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NATIONAL AND REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

National Parks Conservation Association

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Since 1919, the nonpartisan, nonprofit National Parks Conservation Association has been the leading voice of the American people in protecting and enhancing our National Park System. NPCA, together with its 800,000 members and supporters and many organizational partners, works to protect the park system and preserve our nation's natural, historical, and cultural heritage for our children and grandchildren. From salmon in Bristol Bay in Alaska, to grizzly bears in Yellowstone, to brook trout in the Smokies, to wood storks in the Everglades, the health of our national parks, national park wildlife, and the ecosystems on which they depend are directly linked to the health of the waters that surround and flow through them. NPCA is a leader in a larger national effort to protect, preserve, and restore our nation's most iconic waterways, which run through and surround America's 401 national parks. NPCA actively works to advance and implement federal policy priorities to protect and restore America's most iconic waterways for the benefit of the natural resources and local economies that depend upon them. Much of this work is accomplished through NPCA's leadership in the America's Great Waters Coalition, an alliance of organizations working to protect, preserve, and restore our nation's Great Waters, as well as leadership roles in region-specific coalitions, such as the Choose Clean Water Coalition, which works to restore the thousands of streams and rivers flowing to the Chesapeake Bay by advocating for funding and implementation of the Chesapeake Clean Water Blueprint—now embodied in a TMDL—at the federal, state and local levels. For more information, please visit www.npca.org.

Alliance for the Great Lakes

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The Alliance for the Great Lakes, a nonprofit membership organization, works to conserve and restore the world's largest freshwater resource using policy, education, and local efforts to ensure a healthy and clean Great Lakes for generations of people and wildlife. Alliance staff work in **Illinois, Indiana, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Michigan, Minnesota, and Wisconsin.**

They work with scientists, policymakers, businesses, community groups, and concerned citizens to protect and restore the Great Lakes. Their work focuses in particular on protecting water quality, promoting water conservation, controlling invasive species, supporting coastal conservation, educating the public, and fostering sustainable business practices. The Great Lakes watershed spans eight states and the Canadian province of Ontario.

Environmental Law & Policy Center

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Founded in 1993, the Environmental Law & Policy Center conducts environmental legal advocacy and fosters eco-business innovation in the states of the Midwest and Great Plains regions—**Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, and Wisconsin.** ELPC develops and leads strategic advocacy campaigns to improve environmental quality and protect natural resources. As public interest environmental entrepreneurs, ELPC engages in creative business deal-making with diverse interests that prove that environmental progress and economic development are not mutually exclusive. ELPC has a strong track record on national and regional clean energy development, pollution reduction, transportation

and land use reform, and natural resources protection issues. ELPC's creative public advocacy effectively links environmental progress and economic development, and improves the quality of life in Midwestern communities.

Gulf Restoration Network

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The Gulf Restoration Network's mission is to unite and empower people to protect and restore the resources of the Gulf Region for future generations. To this end, GRN, a nonprofit membership organization, provides technical support and mentoring to grassroots groups, keeps its members informed about developments on national and regional issues of importance to their work, and helps coordinate member activities across the Gulf region. Its member organizations operate in **Alabama, Florida, Louisiana, Florida** and **Texas**.

STATE ORGANIZATIONS

ALABAMA

One World Adventure Company

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One World Adventure Company is a community based 501(c)(3) organization in Mentone, Alabama. Designed around the belief that outdoor education enhances personal development, One World provides quality outdoor education programs to youth and their families, combining adventure, environment, and learning. One World's mission is to empower adventurers with solid decision-making skills in order to effectuate positive change in their lives and in the natural world around them.

ALASKA

Cook Inletkeeper

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Cook Inletkeeper is a community-based nonprofit organization that combines science, education, and advocacy in its mission to protect Alaska's Cook Inlet watershed and the life it sustains. The Inletkeeper's monitoring and scientific work builds credibility with scientists and resource managers, while its education and advocacy efforts enhance stewardship and citizen participation. In combination, these efforts help ensure a vibrant and healthy Cook Inlet watershed.

ARKANSAS

Ozark Society

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The Ozark Society's principal purpose is the preservation of wild and scenic rivers, wilderness, and unique natural areas in the Ozark-Ouachita region. The nonprofit, membership organization's motto is "Conservation-Education-Recreation," and all its activities revolve around this theme. The Society serves both its membership at large and the network of chapters in Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, and Missouri. The Society's education goals are carried out through its Pack & Paddle newsletter, public speaking engagements, seminars, and position papers on various conservation issues. In addition, the tax exempt Ozark Society Foundation serves as the publishing arm of the Society's educational program, producing books on a variety of outdoor recreation and natural resource subjects. The Society also has an active schedule of day hikes, overnight backpack trips, and canoe/kayak tours of regional rivers and streams.

