

"OVEC helped in every aspect of getting us water lines here. They helped in the planning, scheduling and in making appointments at the Capitol to make our needs known to the powers that be. They were instrumental in helping us to get the word out to the public, including the national outcry to make our needs known. We tried for 13 years on our own, but once we partnered with OVEC, people started paying attention. OVEC gave us expertise, help, and contacts to get us clean water here."



- Debbie and B.I. Sammons, Rawl

Above: Putrid brown well water in Rawl, Mingo County, West Virginia.

Below: Rawl residents receive a check for construction of water lines to bring in clean water.



OVEC board member Larry Gibson and OVEC organizer Maria Gunnoe on Kayford Mountain. Maria won the 2009 Goldman Environmental Prize for North America for her work to end mountaintop removal.

OVEC's mission is to maintain a diverse organization dedicated to the improvement and preservation of our environment through grassroots organizing, education and coalition building, leadership development, media outreach, and strategic litigation. We are a non-profit organization.



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OVEC is working for the day when:

- 🌍 We preserve the mountain ecosystems and culture of the Central Appalachian region;
- 🌍 We create a just, diversified and sustainable economy that values the education and creativity of all people;
- 🌍 Citizens of all ages, especially youth, value themselves, claim power and take responsibility for their quality of life;
- 🌍 We connect a holistic lifestyle to environmental preservation;
- 🌍 Any citizen may run for public office and become the power in their community/state/region/nation;
- 🌍 Citizens demand and receive accountability of politicians and regulators.

Current OVEC Projects

Sludge Safety Project. The project brings people together to work for clean water and human health and safety near coal



waste storage sites. www.sludgesafety.org

Protecting Family Cemeteries. OVEC is working to pass state legislation that ensures citizen access and that protects family cemeteries from desecration by mining and other commercial interests.

Citizens Lead for Energy Action Now. OVEC works with the Civil Society Institute on strategies to reduce global warming emissions and promote truly cleaner

renewable energy. www.theCLEAN.org

Save Gauley Mountain. OVEC works with the Ansted Historical Preservation Society to halt mountaintop removal destruction and pollution near the New River Gorge National Recreation Area and Hawks Nest State Park.

Litigation. OVEC works with our attorneys to stop illegal mountaintop removal and other mining abuses.

Renewable Energy. OVEC is working to bring community wind power and other renewable energy jobs to West Virginia's southern coalfields. We also support the industrial scale Coal River Wind Project as an alternative to 6,600 acres of mountaintop removal on Coal River Mountain.



Clean Elections. Ordinary West Virginians lose out when special interest groups - big campaign donors - hold too much influence over our legislators. OVEC organized a 25-group coalition working for public financing of legislative races; this will make legislators accountable to us, the voters. www.wvoter-owned.org

The Ohio Valley Environmental Coalition (OVEC) is based in Huntington, West Virginia. We work primarily in the Mountain State.

Since OVEC's start in 1987, we've fought for environmental justice. We believe social change happens when ordinary citizens are personally empowered and see themselves as agents of change.

OVEC is a member of The Alliance for Appalachia, a multi-state coalition of 13 groups working to stop coal industry abuse of the land and people in Appalachia.

Join a WINNING TEAM! Get ACTIVE with OVEC!

OVEC is working for sustainable, green energy jobs in West Virginia.

OVEC is changing the face of "politics as usual" with our Clean Elections work.

OVEC is committed to halting mountaintop removal coal mining. We work toward this goal through community organizing, media outreach and legal challenges.

OVEC has a history of successes. Check out how, since 1987, we've helped protect human health, reduce pollution, save forests and make West Virginia a better place to live — visit www.ohvec.org/about_ovec/history.html.

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