Middle Tennessee Group joins the Transit for Nashville Coalition

by Joe McCaleb

In response to the General Assembly’s passage of the Governor’s IMPROVE Act earlier this year, the Sierra Club, Middle Tenn Group, has officially joined the Transit for Nashville Coalition. The Sierra Club chose to become a member because of the tremendous opportunity to actually plan, develop and fund a mass transit system for Davidson County and perhaps broader if the adjacent counties take advantage of the opportunity provided in the IMPROVE Act. There are now over 53 member organizations in this Coalition and growing by the week representing African-American and Latino communities, churches, legal, business, labor, environmental, contractors, realtors and medical professionals. Every effort continues to drive membership in the Coalition and to make it as inclusive of the Nashville communities as possible.

The immediate goal of the Coalition is to educate the public about the need for mass transit, and support the Mayor’s plan to improve transit within the Nashville area. Everyone on the Coalition agree that we don’t won’t Nashville to be a spread-out city like Atlanta. We want communities connected and the fact remains that yesterday’s transit system is not going to take us forward in a city with now more than 1 million population and ranked as the largest city in Tennessee. Funding for this new transit system is also multi-leveled as set forth in the IMPROVE Act. Cities and counties are given options to consider in funding the transit system and it is expected that the plan will propose a combination of those options. Additionally, there are limited federal and state grant funds in the pot too. The actual plan is being studied and prepared by an entirely different team of professional planners and engineers.

Looking Ahead: Winter Tennessee Chapter Meeting

January 26-28 Cedars of Lebanon State Park

Join the TN Chapter as we meet for our Winter Retreat. Come and enjoy the company and interaction with environmental leaders from across the state. It is a place of the fellowship, hikes, fireplace chats, meetings, and star gazing. Be sure not to miss the Saturday evening program, live music and bonfire. Meet others that share your love and respect for Mother Nature.

Harvey Broome Group hosting - Contact HBG treasurer Bob Perlack to register: email perlack@aol.com, phone (865) 229-5027 or mail Bob Perlack, 234 Northshore Drive, Greenback TN 37742. You can also pre-register before January 14 online at http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/3914124 - January 26-28-2018-Sierra-Club-Retreat

The Park is centrally located near Lebanon, TN. Register by Saturday, January 13th to receive early bird pricing. The rates are:

• Late registration (after January 13) - $60
• Early Bird Discount (lodging, 2 breakfasts, Saturday dinner) - $50
• For those attending their first Chapter retreat (lodging, 2 breakfasts, Saturday dinner) – $25
• Student (lodging, 2 breakfasts, Saturday dinner) – $15
• Only on Saturday (registration, dinner) – $30
• Only the Sunday Executive Committee meeting (registration, breakfast no lodging) – $10
• Only Sunday Executive Committee meeting (registration only, no lodging, no breakfast) – $5
• Child under 16 – No Charge

About the Park

The park is named for Eastern Red Cedar trees found throughout the area. The trees reminded early American settlers of the famed Biblical cedar forests that thrived across Mount Lebanon in what is now the Mediterranean area. Cedars of Lebanon became a state park in 1955. In the 1940s, botanists noticed unique natural ecosystems found in and around Cedars of Lebanon State Park and Forest. These areas are natural rock gardens called cedar glades. The presence of glades is due to limestone rock coming so close to the surface of the ground that it causes the soil to be thin or absent. Water and surface temperatures vary so much throughout the year that a harsh, desert-like, inhospitable habitat is created with its own unique plant community. Nineteen rare and endangered species of plants grow profusely here and nowhere else in the world. Winter activities include hiking, birding and disk golf.

Nearby attractions include Stones River National Historic Battlefield. The Saturday morning outing will be to the Stones River National Historic Battlefield (https://www.nps.gov/stri/index.htm). We’ll tour the site, starting in the museum, where we’ll see a short film about the famous battle. Both Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning will include hikes on the “Cedars” trails. We will make an excursion to the Elsie Quarterman memorial at the park. Here is a link to a recent article about her work as an ecologist, especially at these Cedar Glades: https://news.vanderbilt.edu/vanderbiltmagazine/elise-quarterman-was-more-than-a-biologist-professor-and-ecologist/

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Remember To Vote! Ballots on pages 4 – 8.

Tennessee Chapter Spring Retreat
N.B. Forrest State Park
April 27th thru 29th

Come to Western Tennessee to meet and interact with Sierra Club leaders from all parts of the state. Enjoy hikes, campfires, environmental programs and camaraderie on the shore of the Tennessee River.

Most attendees stay in the bunkhouse style Group Lodge although some stay at the campground. Registration includes breakfast on Saturday and Sunday and dinner on Saturday night. Early bird registration of $50.00 includes lodging and the meals listed. Registrants may specify vegetarian or omnivore. First time attendees are half price. Children 15 and under are free. Scholarships are available upon advance arrangement.