FLORIDA

Apalachicola Riverkeeper

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With over 1400 members, the nonprofit Apalachicola Riverkeeper's mission is to provide stewardship and advocacy for the protection of the Apalachicola River, Bay, and watershed, in order to improve and maintain the system's environmental health and to preserve the natural, scenic, recreational, and fishable character of these waterways.

Matanzas Riverkeeper

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Matanzas Riverkeeper, a nonprofit membership organization, works to protect and defend the Matanzas River watershed, which occupies more than 186 square miles and supports significant fish and wildlife resources. The Matanzas is home to one of only three open oyster harvesting beds in Northeast Florida.

The Ocean Reef Conservation Association

The Ocean Reef Conservation Association is a tax exempt organization dedicated to serving as a steward for the local fishery and fishery habitat. Over the years, the Ocean Reef Conservation Association has offered financial and planning support to several environmental and conservation organizations, and has recently begun offering scholarships for local high school seniors who are going to embark in a field that will benefit marine and natural resources.

GEORGIA

Chattahoochee Riverkeeper

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Established in 1994, Chattahoochee Riverkeeper is a nonprofit environmental advocacy organization with more than 6,000 members, dedicated to protecting and restoring the Chattahoochee River Basin—the drinking water source for nearly four million Georgians. CRK was the eleventh licensed program in the international Waterkeeper Alliance, which now has nearly two hundred organizations. CRK advocates for the protection and stewardship of the Chattahoochee River, its tributaries and watershed, in service to the health and well-being of the people and wildlife that depend on the river system.

INDIANA

Hoosier Environmental Council

By bringing environmental issues to the forefront and encouraging an open discussion about Indiana's environmental well-being, the Hoosier Environmental Council, a nonprofit membership organization, helps shape state laws, create jobs, protect the environment, and improve the quality of life in Indiana. The Council is the voice of Indiana's residents for the environment in Indiana, and works to address environmental challenges in order to help make Indiana a healthier, better place to live and do business.

Save the Dunes

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Save the Dunes works to preserve, protect, and restore the Indiana dunes and all natural resources in Northwest Indiana's Lake Michigan Watershed for an enhanced quality of life. In particular, the tax exempt membership organization strives to (1) protect the Indiana dunes ecosystem from the negative impacts of human land use and behavior; (2) protect the watersheds that flow to the dunes and into Lake Michigan; (3) educate the public about environmental concerns affecting the dunes area; and (4) reduce pollution of the dunes area by holding government agencies, businesses, and residents accountable.

KANSAS

Kansas Riverkeeper for Friends of the Kaw

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Friends of the Kaw is a grassroots, nonprofit, conservation membership organization whose mission is to protect and preserve the Kansas River for current and future generations. Friends of the Kaw is a member of the international Waterkeepers Alliance and supports the Kansas Riverkeeper's efforts to keep the Kansas River clean through investigation, teaching, and advocacy.

KENTUCKY

Kentucky Waterways Alliance

Since 1993, Kentucky Waterways Alliance, a tax exempt membership organization, has been a leader in the fight against pollution in Kentucky's waterways, winning stronger protections for over 90 percent of Kentucky's rivers, lakes, and streams. The group works with communities on local watershed issues at the state and national levels, advocating for the best regulations possible for Kentucky watersheds. Their mission is to protect and restore Kentucky's waterways, and they strive to make a difference in the quality of life for all Kentuckians one protected stream at a time.

Kentucky Resources Council

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The Kentucky Resources Council is an environmental advocacy organization that offers legal and strategic assistance without charge to individuals, community groups, and local governments statewide. A nonprofit 501(c)(3) corporation, KRC accepts neither corporate nor government funding, and is supported solely by donations from its over 600 individual and 56 organizational members, individual donors, and charitable foundation grants. KRC's mission is to protect Kentucky's natural resources and promote healthy communities.

LOUISIANA

Lower Mississippi Riverkeeper

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As part of the Waterkeeper Alliance, the Lower Mississippi Riverkeeper's goal is to champion clean water and the communities it serves. The Lower Mississippi Riverkeeper, a tax exempt membership organization, is the first project of its kind in Louisiana and the first on the Mississippi River. The Riverkeeper seeks to energize current activists to participate in environmental decisions, educate the public and government leaders about environmental challenges and economic opportunities regarding the Mississippi River, and show how reduced water pollution benefits everyone. The group's main objectives are: (1) educating the public and community leaders about water quality concerns along the River; (2) strengthening the environmental community in Louisiana; (3) recruiting new activists to insist on improved river conditions; (4) monitoring and investigating reported incidents; and (5) targeting polluters and compelling compliance with the Clean Water Act to reduce pollution into the River.

