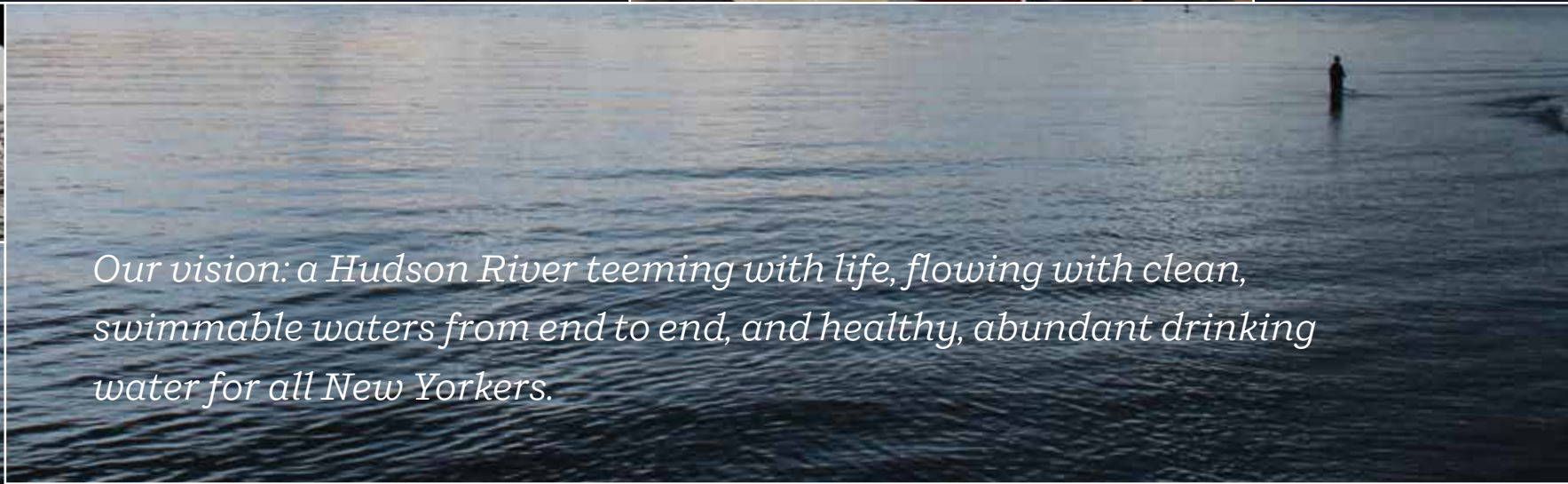




**RIVERKEEPER.**  
NY's clean water advocate

2017 IMPACT REPORT



*Our vision: a Hudson River teeming with life, flowing with clean, swimmable waters from end to end, and healthy, abundant drinking water for all New Yorkers.*



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**PRESIDENT'S LETTER**

# Behind The Numbers

**As a recipient of Charity Navigator's coveted "4-star" rating for the fifth straight year, we at Riverkeeper are proud to share this report and its key financial data with supporters like yourself. We also want to take you behind the numbers.**

Riverkeeper's commitment to you and all our supporters is to turn your generosity into results. In 2017, we reached a historic agreement to close the Indian Point nuclear power plant by 2021, which will usher in an era of safer, cleaner energy while shuttering the plant's aging, dangerous reactors. We also fought for a groundbreaking new State law providing \$2.5 billion in grants for local water infrastructure and identifying emerging drinking water contaminants of concern. Riverkeeper's work on crude oil barge anchorages, PCB remediation, water quality testing and a host of other top priorities also made big gains in 2017.

These wins were all driven by the enormous growth in bipartisan support for clean water and safe energy, up and down the Hudson. Officials across the political spectrum are embracing clean water as a top priority and a fundamental right. This is how New Yorkers can beat back the assault on our environmental laws occurring at the national level, and assure that the Hudson continues to recover from the neglect and damage it suffered for generation after generation.

Today, you can count on Riverkeeper to support fearless, science-based, participatory democracy for clean water in your community. It's what lies beneath every number in this, Riverkeeper's first annual report of our second half century.



**Paul Gallay,**  
**President & Hudson Riverkeeper**



**OUR VISION**

A Hudson River teeming with life, flowing with clean, swimmable waters from end to end, and healthy, abundant drinking water for all New Yorkers.

**OUR MISSION**

Riverkeeper is a member-supported watchdog organization dedicated to defending the ecological integrity of the Hudson River and its tributaries, and to safeguarding the drinking water of 9 million New York City and Hudson Valley residents.

**OUR STORY**

Riverkeeper was founded in 1966 as the Hudson River Fishermen's Association, a group of fishermen, concerned citizens and scientists who dedicated themselves to tracking down the river's polluters and bringing them to justice. At the group's core was a belief that everyday people should be able to defend our magnificent river from maltreatment and damage.



Riverkeeper has helped to establish globally recognized standards for waterway and watershed protection and serves as the model and mentor for the growing Waterkeeper movement that includes more than 300 Keeper programs around the globe.