Attendees should bring a sleeping bag or bedding, a towel, toiletries, walking shoes, appropriate clothing snacks, beverages and Saturday lunch. Middle Tennessee Group is hosting the retreat. Contact Charlie High for information and reservations at caigh1722@aol.com or by text at 615.500.5499.
Cutoff Date for the January/February Issue is November 30, 2017. All meetings and outings notices, articles, and photographs should be in by then. Send material to Chris Demetreon at c.demetreon@mchsi.com

MEETING SCHEDULE

Chapter Meeting Location Dates
Winter Cedars of Lebanon State Park January 26-28
Spring NS Forrest State Park April 27-29
Summer Cedars of Lebanon State Park Aug 3-5
Fall Picket State Park October 27-29

The Chapter retreat will begin at 4 PM on Friday and end at 2 PM on Sunday. All TN Chapter retreat participants will be required to sign the standard Sierra Club outings liability waiver when checking in at the retreat location. To review these waivers, please visit http://content.sierraclub.org/outings/sites/content.sierraclub.org/outings/files/individual_waiver.pdf

Every attendee under the age of 18 not accompanied by parent will need to have a signed liability waiver and medical authorization form with them when they arrive. To review these waivers, please visit http://content.sierraclub.org/outings/sites/content.sierraclub.org/outings/files/forms/local-outings-minor-release.pdf

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If built, Millennium would have been the largest coal export facility in North America, shipping up to 44 million tons of Powder River and Uinta Basin coal per year to Asian markets that are quickly turning away from coal-fired power. But thousands of people across Washington and along the path of those coal trains organized, spoke out at public hearings, called, sent letters, rallied, met with elected officials, and did so much more over the past seven years.

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We Won’t Back Down: Bloomberg Philanthropies, Sierra Club Announce Increased Commitment to Retiring Coal, Fighting Climate Change

By Mary Anne Hitt and Bruce Nilles

Take heart, friends — all hope is not lost for our climate, and our clean air and water. Today I was honored to join an event in DC where the Sierra Club and Michael Bloomberg, United Nations Special Envoy for Cities and Climate Change and former Mayor of New York, announced we are doubling down once more to continue retiring America’s coal plants and transitioning the US economy to clean energy. On the heels of the Trump administration’s decision to repeal the Clean Power Plan, President Obama’s signature carbon pollution standards, our message is clear - together with dozens of partner organizations, we will continue to advance our nation’s overwhelming commitment to expand clean energy and fight climate disruption, even when the Trump administration chooses denial and inaction.

As storms and wildfires worsened by climate change ravage our nation, and as Trump and his Environmental Protection Agency head Scott Pruitt again put polluters first, the grassroots leaders of the Sierra Club’s Beyond Coal campaign and our allies won’t back down. Coal is not coming back, and the renewable energy revolution is here to stay. The pace of coal retirements and renewable energy growth haven’t slowed since the election, and this renewed support from Bloomberg Philanthropies and our allies is our best hope that progress continues. Seventeen coal plants have announced their retirements since Election Day 2016 - one plant every 20 days - including some of the nation’s biggest and most polluting coal plants. That’s 9,822 megawatts of dirty power that pollutes our air and water, makes our families sick, and worsens climate change. Tens of thousands of parents, students, public health officials, business owners, Tribal leaders, clergy, community leaders and more have banded together nationwide to get those results by organizing, rallying, contacting their elected officials, and more - and those results are just from the past year. Since the Beyond Coal campaign started focusing on existing coal plants in 2010, our grassroots activists and partners have helped retire 119,417 megawatts of proposed dirty coal, or 259 coal plants, which amounts to almost half the coal plants in the US are now slated for retirement. By continuing this progress, we’ll provide the primary engine for meeting the US Paris climate commitment, regardless of Trump.

In this next chapter of our work, we’re going to keep slashing carbon, build an ever stronger and more powerful movement to move the electric sector to clean energy, and help decarbonize the remaining sectors, giving us a fighting chance to avoid the worst impacts of climate change. It’s also essential that we diversify the economy in communities that have historically relied on coal, like my home state of West Virginia, and that our local, state, and national leaders work with the financial resources, political leadership, and other needed support to ensure no one is left behind as we make this shift to clean energy.

The Sierra Club’s Ready For 100 campaign will continue demonstrating the amazing support for expanding clean energy. More than 150 mayors and 33 cities have now committed to powering their communities with 100 percent clean energy, and we’ll keep adding to that list in the months ahead. Cities and towns are stepping up where the national leadership is lacking on clean energy and climate action. As I said in my column earlier this week, the fight against the dangerous Clean Power Plan repeal is only just beginning. We have every intention of mobilizing to make our voices are heard when the EPA conducts its legally required comment period and of fighting any new rule that does not comply with the Clean Air Act in court. That work extends to make sure the clean energy transition continues as well, by continuing to retire coal plants and replace them with renewable power, as solar and wind energy continue their exponential growth nationwide.

