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Protecting Family Farms (and Pumpkins!) from Industrial Hog Pollution

Across Kentucky, family farms depend on preserving the land, air, and water for their livelihoods.

In 2021, the Council began representing a pumpkin farm business and its farmstead owners in Southwest Kentucky as intervenors in a pending administrative case before the Energy and Environment Cabinet. An industrial-scale hog operation was proposed on land next to the farm and pumpkin business, and the Cabinet had revoked the permit after discovering that the applicant failed to identify the business as being located within a setback zone created to assure that the hog operation did not interfere with neighboring land uses.

Our clients intervened to defend the Cabinet's enforcement action, and the Cabinet Secretary agreed with intervenors that the permit was properly revoked and that a nutrient management plan was required to be part of the permit application. The matter is now before the Franklin Circuit Court on appeal by the hog operation proponent.

Unfortunately, conflict between industrial-scale animal feeding operations and the protection of nearby land uses and the environment is a problem in many rural areas in the Commonwealth. The Council is also representing a neighboring landowner as an intervenor in an administrative enforcement procedure against a large-scale hog

Industrial-scale animal feeding operations can have significant negative effects on Kentucky's rural communities, as has been documented both in the literature and in Kentucky's experiences. The Council continues to provide representation for farmers and communities in their fight for healthy agricultural practices, responsible and sustainable animal husbandry practices, and prudent use and protection of our Commonwealth's land and water resources.

GET INVOLVED



Annual Meeting
Saturday, November 12, 2022
Berneim Arboretum & Research Forest

You are invited to the Kentucky Resources Council's Annual Meeting on Saturday, November 12 at Bernheim Arboretum and Research Forest.

Learn from environmental leaders, hear from KRC's Director Ashley Wilmes about the work of KRC in 2022 and what's coming up next, celebrate our 2022 award winners, and join other environmentalists who are interested in making positive change for Kentucky.

1:00-2:00pm - Hike & Tour with Bernheim Staff

2:00pm - Networking Time & Light Refreshments

2:30pm-3:30pm - Annual Meeting

art installations, and more. Feel free to join in, but if you can't make the hike, we would love to see you at 2:00pm for the start of the Annual Meeting.

RSVP

This is a free event, but registration is required as space is limited.

[Reserve your spot today.](#) [Register now.](#)

Register for KRC's Annual Meeting

**We're Hiring!**

This is a unique, full-time opportunity to help build KRC's development and major gifts programs. The DoD will be the lead fundraising professional for KRC. The DoD will plan and execute all KRC's fundraising, membership, and advancement activities, with the assistance of the Director, Development Committee, and part-time Development Associate.

Learn more and apply at <https://www.kyrc.org/careers>

**Submit your nominations by September 30th!**

Every year, the Kentucky Resources Council formally honors individuals who have demonstrated an active dedication to advancing justice and equity in community health and environmental policies in Kentucky through two awards:

- Sue Anne Salmon Community Advocacy Award

Nominations are still open and you are invited to nominate someone who has made a positive difference for Kentucky's environment!

[Nominate someone for either or both award!](#)

Submit your nomination!

FROM OUR FRIENDS



2022 Environmental Justice Conference West Jefferson County Community Task Force and NAACP Saturday, October 1, 2022, 10:00am- 3:00pm | Virtual

Join two outstanding organizations for a session on Climate Change and Health "People, Principles, Priorities and Policymaking"

Learn from presentations on health, climate change, EPA and state new environmental policies, alternative energy, what we can do to improve the environment, odors, biomarker studies, principles of environmental justice, highlighting the Park Hill neighborhood, and more.

Register for the virtual conference at

https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_A1hxRTc6TFenCy8yB2D_yw

Questions?

Email wjcctf.lou@gmail.com

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Forward Radio is listener-sponsored, volunteer-powered, grassroots community radio WFMP-LP Louisville, Kentucky. We have been broadcasting at 106.5fm and live-streaming at forwardradio.org since April 9, 2017. In September, KRC Founder Tom FitzGerald was a guest on this podcast to discuss ways to advance justice.

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