



2018 YEAR IN REVIEW

STEWARDSHIP



Collaborated with partners to win new protections for groundwater in areas susceptible to contamination caused by the spreading of animal waste.



Successfully challenged Meteor Timber permit in order to protect rare wetlands, and continued to defend victory during appeal process.



Defended integrity of Great Lakes Compact by filing a legal challenge to a permit allowing City of Racine to divert Lake Michigan water for industrial use.

COMMUNITY



Filed second amicus brief in support of litigation challenging DNR high-capacity well permitting process that fails to account for impacts on nearby water bodies.



Provided support to Equal Justice Works Fellow Jacklyn Bryan who is collaborating with tribal governments to assess and address their risks from State regulatory failures.



Welcomed legal fellow Robert Lee who will spend two years in Wisconsin working with MEA attorneys to enforce the Clean Water Act.

EMPOWERMENT



Provided resources and referrals to 90+ citizens who called our help line with questions about environmental law or problems in their communities.



Expanded work with local governments, citizen groups, and nonprofit partners to provide guidance on local government authority to protect public health and environment against impact from CAFO industry.



Reviewed proposed legislation during special and extraordinary legislative sessions and provided legal analysis and recommendations to partners.

JUSTICE



Filed open records lawsuit to ensure DNR compliance with its mandate to disclose records related to Racine's diversion of Lake Michigan water.



Advocated for citizens' rights and the public interest by challenging illegal settlement between DNR and CAFO industry that limits DNR's ability to protect water resources.



Represented Sturgeon Bay citizens in their effort to protect public land and uphold Public Trust Doctrine.