The Sierra Club and our allies are committed to making sure the U.S. remains as a leader on climate action, despite Trump. In the leadership vacuum created by the Trump administration, the grassroots are rising. Join us.

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We could not have reached this milestone without thousands upon thousands of amazing grassroots activists and organizers nationwide. They continue to boldly act for cleaner air and water, coal industry worker transition, good union jobs in the clean energy industry, a safe climate for our kids, and so much more. We also would not be here without over one hundred allied organizations, including in Texas our partners at Earthjustice, National Parks Conservation Association, the Environmental Integrity Project, and the Institute for Energy Economics and Financial Analysis. Together we are making a difference - and we’re not slowing down. Join us.

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Election Ballot of At-Large Delegates for the Tennessee Chapter Executive Committee: 2018-2019 Term

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Votes must be received no later than 12/26/2017 to be valid. Only current members as of November 1, 2017 may vote. Joint members must use the same ballot.

**Candidate Biographies:**

**KATE ANTHONY**
Kate is a retired psychologist. She grew up in Southern California and spent her young adult years backpacking in the Sierra Nevada Mountains. She is an environmental activist of long standing, having done four different Sierra Club service outings and participated in the People's Climate March in NYC 2015. She completed the Climate Reality Leadership training, besides the Sierra Club, she serves for Quaker Earthcare Witness and Tennessee Interfaith Power and Light. Her main focus is climate change and she has been serving as Cherokee Group Program Chair.

**TIM MCDONALD**
Tim is a retired biologist and water quality manager with several years experience in the regulatory field. His faith affiliation is with First Cumberland Presbyterian Church of Chattanooga where he serves on the Property and Grounds Committee. He is also a member of the Sierra Club, Arbor Day Foundation, South Chickamauga Creek Greenway Alliance, and Association of Southeast Biologists. Tim also serves as a volunteer for the public school in which his daughter teaches 5th grade science and mathematics.

**MARK PEACH**
Mark is a fifteen-year Sierra Club member with an abiding interest in our National Parks. As honors director at Southern Adventist University, he has sent students to nearly a dozen Partners in the Parks (sponsored by collaboration between National Park Service and the National Collegiate Honors Council) to Great Smoky Mountains National Park, Glacier National Park, Rainer National Park, Hawaii Volcanoes National Park, Harpers Ferry National Park. He is an Appalachian Trail section hiker (currently at 64%) and recently took up kayak touring.

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**Candidate Biographies:**

**DAN REESE**
A native of Northeast Tennessee, Dan has over 30 years of experience in the fields of social services, education, horticulture, landscape design, community development, transportation planning, and the development of greensways and trails.

Dan is the owner and principle of Alpha Trace Consulting a small firm with the mission of advocating for sustainable development of our significant natural resources for accessible recreation.

He is a dedicated advocate for the development of pedestrian and mixed use infrastructure and serves as a liaison between non-profits, local, state, and federal agencies.

**SHARON GENAILLE**
I am the accounting manager for a night vision company. My electives at Kansas State were in environmental geography and geology. Currently, I serve as the Watauga Watershed Alliance Treasurer. I hope to help preserve our environment.

**EDWARD D. FARNWORTH, Ph.D.**
I have performed research on tropical wood production and freshwater tidal marsh ecology, taught tropical ecology courses in Costa Rica, and served as Ecologist and Senior Environmental Advisor for the Inter-American Development Bank in Latin America and the Caribbean. I am a South Carolina Master Naturalist, a long-time conservationist/environmentalist, and a member of the Sierra Club and The Nature Conservancy for many years.

**JAY PIPER**
I am a long time Sierra Club member, business owner and nature lover.

**WILBERT GRIFFITH**
I have been a Tennessee Sierra Club member since 2004, a woodworker, fishing enthusiast and canoeist for decades. As an amateur chef, baker since retirement I’ve advocated for our local farmers market.

**CINDY JOHNSON**
I lived on Watauga Lake nearly all my life, attended West Virginia University and Marshall University. I have served as the Watauga Group Treasurer. I love the water and environment and want to help preserve it.

**MARY GALE**
Long time Sierra Club member and a Rotarian. Mary attends the Methodist Church.

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Please vote for the election of three (3) members of the Chickasaw Group Executive Committee (ExCom), each having a two-year term beginning January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2019. Successful candidates will join our other ExCom Members in guiding our Group’s actions.

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Place both Group and At Large ballots in an envelope, seal and write “Ballot” on the envelope. Place your “Ballot” envelope in a second mailing envelope. In the upper left-hand corner of the mailing envelope write your Sierra membership number (which is located to the left of your name on the mailing label of your Tennes-Sierran) with your name and address, mail promptly.

