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Science-based advocacy. Real results.

Damascus Citizens for Sustainability is your environmental watchdog.

Please make a gift today to help us continue this essential work. Every dollar you give directly funds our watchdog work—keeping our region safe from exploitation and our neighbors informed.

What if DCS had not been watching?

Your home. Your health. Your voice in the fight. Without individual contributions, we cannot continue monitoring industrial threats, responding at critical hearings, or giving you the information you need to protect your family.

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spread on our local roads

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right questions

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DCS has been protecting our community for nearly two decades.

If you stopped by the Narrowsburg Farmers Market or our Main Street education center this summer, you saw the public face of DCS— Director Barbara Arrindell and Co-founder Jane Cyphers sharing information, answering questions, and building community awareness.

But that's just the tip of what we do.

Behind every conversation, there are countless hours of research, testimony at regulatory hearings, consultations with attorneys, coalition-building with allied groups, and strategic action to protect our region's water, air, and land.

In 2008, we sounded the alarm about fracking threats to the East Coast. By 2023, we'd helped secure frack bans across New York and the entire Delaware River Basin— and successfully fought to keep liquid drilling waste out of our watershed. Today, we're tackling new threats: from climate-damaging fossil fuel infrastructure to industrial projects that threaten our rural character.

Our award-winning educational materials have equipped countless communities with the tools to fight back. Our Main Street storefront is becoming a regional environmental education hub. And we do it all while offering our resources freely to anyone who needs them.

DCS doesn't wait for someone else to lead. We step up first—then bring others along.

This work protects everyone who lives here, visits here, drinks this water, or enjoys food from our region's extraordinary farms.

And it depends entirely on supporters like **you**.

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DCS at Narrowsburg Riverfest

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With your support, we can continue to fight to:

Defend the Delaware River Frack Ban

We helped win this historic protection in 2021, but it's under threat. With this new administration, pressure is mounting to rescind the ban that protects drinking water for NYC, half of New Jersey, and everyone in the Delaware Basin. **We're monitoring every move**, and we're ready to fight back.

Challenge Regulators When Necessary

We support the Delaware River Basin Commission—but we've also sued them when they tried to create exemptions allowing toxic wastewater dumping. **We hold everyone accountable, including our allies.**

Stop a Sullivan County Incinerator

A proposed "Waste-to-Energy" facility would produce toxic emissions in our literal backyard. **We're advocating for real solutions** to the county's solid waste challenges—not a polluting incinerator disguised as green technology.

Build Regional Power

Through the River Pledge campaign and our collaboration with the 10-member Delaware River Frack Ban and Climate Action Coalition, **we're connecting communities up and down the watershed.** Our award-winning educational materials are being used from Pennsylvania to Ohio and beyond.

Expose Data Center Threats

Massive data centers are being proposed across Northeast Pennsylvania and New York with little public awareness. These facilities consume enormous amounts of energy and water while generating noise pollution, health hazards, and driving up local costs. **We're sounding the alarm** before it's too late.

Advance Clean Energy Solutions

We advocate for proven alternatives like solar and closed-loop geothermal, and **we continue to push Pennsylvania to join RGGI** (Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative) to cap emissions and hold fossil fuel companies accountable.

Protect Our Rural Character

From Camp FIMFO (a 40-million-dollar resort proposed for the Delaware River floodplain) to infrastructure projects that threaten local communities, **we're pushing back against inappropriate development** that would fundamentally change our region.

Grow Our Education Hub

Our Main Street storefront in Narrowsburg is becoming a weekend destination for environmental education and community organizing. **(Stop by on weekend afternoons!)**

A Hard-Won Lesson

After six years of legal advocacy (2019-2025), we lost our fight to save the historic Skinners Falls Bridge—demolished by PennDOT in April despite community opposition. It was the 206th historic bridge PennDOT has destroyed in 20 years. Though we couldn't save it, we're now fighting for policy changes and meaningful mitigation. Sometimes we lose battles, but we never stop fighting the war.



We Stay Vigilant So You Don't Have To

Behind every one of these efforts are hundreds of hours of research, testimony, coalition-building, and strategic action. We do this work so you can trust that someone is watching, questioning, and fighting for our region's future.

But we can only continue with your support.

A donation today directly funds this essential watchdog work. No corporate backing. No government grants. Just community members like you who believe this place is worth protecting.

We need champions like you now more than ever. Your gift today—whatever you can give—allows us to continue this crucial work. Please donate now.

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Our office, in the Narrowsburg Union, is open by appointment. Our Main Street storefront is a hub for environmental programming for all ages; it is open on Saturday and Sunday afternoons.

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