



2020

will be our 12th year!



The Delaware River in autumn, near Narrowsburg, NY. Photo by Dave Soete

What do we want?

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Drilling activities along both sides of the Colorado River, Interstate 70, and the Amtrak rail lines in Garfield County, Colorado.

ABOUT 50 WELL PADS IN THIS PICTURE.

Photo: TEDX The Endocrine Disruption Exchange

Dear Supporter,

DCS has made significant strides amid the challenges and turmoil of 2019, thanks to your continued support.

We've continued fighting gas and oil drilling and the damage they cause, and thank you for joining us in fighting these Goliaths.

Though the Delaware River Basin Commission (DRBC) has proposed a ban on fracking in the river basin, draft rules would still permit the transport and disposal of fracking waste and export of basin water for fracking elsewhere.

We intend to see to it that final rules include a ban on all these fracking-related activities.

We've made headway on **counteracting the gas industry's legal maneuvering to prolong the lawsuit challenging the authority of the DRBC—the Delaware River's chief bulwark against contamination of all kinds.** We've done costly legal research and extracted and shared information on the precursor organizations to the DRBC. Our information has been recognized as helpful. Your ongoing support will allow us to continue.

We are the only organization financially supporting Ron Gulla, a respected advocate/educator who works directly with policymakers, media, impacted individuals, and the largest environmental groups (the Big Greens). **Ron was the first to collect information on the cancer clusters in Southwest PA. He created a community of activists** by connecting the affected families. He also serves as an expert witness to advance and broaden the knowledge of impacts. We can't keep him working without your continued support.

We are challenging New Fortress Delaware Partner's Liquefied Natural Gas export terminal in the Delaware Bay—which would vastly increase demand for Marcellus gas and its local and global impacts.

We've successfully filed objections to DRBC's voting on and granting permission to triple the project's size. We have filed for "interested party" status, allowing us to continue to present information on health impacts; most others focus solely on environmental impacts. We can't continue to provide this important perspective without your continued support.

Our work extends far beyond the Delaware River basin, throughout the states of New York, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Ohio, Florida and even internationally. **We continue to mentor colleagues and new anti-fracking groups, expanding education in their communities to counteract planned drilling expansion.** Groups like Susquehanna Action, Fresh Water Accountability Project, and Protect PT count on us to buttress their work. Please help us continue to work with these grassroots groups.

A valued DCS member created **Concerned Health Professionals of NY** in 2011; they've put out the 5th edition of the compendium on the health risks and harms of fracking this year. **We're moving to create a similar advocacy group in the Pennsylvania health community**, with a campaign is modeled on the New York chapter. We can rally this significant demographic with your continued support.

We've increased our public relations effort, **successfully engaging journalists from local and national media** outlets. We've educated on the full spectrum of impacts, opening their minds and fostering their ability to counteract industry propaganda. We cannot continue to capture and hold the interest of the press without your continued support.

Environmental fights and wins are slow and difficult, but we are persistent. Only if we keep the pressure on do we have a chance to prevail. We will not let up. We can not let up.

We also foster a greater awareness of what we *should* be doing: **TRANSITIONING TO A FOSSIL-FUEL FREE FUTURE.** We educate about renewable energy, affordable efficiency, and the best choices for personal and municipal energy.

These are just a few of the things Damascus Citizens works on from our office in Narrowsburg, NY, via our website and social media channels. With your support we can continue, making a difference locally, and around the world. We thank you so much for your generosity over the years! Please make a contribution now to move this work forward.

A donation in any amount keeps us fighting. Every single contribution is meaningful!

Sincerely, and the happiest of winter seasons to you and yours,



B. Arrindell, Director

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