Envelopes without a Sierra membership number, name and address cannot be counted.

Mail ballot to: Sara Plummer, Sierra Club Elections 4612 Villa Green Drive Nashville, TN 37215

Candidate Biographies:

CLINT BRAY

Clint Bray is a founding member and the president of the Mid-South EV Club. Since May 2014, he & the members have sponsored educational events about electric vehicles to promote “Sustainability, Conservation, Stewardship, Fun!” Clint believes that clean energy vehicles are the cornerstone to environmental protection.

His love for clean energy technology developed as a child when he first heard of photo-voltaic cells; a renewable energy source with an array of potential applications. From the point he learned that the electric motor preceded the combustion engine he became dedicated to owning a fully electric vehicle. In the early 2000’s, the United States did not offer affordable options for purchasing electric vehicles, so Clint dedicated himself to converting an internal combustion engine car to electric. About half-way through the project, the Nissan Leaf became available for order and Clint was one of the first in the area to order this new electric vehicle. Clint not only drives electric, but he supports businesses who offer electric vehicle charging stations to further promote sustainability. He was the first business owner in Collierville, TN to offer electric charging stations at his business and allowed patrons to charge for free. He gladly gives any interested person a test drive to show them the value of clean energy vehicles.

MIA MADISON

Mia Madison is an environmentalist and performs qualitative and quantitative research to provide informational and technical support for neighborhood and communities that work with directly with organizations. A native Memphian, Mia is dedicated to service with a unique perspective of advocacy, activism and community.

At the Community Foundation of Greater Memphis, Mia manages LIVEFM/nemidsouth.org, an online community information system made of two websites: WHEREweLIVE/nemidsouth.org, an online data portal and WHEREtoGIV/nemidsouth.org, a comprehensive nonprofit database.

Mia provided support to several nonprofit organizations and community groups while educating stakeholders of ways to rebuild the bridge between people and their immediate environment, including the Wolf River Brownfields Assessment Grant (Vice-Chair), Mid-South Regional Greenprint (Social Equity Chair), Mid-South Peace and Justice Center (Stewardship Chair), Community Reinvestment Act (CRA)-Uptown West Steering Committee, Memphis In May (Recycling Committee). Mia holds a Master’s degree in Anthropology and a Bachelor’s degree in Geography with focus in Geographical Techniques and Planning, both from the University of Memphis. She has published several scholarly articles with other esteemed geographers and environmental anthropologists; served as a volunteer and a host of projects; and, continues her activism around teen/youth engagement.

DAWN NIelsen

I am Dawn Nielsen, and I would like to become a member of the executive committee of the Chickasaw Group of the Sierra Club. My qualifications are as follows:

I attended the University of Michigan for my engineering undergraduate degree and the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania for my MBA. While I worked in the utility business for nearly a decade, I ultimately worked on Wall Street in mergers and acquisitions in the banking industry with a focus on energy players.

I came to Memphis in 2003 with my husband, Eric Nielsen, a native Memphian. We co-own South Front Antiques, and I primarily focus on website development, social media, and accounting. We are raising our two children together. For many years, I was our children’s homeschool teacher. A great deal of their education focused on environmental pursuits. We spent two months on an off-the-grid plantation learning about sustainability first hand. We practice using solar ovens, organic and hydroponic gardening, vermicomposting, and more. Additionally, I maintain an environmental blog: https://bahamiantrek.wordpress.com/

I held community positions in recent years, I was the chairman of the Harbor Town HOA and served on their board for several years. I was responsible for engaging the community regarding 3 playground installations; all designs had overwhelming community support. Additionally, responsibilities included community planning, managing capital assets, and ensuring adequate financial resources and oversight.

Thank you for your support and I would greatly enjoy becoming a member of the executive committee.

CHARLIE BELENKY

I have been concerned about the environment since the first Earth Day in NYC. I was active in the Abalone Alliance in California and was arrested at Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant in 1977. In 1978-1979 I was an intern in the Water Division in Region IX of the EPA. I did some environmental litigation and compliance when I was employed with the State of California.

I believe in “small is beautiful” and “living lightly on the planet.” I began attending Chickasaw Group meetings and getting involved in local issues shortly after arriving in Memphis in 2016. Because of my involvement, the Chickasaw Group asked me in April to temporarily fill an opening in the Excom until this election.

CARI HARRIS

Hello! My name is Cari Harris and I would like to serve on the Executive Committee for the Sierra Club’s Chickasaw Group. I have always been interested in the intersections between people and the environment and am passionate about addressing environmental injustice. I believe in the Sierra Club mission of protecting our air, water and ecosystems and promoting sustainable solutions that ensure safe and healthy communities for both today and in the future.

