

For nearly three decades, Appalachian Voices has stood shoulder to shoulder with our neighbors and partners to protect our region's natural heritage from those who would destroy it for their own profit, and to advance practical, forward-thinking solutions that create good jobs and vibrant places to live. Here's how:



### We fight for a healthy future.

Across Appalachia, we stand with communities to advocate for clean energy investments and commonsense policies that protect our wild places and boost local economies. Together, we elevate local voices to every level of government and before the courts when necessary — both in support of these solutions and in opposition to exploitation by the fossil fuel industry.

Your support helps us:

- **Advocate for renewable energy** and a path to a clean-power grid that's free of fossil fuels
- **Monitor the health of our streams and rivers**, which support native species like the candy darter and the Guyandotte River crayfish
- **Push back against more than a dozen dangerous and polluting proposals** in our region, including those aimed at propping up the coal industry, issuing new mining permits, and building methane-gas pipelines and power plants
- **Help residents of rural coal communities** gather and engage in participatory master-planning processes to build a stronger future
- **Defend the public's right to have their voices heard** when the government is making decisions about projects that impact our air, water, or public lands

**WIN:** In 2025, community opposition to new fracked-gas plants in Tennessee and Virginia stopped two projects from moving forward.

**WIN:** Over the past four years, the Appalachian Solar Finance Fund has helped **72 coal-impacted communities** in six states build **88 new projects**, deploying **8.2 megawatts** of new solar energy.

### We honor Appalachia's resilient and independent spirit.

The people of Appalachia are creative, resilient, independent, and hardworking. When natural disasters strike, neighbors rally together to support one another in the near-term — and to find long-term solutions to build strong economies and be better prepared as the threat of climate disasters increases.

Your support helps us:

- **Help community members advocate for and implement clean energy investments** like solar and energy storage on rural fire stations, community centers, schools, libraries, and faith institutions, which aid emergency response during natural disasters, bolster resilience, and save money year round
- **Conduct workshops to help community members** understand, monitor, and reduce their climate-driven risks, including the implementation of resident-led flood monitoring and warning systems in remote communities
- **Create a pathway to good-paying jobs** through an innovative apprenticeship program for rural communities
- **Share local news and stories** through publications like *The Advocate* and *The Appalachian Voice*



A community of retirees in Southwest Virginia had solar energy installed in 2025 to reduce costs for its lowest-income renters. The ElderSpirit project is one of dozens we've helped make a reality through the Appalachian Solar Finance Fund.



Opponents of the Ridgeline methane-gas pipeline gathered at the Tennessee Valley Authority's headquarters. As TVA doubles down on fossil fuels, we are working to protect communities and keep the public in public power.

### We right past wrongs and confront new harms.

Appalachian Voices has long fought for the rights of coal communities, including miners and their families. Coal's environmental legacy and active mountaintop removal mines continue to harm the land, air, water, and health of our region, while the proposed build-out of 16 gigawatts of new methane-gas infrastructure threatens the health and well-being of our communities now and far into the future.

Your support helps us:

- **Stop destructive mining activity** that threatens pristine ecosystems, including those on public lands
- **Heal former minelands** stripped bare and polluted by coal extraction
- **Defend key programs and improve benefits for miners** struggling with black lung, and fight for stronger safety standards to prevent the disease
- **Use high-quality research** to demonstrate that investments in clean energy and energy efficiency can meet future power demands in our region
- **Ensure residents don't bear the financial cost or increased pollution** from rising power needs as corporations build energy-intensive data centers across the region

**WIN:** In 2025, illegal coal hauling in the Monongahela National Forest was halted, thanks to collective advocacy with our partners. This effectively shuttered a massive surface mine that relied on forest service roads to transport coal, and that released high levels of metals and sediment into the headwaters of the Cherry and Gauley River watersheds.



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**Show your support for Appalachia. Here's how:**

**Start or renew your Appalachian Voices membership by giving today.** Your support helps us amplify the voices of the people of Appalachia and protect the land, air, water, and communities of this beautiful region we call home.

**Join our advocacy network** and learn about opportunities to have your voice heard. Your voice helps us elevate important issues to decision makers and the public.

**Volunteer with us.** Your time helps us make more connections in communities across the region, uniting people around shared values to create lasting change.

**Thank you for standing with us.**

**Learn more about our work and our impact at [AppVoices.org](http://AppVoices.org)**

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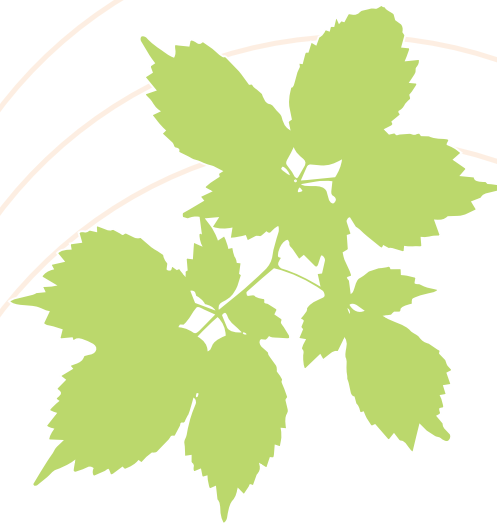
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