2021 YEAR IN REVIEW

PROGRESS & VICTORIES

DEFENDING WISCONSIN’S SPILLS LAW AND PROTECTING PUBLIC HEALTH

When Wisconsin Manufacturers and Commerce sued the Department of Natural Resources in an attempt to undermine the Spills Law, MEA went to court to defend this important public health protection.

REDUCING CHILDHOOD LEAD POISONING

MEA worked with community leaders in Milwaukee to develop an ambitious proposal to invest in job training for lead abatement work that would improve the health and economic wellbeing of community members.

PREVENTING THE DESTRUCTION OF RARE WETLANDS

The Wisconsin Court of Appeals ruled in favor of MEA and the Ho-Chunk Nation when it affirmed a lower court decision preventing Meteor Timber, an out-of-state frac sand company, from destroying globally rare wetlands in Monroe County.
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ADVOCATING FOR EQUITABLE TRANSPORTATION POLICY
When transportation officials announced plans to expand I-94 in Milwaukee, MEA and partners successfully urged them to study climate risks and other environmental impacts of the project, which would fall disproportionately on communities of color.

PREVENTING EXPOSURE TO PFAS
MEA worked with environmental and public health leaders to launch #PFASFree Wisconsin, an advocacy campaign calling on local officials across the state to test for PFAS in municipal drinking water supplies.

CELEBRATING A SUPREME COURT VICTORY
In July, Wisconsin's Supreme Court issued a ruling that affirms the state’s authority to protect rural drinking water from agricultural pollution. The decision will finally allow DNR to use commonsense measures to protect drinking water in Kewaunee County and around the state.

HOLDING FOSSIL FUEL PROJECTS ACCOUNTABLE TO ENVIRONMENTAL OVERSIGHT
When Enbridge Energy applied for a permit that would allow oil pipeline construction in northern Wisconsin, MEA made the case for requiring Enbridge to submit detailed information about risks to the climate and the region's wetlands and rivers.

ENFORCING WISCONSIN'S OPEN RECORDS LAW
MEA worked with environmental and public health leaders to launch #PFASFree Wisconsin, an advocacy campaign calling on local officials across the state to test for PFAS in municipal drinking water supplies.

ANSWERING THE CALL FOR HELP
In 2021, MEA gave 100+ callers to our helpline the resources and information they needed to address environmental issues in their communities.

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