I pursued passion into action and in 2016, I graduated with a BS in Environmental Science from Rhodes College. During my four years, I was a leader and participant in many civically focused clubs that allowed me to develop an array of skills that would be useful to the Sierra Club including community outreach and organizing, activism, conservation policy, organization, leadership, and many others. Post College, I learned leadership, diplomacy, and public speaking skills while working in the Division of Housing and Community Development. Currently, I am continuing to learn as the new Community Development and Real Estate Manager at Habitat for Humanity. As someone with a desire to for constant development, I am especially excited about the learning potential in this role.

Before I end this short bio, I would like to state that I understand the resources and influence possessed by the Sierra Club and would not take this role lightly. I love Memphis. I believe in its future and that the Sierra Club will play a pivotal role in shaping it.

Remind other members to vote.
You are in the Harvey Broome Group if you live in one of these counties: Anderson, Blount, Campbell, Claiborne, Cocke, Cumberland, Fentress, Grainger, Hamblen, Jefferson, Knox, Loudon, Morgan, Pickett, Roane, Scott, Sevier or Union.

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JIM M. HACKWORTH, Jr.

JIM M. HACKWORTH, Jr. has a unique background in environmental education and activism when he moved to Knoxville for college and fell in love with the mountains. Erica is a 23-year-old law student, Erica is excited to bring new and diverse perspectives to the Harvey Broome Group. She hopes to bring her skills in coalition building, campaigning, educating, and increasing involvement of UT students in Sierra Club activities and issues.

MARY HEADRICK, M.D.

MARY HEADRICK, M.D. is a 68-year old retired physician (Internal Medicine) and a ‘new farmer’ living in Union County, north of Knox, with my husband Detlef Matt, a retired farmer. I am a member of the Sierra Club since 1988. I am also a member of the Nature Conservancy, National Wildlife Federation, NPCA, TCWN, and the Wilderness Society. I currently serve on the Harvey Broome Group Executive Committee, I will continue promoting increased involvement of UT students in Sierra Club activities and issues.

RON SHRIEVES

RON SHRIEVES has lived in Knoxville for 45 years, and am a retired professor from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. I am married (Ginger), with two grown children. I have been a member of the Sierra Club since 1988. I am also a member of the Nature Conservancy, National Wildlife Federation, NPO, TCWN, and the Wilderness Society. I currently serve on the board of the Friends of Seven Islands State Birding Park. I have been involved in Harvey Broome Group (HBG) outings since joining the Club, and served as HBG Outings Chair or Co-chair and as a member of the HBG Executive Committee for 14 years, I am currently in my second year as Chair of HBG. I feel very strongly about climate change, about preserving the remaining wilderness areas in our national and state forests, and about promoting wildlife refuges, parks and greenways in our urban settings. I feel that I can continue to contribute to the critical work of the HBG executive committee.

MAC POST

MAC POST became a Sierra Club member while a graduate student in Ecology at the University of Tennessee over 40 years ago. After graduate school I led research projects on the impact of raising atmospheric CO2 concentrations on global ecosystems and climate at Oak Ridge National Laboratory. I am a lifetime Sierra Club member. The Sierra Club is a significant conservation organization in the U.S. The Harvey Broome Group is an important voice in East Tennessee for wilderness protection, environmentally sound land-use, environmental protection regulations, and promoting education and enjoyment of natural resources, especially wilderness.

I am active in the Harvey Broome Group. I am an outings leader, leading it to hikes each year with a focus on learning about and protecting the rich biodiversity of East Tennessee. I am Program Chair coordinating monthly program meetings. My favorite involvement is leading a group of dedicated Sierra Club volunteers with Knoxville Inspriring Connections Outdoors (Knoxville ICO). We partner with 5 agencies serving inner-city youth and conduct 30 outings annually including bike rides, day hikes, overnight camping, and whitewater rafting. If elected I will continue to serve the Harvey Broome Group in capacities the Executive Committee decide are appropriate.
Additionally, he coordinated students to share resources and build grassroots momentum through their statewide network, while also connecting with their administrations to bring energy efficiency, onsite generation, and environmental education initiatives to campuses across the TVA region.

The sustainability funding.

funding not only allows MTSU to invest heavily in energy efficiency, alternative transportation research, and other student-led projects, but also

Action. The organization ran a successful campaign to implement a policy that generates sustainability funding for the campus in perpetuity. This

Middle Tennessee State University, where he earned his Bachelor of Science in Recording Industry Management, he took a leadership role with Students for Environmental

REGGIE MILLER

Middle Tennessee Group
Vote for no more than four (4) candidates

John Behn
Dan Joranko
Grace Stranch
Charles High
Craig Jervis
Reggie Miller

Candidate Biographies (in random order):

JOHN BEHN

Siera Club drew my interest because of my concerns for the environment including resources, open spaces, air quality, wetlands, and water sup-

Grace is an experienced environmental activist from Nashville who was the lead organizer for the Appalachian Public Interest Environmental Law

CHARLES A. (CHARLIE) HIGH

MTG conducted twelve outings including canoe/kayak trips, hikes, creek walks and white water rafting trips. Charlie is a licensed Tennessee attorney but is retired from the active practice of law.

