organizations worldwide tackling the global water crisis”  
including The World Bank, and Global Water Leaders  
(NOTE: imbedded within commercial product advertising for a new laundry service/device)

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## specific localities

[waterkeeperalliance.org](http://waterkeeperalliance.org) Waterkeeper Alliance (see also Waterkeeper Magazine!)  
The original Riverkeeper, organized in 1983, started on the Hudson River in New York state, in response to the destructive industrial pollution that was destroying the river. It was soon followed by Long island Soundkeeper, Delaware, San Francisco Bay..., etc.  
Today Waterkeeper Alliance, based out of NY, NY, unites all Waterkeeper organizations...It’s the fastest growing grassroots environmental movement in the world, spanning six continents. Each Waterkeeper organization is devoted to the preservation of specific watersheds.  
[kansasriver.org](http://kansasriver.org). Kansas Riverkeeper/ Friends of the Kaw is now part of this robust network.

[rivernet.org](http://rivernet.org). River Network “connecting people - saving rivers”...(Boulder, CO)  
“Who protects local waters? Over 6,000 groups across the U.S. do!”  
...features a searchable map.

[riverrelief.org](http://riverrelief.org). Missouri River Relief is especially active in regular clean-up activities. Also see The Big Muddy Speaker series (free), active in Kansas City, Rocheport and St. Charles, MO.

<https://www.moenvironment.org/>. Missouri Coalition for the Environment: "Effective citizen action since 1969"...Headquartered in the St. Louis, Missouri.

[moarc.org](http://moarc.org). Missouri and Associated Rivers Coalition, est. 1952 ( after the historic flood of 1951). You can find very specific information on current legislation, etc., in monthly newsletters / [moarc.org/newsletters](http://moarc.org/newsletters) "WATERdrops"

[brwa.net](http://brwa.net) Blue River Watershed Association. (Kansas City, MO)

[heartlandconservationalliance.org](http://heartlandconservationalliance.org). Heartland Conservation Alliance, "Together protecting the places we love"...includes multiple links to supporting agencies. (KCMO)

[oilandwaterdontmix.org](http://oilandwaterdontmix.org) "Keep Oil Out of the Great Lakes"  
(Michigan Environmental Council)

[islandinstitute.org](http://islandinstitute.org) Island Institute / (Maine)

[cbf.org](http://cbf.org). Chesapeake Bay Foundation "Saving a National Treasure"

[accap.uaf.edu](http://accap.uaf.edu). Alaska Center for Climate Assessment and Policy

[healthygulf.org](http://healthygulf.org). Gulf Restoration Network..."committed to uniting and empowering people to protect and restore the natural resources of the Gulf Region."

[evergladesfoundation.org](http://evergladesfoundation.org) Everglades Foundation based in Palmetto Bay, Florida

[sfwmd.gov](http://sfwmd.gov) South Florida Water Management District  
"Our Work" describes four categories: flood control, water supply planning, water quality improvement, ecosystem restoration."

[transrivers.org](http://transrivers.org). Rivers Without Boundaries - a coalition of environmentalists in Russia, China, Mongolia, and the United States, focusing on rivers in northeast Asia.

#### \_\_\_\_\_ government sites

[usgs.gov](http://usgs.gov). U.S. Geological Survey... "Science for a Changing World" (frequent updates)  
One example from the site focuses on water resources / current real-time stream conditions:  
[https://www.usgs.gov/mission-areas/water-resources?qt-mission\\_areas%2Flanding\\_page%2Fta=0#qt-mission\\_areas%2Flanding\\_page%2Fta](https://www.usgs.gov/mission-areas/water-resources?qt-mission_areas%2Flanding_page%2Fta=0#qt-mission_areas%2Flanding_page%2Fta)

[water.usgs.gov/edu](http://water.usgs.gov/edu). “Water Science School” from the U.S. Dept. of the Interior’s “U.S. Geological Survey” ...a robust learning site for all ages.

[EPA.gov](http://EPA.gov). Our country’s Environmental Protection Agency...  
No longer has information at [EPA.gov/climatechange](http://EPA.gov/climatechange)...several other sections are modified.  
Nevertheless, up-to-date information, rulings, standards pertinent to all citizens.

[usbr.gov](http://usbr.gov) US Bureau of Reclamation - (US Dept. of the Interior) largest water wholesaler in the country...”managing water and power in the west”

[nasa.gov](http://nasa.gov) National Aeronautics and Space Administration  
[nasa.gov/topics/earth/index.html](http://nasa.gov/topics/earth/index.html). utterly fascinating overviews

[noaa.gov](http://noaa.gov) NOAA National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration...(oceanographer, William Sweet, among experts)...“science.service.stewardship” (“95% of the ocean is unexplored”)

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## \_\_\_\_\_ oceans

[whoi.edu](http://whoi.edu).

