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You and Connecticut Fund for the Environment:

Together, we get big things done.

Find out how!

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Please help me make some really big things happen in our state!

Let's make it safe for you and the children in your family to fish and swim at the nearest pond or beach – every day, no matter where you live.

Let's get our whole state off its dirty fossil fuel addiction and introduce a new era of safe, sustainable and efficient energy.

Let's save Connecticut's most beautiful and productive unspoiled lands and special places forever.

If I've described a future you want to live in, joining Connecticut Fund for the Environment is the very best way to make it happen. Just sign the Membership Enrollment Form and envelope I've enclosed.

Set your own membership dues: $25, $35, $50, $100 or any amount you choose. Every dollar brings that future a little closer.

With that simple act, you'll join thousand of Connecticut citizen-activists and become a member of our state's most dedicated and effective team of environmental future-builders.

We get big things done

We don't hug trees. We save whole Connecticut forests.

We don't chain ourselves to gates. We shut polluters down.

And we don't just wish for a better future. We're building the future right now.

The visionary environmentalist Fred Krupp founded Connecticut Fund for the Environment in 1978 to move past protest to real environmental progress in our state.

Ever since, we've used the best science, law and advocacy to create a sustainable future of prosperity and environmental health.

We started on a shoestring – and we still run lean. But, thanks to our members – people just like you – we've always punched above our weight.

- ✔ During the hottest years of the housing bubble, we persuaded the state to protect 18,700 acres of pristine Connecticut forest lands and reservoirs from bulldozers forever.
- ✔ We stopped state government's raids on Connecticut's Clean Water Fund. We got sewage plant construction and progress toward safe waters everywhere back on track, creating jobs and income for thousands of Connecticut families during the recession.
- ✔ We've taken millions of tons of dangerous emissions and planet-warming greenhouse gases out of the air we breathe by helping Connecticut enact some of America's most forward-looking state energy policies.

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With you as a CFE member, we'll do even more

Over the next ten years, we can bring Connecticut's economy, our communities and our natural environments into balance... or our state can let this chance, maybe our last chance, slip through our fingers. I need your help to complete our state's transformation.

Here are three big things that need to happen by 2023 – and can happen with your member support to Connecticut Fund for the Environment.

Big Thing #1: Make all of Long Island Sound and all Connecticut waters safe for swimming and fishing – all year long. With your help, we can clean up every sewage treatment plant on every Connecticut river and on both sides of Long Island Sound.

Big Thing #2: Free our state from dirty, expensive, planet-heating energy sources once and for all. By 2050 we can generate 80% of our electricity needs from renewable, non-polluting energy sources. But only if we make the right choices now. We need your help to lock in progress with forward-looking energy policies now.

Big Thing #3: Save Connecticut's irreplaceable natural places for everyone, forever. Right now, CFE is fighting to protect 8,500 acres of environmentally important land belonging to Northeast Utilities. Your member support helps securely protect our most precious natural resources for future generations.

That's our strategy for a clean, green and prosperous future in a nutshell.

Will you help us build this future?

When the chips are down, polluters and developers will spend millions to block progress. We don't need to match their millions to win. We just need you.

But we do rely on member support to meet our modest operating costs. Every dollar you contribute helps us do more now to bring our best future closer to reality.

So now I want to know what you believe. Do you believe our families and communities deserve waters that are safe for swimming and fishing? Do you believe we can break out of our deadly reliance on fossil fuels? Do you believe it's up to us to protect our unspoiled forests, river valleys and coastlines for future generations?

If you said "yes" to even one of these questions, then I ask you to act on your beliefs. Join Connecticut Fund for the Environment today. Please act right now!

Sincerely,

Donald S. Strait, *Executive Director*

P.S. Every new member matters! Your membership makes our voice – your voice for the environment – more powerful. Thank you so much for responding today!

P.P.S. And every day matters, too. If you want to do big things for a better future, start today! Please send your membership and member contribution now.

YOU: Well-informed, hopeful, idealistic, yet practical. Value community, quality of life and Connecticut's unspoiled lands and waters. Want to make a difference.

CFE: Highly skilled in law, science and advocacy. Works with caring citizens like you to make a Connecticut a little more clean, green, prosperous and healthy every day. Persuasive, persistent and pragmatic. Optimistic about the future.

YOU AND CFE TOGETHER: A dynamic team building a shared future of environmental and economic sustainability for Connecticut step by step. You bring the caring and support. We bring the science, law and advocacy.

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Learn more about Connecticut's environmental opportunities at our website:

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Together, we get BIG things done.

What can we do together? Look inside →

Three big things we can do together…

1

We can make all of Long Island Sound and all Connecticut waters safe for swimming – all the time.

2

We can end Connecticut's reliance on dirty fossil fuels and build a new energy future.

3

We can preserve our irreplaceable wild habitats for all to enjoy, forever.

CONNECTICUT FUND FOR THE ENVIRONMENT **MEMBER ENROLLMENT**

Your Member Benefits: As a member of Connecticut Fund for the Environment you'll receive important member updates, including *GreenSheets*, our member newsletter. Each year, you are invited to our Annual Meeting to meet our staff and Board and to hear expert speakers address critical environmental issues.

If you provide your e-mail address* below, we'll keep you informed of breaking developments in our work to protect Connecticut's air, water and land. We'll provide everything you need to educate and alert officials in your district about your views on important environmental legislation by phone or email. More than 7,000 of your fellow citizen members of CFE join in our advocacy work each year.

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Please fold along the dotted line and return this form with your donation. Thank you!

☑ **Yes, Don, I'll do something big for our future right now.** Please enroll me as a new member of Connecticut Fund for the Environment today. I wish to make a tax-deductible member gift of: ☐ **$25** ☐ **$35** ☐ **$50** ☐ **$100** ☐ **other $**_____

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About Connecticut Fund for the Environment

Connecticut Fund for the Environment was founded in 1978 by Fred Krupp to protect the land, air and water of Connecticut. Among dozens of victories, here are three major achievements made possible by our members. With your support, we can do even more!

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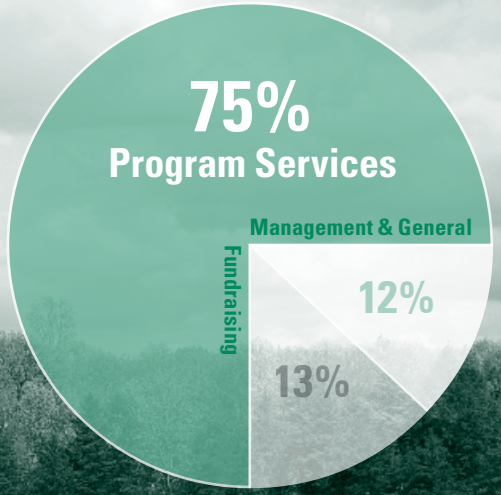
Protecting our open space: persuaded the State of Connecticut to protect all 18,700 acres of the Kelda water company's lands and reservoirs, in a $90 million purchase by the State and The Nature Conservancy.

Making our waters safe and clean: united environmentalists, businesses and municipalities in support of statewide wastewater treatment upgrades, leading to dramatic reductions in pollution from dozens of Connecticut sewage treatment plants over the last 10 years.

Making our air safe to breathe: successfully worked for Connecticut's adoption of the strictest tailpipe emission standards for cars, and a requirement that new cars offered for sale are labeled with their greenhouse gas emissions.

Accountability and Transparency

Connecticut Fund for the Environment holds itself accountable to its members and the public. For more information, download our Annual Report at www.ctenvironment.org/about/annual-reports.cfm.



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