CRAIG M. JERVIS

Recently I began participating in the redesign of the Middle Tennessee Group web page to attract and inform more people for these causes. As an

REGGIE MILLER

Miller began working within Tennessee’s environmental movement when he was a teenager. As a freshman at Middle Tennessee State

remind other members to vote.
The Tennessee Chapter’s Outings and activities are always open to the public and members of the Club from across the state! Sponsored by our local Groups, pre-registration with the trip leader is a must for all outings.

November 4, 2017 - Backpack - Walls of Jericho Backpack. The Walls of Jericho area is located on the TN-AL state line west of Chatanooga. Hiking distance will be about 7 miles total. Rated Moderate. Pre-Register with Will Skelton: H 523-2272; C 742-2327; whshome@bellsouth.net. (Harvey Broome Group)

November 11, 2017 - Naturalist Ramble - Virgin Cove Hardwood, Albright Grove, GSMPN. Albright Grove is a special place where tupel poplars, red maple, magnolias, silverbells and maples have grown into giants. Families are encouraged to bring children. Total distance is 6.9 miles and rated moderate. Pre-Register with Mac Post: 865-806-0980; mpost3116@aol.com (email preferred). (Harvey Broome Group)

November 18, 2017 - Dayhike - Honeysuckle Loop, Big South Fork National River And Recreation Area. This is a rather difficult 5.6 mile loop trail. The trail includes a number of waterfalls, a spectacular rockhouse, and other great views. The hike is strenuous. Pre-register with BJ and Bob Perlack: perlack@aol.com; 229-5027. (Harvey Broome Group)

December 2, 2017 - Dayhike - Cades Cove off-trail, GSMPN. This “off-trail” hike uses old roads/trails in the area between the Dan Lawson cabin and Forge Creek Road. Distance about 5.5 miles, rated strenuous due to creek crossings, blowdowns and rhododendron. Pre-register with Ron Shrieves at 922-3518 or ronshrieves@gmail.com (email preferred). (Harvey Broome Group)

December 9, 2017 - Dayhike - Piney Falls and Stinging Fork State Natural Areas, Grandview and Spring City. This dayhike combines two short spectacular waterfall hikes – Piney Falls and Stinging Fork. Pre-Register with BJ and Bob Perlack: perlack@aol.com; 229-5027. (Harvey Broome Group)

Nashville Outing: - We have an active outings schedule! To check out our outings, please go to http://www.meetup.com/Middle-Tennessee-Sierra-Club-Outings-and-Adventures
Grassroots Victory - continued from page 3.

From my colleague Cesia Kearns: “Over one million people in the Pacific Northwest formally committed to say we can do better than fossil fuels, and thousands of impacted community members have shown up at hearings to speak to how they would be harmed. This is a victory for everyone who would have been caught in the destructive path of coal exports, but also those who are suffering the real impacts of climate change.”

Over the years, I had the great privilege of joining local leaders in the Northwest to stand up against these projects. Back in 2013, I spoke at a hearing and press conference in Tacoma to oppose this very proposal, the Millennium project in Longview. And in 2016, I had the profound honor of speaking alongside leaders from nine Tribal Nations at a press conference to oppose the Cherry Point project, which threatened the treaty-protected fishing grounds of the Lummi Nation. Every time I joined these advocates, I was awed by their numbers, their passion, and their commitment.

We were staring down six massive coal projects that would have been a catastrophe for our climate, health, and environment, backed by well-connected developers with deep pockets who were working in cahoots with Peabody Coal and some of the most powerful interests on the planet. The odds were stacked against us. But over the course of seven years, dozens of hearings, and one decision point after another, local leaders never gave up.

Finally this week, the people won! Those 1+ million people know the risks of air, water, and climate pollution and they took a stand. The state’s own analysis found that the climate and air pollution from this project would be equivalent to adding 8 million cars to the road! And this victory was the latest in a trend of grassroots activism stopping coal projects in the Pacific Northwest. From Cherry Point and Grays Harbor in Washington, to Coos Bay and Port of Morrow in Oregon, communities are saying no to coal and yes to a clean energy future. Our movement is truly international, and stopping the export of coal helps both our country and the world fight pollution and climate change. The promised international markets for this coal are drying up, as countries like China reduce their use of coal and double down on clean energy. The defeat of this project is one more big step on the clean energy path.

“With every single coal export proposal in the Northwest denied or abandoned, we hope Northwest community leaders can now turn our attention to cultivating sustainable economic opportunities with good union, family wage jobs that keep our communities safe, healthy, and thriving instead of the boom and bust of dangerous fossil fuels,” said Cesia.