“Illuminating the future of a changing planet...”

Founded in 1930 in Woods Hole, Massachusetts

“Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution is the world’s leading, independent not-for-profit organization dedicated to ocean research, exploration, and education. Our scientists and engineers push the boundaries of knowledge about the ocean to reveal its impacts on our planet and our lives.”

[seafoodwatch.org](http://seafoodwatch.org). Monterey Bay Aquarium / “Helping people make better seafood choices for a healthy ocean”

<https://www.yaleclimateconnections.org/2018/11/climate-change-and-the-oceans/>

A selection of key titles for learning more about how the changing climate is affecting processes that determine how the planet’s oceans function.

[oceana.org](http://oceana.org) Oceana is the largest international ocean conservation and advocacy organization.

[seacology.org](http://seacology.org) islands focus...”Protecting the unique habitats and cultures of islands worldwide”

[oceanwealth.org](http://oceanwealth.org). “Ultimately, Mapping Ocean Wealth strives to illustrate what protecting—or potentially losing—the ocean means for us all.” ... includes Research Library, Mapping Portal...  
...A project of The Nature Conservancy

[oceanconservancy.org](http://oceanconservancy.org) “...Working with you to protect the ocean from today’s greatest global challenges.”

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[energynews.us](http://energynews.us) can be searched by region of the country: midwest, southeast, etc

[ucs.org](http://ucs.org) UCS - Union of Concerned Scientists - Environmental Advocacy Group  
“Science for a Healthy Planet and Safer World”

[earth.columbia.edu](http://earth.columbia.edu). The Earth Institute / Columbia University  
...”made up of scholars spread out across dozens of research centers and programs at Columbia University.”  
...the scientific heart of the Earth Institute: The Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory

[environmentalhealthnews.org](http://environmentalhealthnews.org) a newsletter of Environmental Health Sciences, curating journalism on environmental topics. “Journalism that drives the discussion” (also [EHN.org](http://EHN.org). and [dailyclimate.org](http://dailyclimate.org))

[oilchangeinternational.org](http://oilchangeinternational.org) Oil Change International...”Exposing the true costs of fossil fuels.”...based in Oakland, CA

[regenerationinternational.org](http://regenerationinternational.org). “The future of agriculture is regenerative”...”Cool the planet. Feed the World. The answer is in the soil.”

[landinstitute.org](http://landinstitute.org). The Land Institute is based in Salina, Kansas. “Natural Systems Agriculture”  
“Transforming agriculture, perennially”

[foodandwaterwatch.org](http://foodandwaterwatch.org). A fascinating and robust website...Under “PROBLEMS” is a visual titled “What are we up against” where you can click on Broken Democracy, Corporate Control of Food, GMOs, Corporate Control of Water, Fracking, (etc.)

[organicconsumers.org](http://organicconsumers.org) Organic Consumers Association

[ecowatch.org](http://ecowatch.org) EcoWatch...gathers news from a variety of sources in relation to: Home, Climate, Oceans, Energy, Food, Science, Animals,

[greenpeace.org](http://greenpeace.org) Thoughtful, determined activism, in 55 countries.

[newsecuritybeat.org](http://newsecuritybeat.org) The blog of the Environmental Change and Security Program, international in scope. (Wilson Center)

[avaaz.org](http://avaaz.org) “The World in Action”... “Avaaz is the campaigning community bringing people-powered politics to decision-making worldwide.”  
Launched in 2007. With, now, over 48 million members, their petitions have made an impact.

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Some people you may have heard of:

James Hansen, former director of NASA's Goddard Institute for Space Studies, whose 1988 testimony before Congress first brought climate change to the public's attention and who determined that 350 parts per million was the safe amount of CO2 we could have in the atmosphere (currently at 405).

Bill McKibben, whose 1989 book "The End of Nature" was a climate wakeup call and who cofounded 350.org

Naomi Klein, author of "This Changes Everything: Capitalism vs. the Climate" in 2014

Wes Jackson, founder of The Land Institute, Salina, Kansas

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*"I recently gave an artist talk in which I referenced several environmental/water focused organizations for follow-up information to my talk. Among others, I mentioned The Natural Resources Defense Council and Climate Hawks Vote. I assured those reaching for a piece of paper that I would post the information. This longer list is my next step in bringing awareness to the vast trove of information available...and a part of my own ongoing work. Items in the news take me to all corners of the virtual and actual world in search of further details as well as imagery..."*

*TIME'S UP for acting on our concerns about our water and our climate!*

*Learn*

*(Mourn)*

*Share*

*Donate*

*Find our voices*

*(reflect)*

*Speak up*

*Vote*

*Live responsibly*

*Imagine/ innovate*

*Repeat*

*Stay in touch if you have questions. I'll be making art with increasingly responsible materials, reflecting our complex, and fragile world and its waters."*

*Lynn Benson*

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