MICHIGAN

Grand Traverse Baykeeper

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The Watershed Center Grand Traverse Bay was established in 1994 and is a private, nonprofit environmental group whose mission is to advocate for clean water in the Grand Traverse Bay and to protect and preserve the Bay's watershed. In the past nine years, TWC has successfully implemented more than \$6.2 million in state, federal, and foundation grants issued by the state department of environmental quality and other organizations. TWC's programs include watershed restoration, water quality monitoring, maintaining and promoting healthy beaches, and engaging in outreach and education. TWC is also home to the Grand Traverse Baykeeper program, part of the national Waterkeeper Alliance's network of grassroots advocates for water quality around the world. TWC maintains the Grand Traverse Bay Watershed Protection Plan and has been steadily working to implement key recommendations since the Plan's inception in 2003.

MISSOURI

Missouri Coalition for the Environment

Founded in St. Louis in 1969, the Missouri Coalition for the Environment, a nonprofit, membership organization, is Missouri's independent, citizen-based environmental organization for clean water, clean air, clean energy, and a healthy environment. The Coalition works to protect and restore the environment through education, public engagement, and legal action. The Coalition delivers vital information to thousands of Missourians on issues that affect food, water, air, health, and the environment. The group promotes a common sense approach to protecting and restoring the environment and upholding the individual's right to make informed, independent decisions about environmental issues and policy.

MONTANA

Upper Missouri Waterkeeper

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Upper Missouri Waterkeeper is the only advocacy organization focused exclusively on protecting and improving the health of Montana's Upper Missouri River Basin. The Waterkeeper uses a combination of strong science, community action, and legal expertise to defend the Upper Missouri River, its tributaries, and associated communities against threats to clean water and healthy rivers. A nonprofit membership organization, the Waterkeeper is dedicated to protecting and improving the ecological and aesthetic qualities of the Upper Missouri River Basin for present and future generations.

NEBRASKA

Nebraska Wildlife Federation

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Chartered in 1970, the Nebraska Wildlife Federation is a statewide, nonprofit, membership organization dedicated to fish and wildlife conservation through environmental education and common sense public policy. Their work includes protecting the imperiled ecosystems of the Platte River and the Rainwater Basin, preserving the hidden majesty of the Pine Ridge, protecting the last remnants of Nebraska's tallgrass prairie, and helping state agencies better manage Nebraska's huntable and fishable species.

OKLAHOMA

Conservation Coalition of Oklahoma

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The Conservation Coalition of Oklahoma is a nonprofit dedicated to coordinating conservation efforts and working with the Oklahoma legislature to develop sound conservation policy—as well as ensuring that legislation with clear negative impacts on wildlife and habitat is defeated. In addition to developing a strong advocacy program, CCO works to advance conservation education to ensure that there is a new generation of conservationists to preserve Oklahoma's natural resources.

Grand Riverkeeper

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The Grand Riverkeeper, a nonprofit membership organization, is involved in watershed protection, including monitoring for metals pollution due to the downstream impacts of the Tri-State Mining District. It also works to protect the Grand River and surrounding land from bacteria, nutrient, and mercury pollution. The Riverkeeper collaborates with area tribes and grassroots organizations to protect water quality and wildlife ecology in the Grand River watershed

SOUTH CAROLINA

Charleston Waterkeeper

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Charleston Waterkeeper is a nonprofit, membership organization whose mission is to protect, promote, and restore the quality of Charleston's waterways. The organization, with its over one-

hundred members, works to create a more informed and engaged public through education, data-driven programs, on-the-water activities, community outreach, and direct intervention on water pollution issues. The Waterkeeper's goal is for all waters in the Charleston Harbor Watershed to be swimmable and fishable consistent with the goals of the Clean Water Act.

TEXAS

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Audubon Texas is the state program of the National Audubon Society, dedicated for 100 years to protecting birds, other wildlife, and their habitats. With chapters and partners in Texas we protect and manage colonial waterbird populations in every major bay system on the Texas Gulf Coast, and identify and conserve the most important sites for birds statewide.

UTAH

Utah Rivers Council

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The Utah Rivers Council is a grassroots, nonprofit membership organization dedicated to the conservation and stewardship of Utah's rivers and to achieving and maintaining sustainable, clean water sources for Utah's people and wildlife. Founded in 1995, URC works to protect Utah's water to ensure healthy, sustainable natural ecosystems for today's citizens and future generations. URC implements its mission through grassroots organizing, direct advocacy, research, education, community leadership, and litigation.

WEST VIRGINIA

West Virginia Rivers Coalition

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The West Virginia Rivers Coalition is a statewide nonprofit, membership organization focused on water quality in West Virginia, dedicated to conserving and restoring the state's exceptional rivers and streams. Since 1989, WVRC has served the interest of those who use and appreciate the waters of West Virginia. This includes those who reside in West Virginia, those who visit to recreate, the wildlife that depend on a healthy habitat, and those who live downstream and rely upon clean West Virginia headwaters for use and enjoyment.

WYOMING

Wyoming Outdoor Council

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Established in 1967, the Wyoming Outdoor Council is a nonprofit membership organization, and is the state's oldest independent statewide conservation organization. The Wyoming Outdoor Council's mission is to protect Wyoming's environment and quality of life for future generations.