We still have some work left to do. Our neighbors to the North in Canada may see a proposed expansion of an existing terminal in British Columbia, and many people already live with the impacts of mining and shipping coal across the country. We will do our best to continue defending communities anywhere that are affected by coal pollution and seeking better solutions.

Clean energy is the way to power the Pacific Northwest and the rest of the U.S. Trump may continue to make empty promises of a coal comeback, but this victory underscores the reality that the decisions that matter are being made in the states, and our nation and the world are continuing to move away from coal to clean energy. Meanwhile, wind and solar power don’t pollute the air or water and bring with them an economic boom and good jobs. Help us continue to transition away from coal to clean energy - join us!

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Cooking the Books

By Liz Perera

The Clean Power Plan protects the health of all Americans. Now that at date for its repeal has been officially announced, we are also learning about the crooked strategy this administration has employed to demolish this common-sense policy.

Politically, it is reported that the Trump Administration will justify the CPP repeal by neglecting basic math. According to political science, under President Obama’s administration, the EPA had estimated that, by 2030, the Clean Power Plan would prevent 90,000 childhood asthma attacks, 300,000 missed work and school days, and 3,600 premature deaths annually by 2030.

Stop Pruitt, Rally To Oppose EPA Nominee Scott Pruitt Photo by Lorie Shaull

As storms and wildfires besiege our nation, Donald Trump and his EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt will announce Tuesday their intention to repeal the Clean Power Plan, the critical climate action plan set in motion during the Obama administration that will save lives and money. As yet another hurricane slams into our country, the spectacle of these robbers robbing the White House with their fossil fuel pals and congratulating themselves for making money while people’s lives are destroyed is mind-bending. Repealing the Clean Power Plan is a reckless, dangerous move by an administration that continues to show that it cares more about their fossil fuel CEO cronies than the lives of thousands of people.

I have a message for everyone distraught by this news: if we keep working and we don’t stop, we can stop them. As director of the Sierra Club’s Beyond Coal Campaign, I can assure you that we will meet the targets of the Clean Power Plan by retiring coal plants and replacing them with clean energy, in spite of Trump. Just days before the Trump administration announced this repeal, the utility Lumiant announced it will retire its massively polluting Monticello coal plant in Texas. That’s the 259th coal plant to announce retirement since 2010. We’ve retired eleven coal plants under Trump, and none have opened, re-opened, or delayed their expected closure.

Meanwhile, clean energy continues to skyrocket. The two largest clean energy projects in history were announced this year by AEP and Xcel. Coal use is down to its lowest level in history. And new projections from the International Energy Agency predict solar will account for one-third of all power worldwide in just five years, equal to half the world’s coal power capacity. As a result of all this work and momentum, many states are on track to meet or exceed their 2030 Clean Power Plan emission reductions. The world calculates the social cost of carbon, which Obama’s EPA had contended would weigh in the range of $73 billion to $8.8 trillion in 2030, the benefits far outweigh the costs.

Leaving aside the health and climate-related potential of the CPP, the Trump Administration has concocted a way to work around the economic advantages of the plan: change the numbers. First, the EPA will reconsider the social cost of carbon, the global metric used to calculate the benefits of reducing carbon emissions. Countries around the world calculate the social cost of carbon metric by including global climate and global economic models. The CPP’s economic benefits are calculated by including global climate and global economic models. The CPP’s economic benefits are calculated by including global climate and global economic benefits, which are expected to increase significantly under the program. Instead of considering these savings as reduced costs—which they are—the EPA shifts these to the benefits side of the ledger. This allows the agency to tell the public that the Clean Power Plan’s costs are dramatically higher than they actually would be.in reality.

We already knew Donald Trump and Scott Pruitt reject public health science, but this smearing of the Clean Power Plan’s massive public benefits shows they reject basic math, too. The Trump Administration’s assault on the Clean Power Plan is about one thing and one thing only: helping corporate polluters profit.
Trump Administration Turns Its Back on Broad, Bipartisan Support for the Clean Power Plan

By Grace McRae

The Trump administration’s decision to dismantle the Clean Power Plan is as wrong as it is unpopular.

On October 9, 2017 EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt officially announced that he will sign an order to gut the Clean Power Plan (CPP) on October 10. As the first-ever national limits on carbon pollution from existing power plants, the Clean Power Plan protects the health of families and communities by curbing dangerous carbon pollution and reducing other toxic pollutants like mercury, smog, and sulfur dioxide.

