

2009  
annual  
report



# Iowa Environmental Council

Our Vision for Iowa:  
A state where waters  
run clean, soil stays on  
the land, the air is clear,  
plants and animals are  
diverse and people are  
proud to call Iowa "home."



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## A message from the Board President

### **Dear members and friends,**

Your support of the Iowa Environmental Council boosts efforts to protect Iowa's water, air, agricultural soils, plants and animals.

### **Moving Iowa towards energy independence and a resilient clean energy future**

In the summer of 2007, Alliant Energy filed an application with the Iowa Utilities Board to construct and operate a new, 660 megawatt coal-fired power plant in Marshalltown, Iowa. If built, the coal plant would emit 6 million metric tons of carbon dioxide every year, causing Iowa to significantly increase its greenhouse gas emissions at precisely the time that the state needed to begin decreasing emissions. The plant would have cost Iowa's ratepayers several billion dollars to build, money

that then could not be spent on clean energy alternatives, such as wind power or energy efficiency. Alliant would be expected to operate the plant for at least 30 years, locking Iowa into the use of coal – and its polluting emissions – for decades. The Council and its partners worked for 18 months, using legal interventions and other strategies, to compel Alliant to move away from the investment in dirty coal and towards greener and more home-grown solutions, such as wind power and energy efficiency.

On March 5, 2009, Alliant announced that it had cancelled plans to build a new coal plant in Marshalltown, and would reassess its need for new power using other cleaner sources, such as natural gas and wind power.

### **Protecting Iowa's waters**

Stopping bad legislation is also an important part of protecting Iowa's natural resources. In 2009 Council staff and action alert volunteers stopped Senate File 442, a bill meant to undermine an Iowa Department of Natural Resource (DNR) rule-making process which was underway to establish sound antidegradation rules (part of the federal Clean Water Act). Thanks to hundreds of emails from our volunteers, this bill was never allowed to come to a vote!

Another bill, Senate File 432, was an attempt to stop the Iowa DNR from adopting rules to better manage the application of animal manure on agricultural lands during winter months. Thanks to your support, Council staff and volunteers were able to convince lawmakers of the need to learn more about the issue and to work with the Iowa DNR to significantly amend the bill to be more protective of water quality.


### **And much more ...**

There isn't room here to share all of our 2009 successes. You can learn more about our work at [iaenvironment.org](http://iaenvironment.org).

### **Now more than ever ...**

In today's economy, with more pressures than ever to exploit Iowa's natural resources for short-term profit, organizations like the Iowa Environmental Council are needed to educate the public, the media and Iowa decision-makers, to ensure that the long-term health of our rivers, drinking water, air, plants and soils is not sacrificed. With your continued support, we pledge to continue to work collaboratively with other Iowans to find real solutions to Iowa's environmental challenges.



Linda Kinman  
  
Board President

*“The Council has been very effective in promoting environmental policy over the years, building coalitions and educating the public about environmental issues.”*  
*—Charlotte Hubbell, December 2009*

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## Audited Financial Statement

Year ending December 31, 2009

### Income and Expense Statement

<b>Income</b>	
Memberships, grants and contributions	\$485,524
Other Income	<u>\$8,666</u>
<b>TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS AND REVENUE</b>	<b>\$494,190</b>

<b>Expenses</b>	
Program	\$397,983
Administrative and fundraising	<u>\$115,162</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$513,145</b>

Change in net assets -\$18,955

### Balance Sheet

<b>Assets</b>	
Cash	\$154,504
Accounts Receivable	\$12,500
Office Equipment (minus depreciation)	<u>\$2,715</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$169,719</b>

### Liabilities and Fund Balances

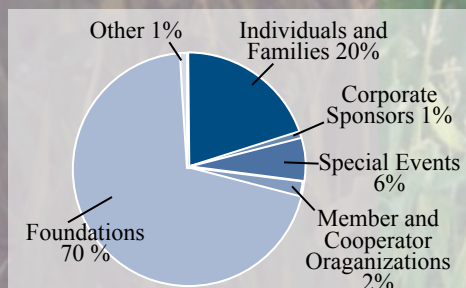
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$10,790
Deferred grant revenue	\$156,000
Net assets, unrestricted	<u>\$2,929</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET WORTH</b>	<b>\$169,719</b>

### Allocation of Revenue

Programs	77.6%
Administration and fundraising	22.4%

### 2009 Sources of Revenue

Foundations	70%
Individuals and Families	20%
Special Events	6%
Member and Cooperator Organizations	2%
Corporate Sponsors	1%
Other	1%



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## Who We Are

The Iowa Environmental Council is an alliance of diverse organizations and individuals working with all Iowans to protect our natural environment. We seek a sustainable future through: shaping public policy, research and education, coalition building, and advocacy. Since 1995, the council has focused on key issues affecting Iowa's environmental policy and has worked to achieve tangible results.

## Advocacy

The Council has given Iowans, who care about our natural environment, a voice in the Iowa Legislature for 14 years. Our annual Lobby Day offers members an opportunity to present a unified message to legislators on behalf of Iowa's environment.

The credibility of the Council is our foundation. Our non-partisan, research-based perspective opens doors and earns trust from the policy makers, opinion leaders, and the public.

## Building Capacity and Coalition

The Council fosters and participates in an array of alliances, working committees, and informal networks. Some examples include: hosting a weekly legislative roundtable for environmental policy specialists during the legislative season; participating in three RE-AMP workgroups, a coalition of environmental organizations in Midwestern states and charitable foundations focusing on clean energy solutions; serving on the Iowa Legislature's Natural Resources Sustainable Funding Committee; and participating in the Mississippi River Water Quality Collaborative, the Mississippi River Restoration and Communications Collaborative, The State Environmental Leadership Program, and the Sustainable Agriculture Coalition.

*Working together on behalf of Iowa's environment*