ACHIEVEMENTS

# A Year of Victories



**833 MILES**

of the Hudson River and its tributaries monitored for safe-swimming standards

**175**

**COMMUNITY SCIENTISTS** engaged

**\$1.3**

**BILLION** secured for pollution controls in New York City

**\$2.5**

**BILLION** secured for **HEALTHY WATER INFRASTRUCTURE** in New York State



**568 TREES & BUSHES**

planted or maintained

**9**

**ENFORCEMENT CASES CLOSED** under the Clean Water Act



**5,000 NAUTICAL MILES**

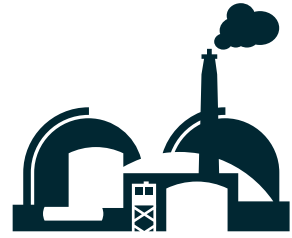
patrolled

**26 TONS**

of shoreline debris removed in a day

**2,200**

**PEOPLE** tested after Newburgh drinking water contamination by toxic chemical PFOS



**1**

**FAILING NUCLEAR PLANT** to shut down by 2021

**10,000 COMMENTS**

to Coast Guard opposing new anchorage grounds for oil barges & commercial vessels

**4,816**

**WATER SAMPLES** collected



*Now in its sixth decade, Riverkeeper is stepping up the fight, calling out polluters and teaming up with scientists and activists to reclaim the Hudson. Pollution levels are down, swimming and boating are back. But the Hudson's recovery is still fragile, still incomplete.*



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FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

# Fiscal Year 2017

Riverkeeper is proud to report that it maintained a solid financial position through Fiscal Year 2017, ending June 30, 2017. We gratefully acknowledge the generous contributions of our private, corporate, and public supporters and members, who number more than 5,000. Without your generous support, we would not be able to carry out our important work on behalf of the Hudson River, New York City's drinking water supply and the communities that rely on the health and protection of these waters. We hope you will take pride in all that we have accomplished together and all that we plan to accomplish in the future.



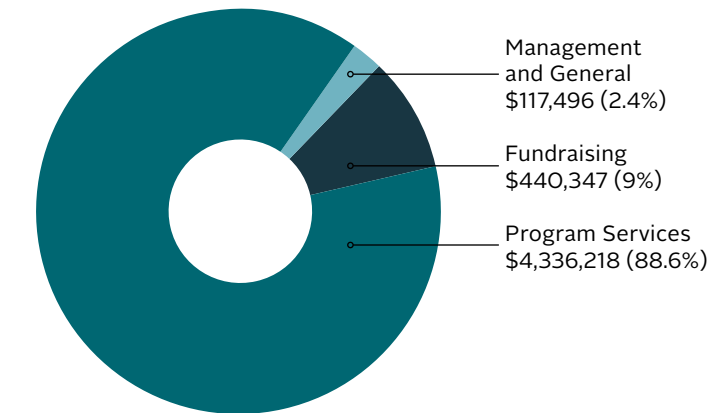
*People are taking pride in their waterways.  
They're taking ownership of their shorelines.  
The possibilities are endless.*



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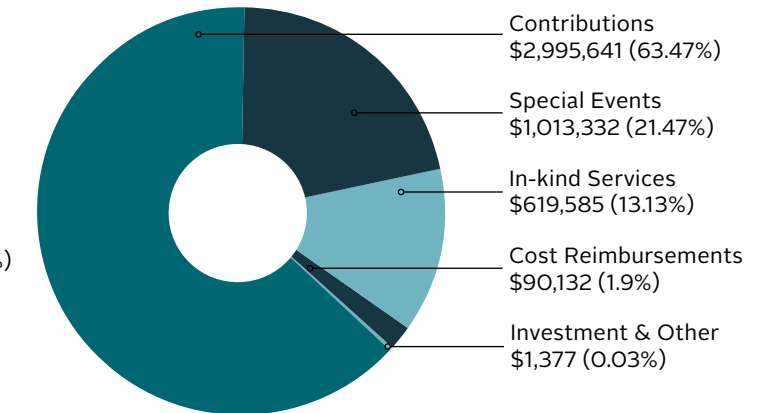
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\$4,894,061



SUPPORT AND REVENUE

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**Awarded top rating by Charity Navigator for the 5th straight year**

For a detailed Statement of Financial Position and Statement of Financial Activities for Fiscal Year 2017, please visit [riverkeeper.org/financials](http://riverkeeper.org/financials)



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A thoughtful planned gift can minimize estate settlement costs and taxes, and ensure that your property is managed in the manner of your choosing.

To learn more, call Ryan Nuckel at (914) 478-4527 ext. 232 or email rnuckel@riverkeeper.org.



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**Back cover:** Alewives, a species of river herring, return to the Wynants Kill in May 2016, days after the removal of a dam that had blocked their entry for 85 years. The dam was removed in a successful collaboration by Riverkeeper, DEC and the City of Troy. Photo by Erica Capuana / NYS DEC Division of Fish & Wildlife.



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