Poll after poll has found strong and widespread public support for the Clean Power Plan because it would protect our air, water, and health. In fact, nearly half of Trump voters (48%) support limiting carbon pollution from existing coal-fired power plants to “reduce global warming and improve public health.” And despite the very vocal denial of Trump himself, nearly half of his supporters (49%) say global warming is happening. In a poll conducted earlier this year by Yale and George Mason University, nearly seven in ten U.S. voters (69%) said they support putting “strict limits on carbon emissions from coal-fired power plants” – the heart of the Clean Power Plan. This includes 90% of Democrats, 67% of independents, and 46% of Republicans. And, according to the Yale Climate Opinion Maps, majority support can be found in every single state across the country.

The Clean Power Plan would, by 2030, prevent 90,000 asthma attacks and up to 3,600 premature deaths annually. Not only are Americans in support of such a powerful measure, but a survey by Hart Research in December found that two-thirds of Americans who voted in the 2016 presidential elections (65%) said that they would oppose any effort by the Trump administration to take away the EPA’s ability to set limits on carbon pollution from power plants. This included strong majorities of Clinton voters and nearly half of Trump voters (47%).

While Trump, Scott Pruitt, and the rest of this administration continue to protect and promote the fossil fuel industry and corporate polluters, state and local governments are taking the lead on climate action and moving forward with job-creating clean energy. From Salt Lake City, Utah to Georgetown, Texas, cities are committing to achieve 100 percent clean energy by 2030. Entire states, such as New York and Oregon, have already put themselves on the path to completely phase-out coal-fired power plants in favor of cleaner sources of energy. These states and cities understand that our growing clean energy economy is the best path to create good-paying jobs while safeguarding our air, water, and climate.

As Trump and his administration attack the historic Clean Power Plan, they should know that they are out-of-step with most Americans. People across the partisan spectrum understand that dismantling the Clean Power Plan would help corporate polluters rake in billions at the expense of the health of our families and climate.

We Won’t Let Trump Pump the Brakes on Climate Progress

By Andrew Linhardt

From day 1, Donald Trump and EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt have been colluding with corporate polluters to undo bedrock environmental safeguards that keep our air and water clean and curb dangerous climate emissions.

On Tuesday, Scott Pruitt gave corporate polluters a big win by gutting the Clean Power Plan. As the first-ever national limits on carbon pollution from existing power plants, the Clean Power Plan protects the health of families and communities by curbing dangerous carbon pollution and reducing other toxic pollutants like mercury, smog, and sulfur dioxide.

Gutting the Clean Power Plan isn’t the only polluter backed rollback in Pruitt’s Dirty Power Plan. He’s also working with auto executives to roll back vehicle fuel efficiency and greenhouse gas emissions standards, also known as the cleaner car standards. Transportation is the single largest and fastest growing source of emissions in the U.S. Our cars and trucks account for 45 percent of oil used in the United States and nearly a third of our greenhouse gas emissions.

But for now, cleaner car standards are helping us drive away dangerous carbon pollution. October 15th marks the fifth anniversary of America’s clean cars standards. While automakers stood by President Obama as he announced the standards 5 years ago, they’re now trying to roll back our single biggest defense against carbon pollution. Without the Clean Power Plan, these standards are the U.S.’s largest-ever effort to reduce climate pollution.

As soon as Trump took office, automakers started going back on their word, calling on Trump and Pruitt to put the cleaner car standards in reverse. Earlier this year, Pruitt held a series of closed-door meetings with auto industry executives and lobbyists. A few months later, he announced that EPA would re-open and expand the scope of a review of the clean cars standards, with the likely intention of rolling them back. Duplicating the midterm review of carbon pollution standards is a waste of taxpayer money and a blatant attempt by the administration to rig the system for corporate polluters at the expense of hard-working American families.

By 2025, vehicle efficiency and cleaner car standards are expected to: nearly double vehicle efficiency; save 6 billion metric tons of dangerous climate pollution; save America 12 billion barrels of oil; save individual consumers $1,460 to $1,620 in fuel costs by the time the standards are fully implemented; and save Americans $67 billion to $122 billion over the lifetime of vehicles when the standards are fully implemented. But weakening standards to cut tailpipe carbon pollution will further contribute to climate change, which can worsen asthma symptoms for the 24 million Americans – including 6.3 million children – who suffer from asthma.

Rolling back the standards might be what the auto industry lobbyists in Washington want, but it would be a catastrophe for American families – pumping more carbon pollution into our air while forcing families to spend more of their hard-earned money on gas. Rolling back the standards now could pump a year’s worth of climate pollution from 150 coal fired power plants into our communities. The tragic impacts of Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria have further underscored the need for immediate action that will prevent climate change from getting even worse. Reversing or indefinitely delaying policies that cut carbon pollution would leave our communities more vulnerable to supercharged storms, flooding, drought, wildfires, and other deadly disasters and the health risks associated with them.

On the 5th anniversary of the Clean Car Standards, we won’t let Trump and his cabinet of toxic polluters pump the brakes on climate progress.

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