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'Tis the season for giving thanks, taking time to reflect, and setting goals for the year ahead. We are thankful for your continued support of our work, we are grateful for all we were able to accomplish this last year, and we are already busy planning for a successful 2019. And we hope you'll join us.

INVEST IN OUR WORK FOR 2019



THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR WORK IN 2018

If you haven't had a chance to review our [annual report](#) yet, it gives a great account of our 2018 successes. Here are some of the highlights:

- To address diesel emissions in the Portland metropolitan area, which has some of the highest concentrations of toxic diesel particulate matter pollution in the country, we teamed up with Neighbors for Clean Air, Portland State University, and the Northwest Environmental Defense Center, and **we began research into legally viable strategies the city and county can pursue to reduce emissions.** Preliminary research was presented during a well-attended event with other researchers and elected officials in March. [Learn more.](#)
- In addition to research completed in-house by our staff and fellows, **we continued to expand our impact in the community.** Our staff attorney and fellows participated in the Public Utility Commission feedback process mandated by Senate Bill 978, and we advocated for stronger emissions reductions regulations at the EPA, City of Portland, and Multnomah County. [Learn more about our community engagement.](#)
- 2018 marked our five-year anniversary and so we decided to catch up with our former fellows to see what they are up to today. Since participating as vital GEI team members and contributing greatly to our work, **our fellows have built successful careers in energy and climate-related fields.** [Learn more about where our former fellows are today.](#)
- **We greatly expanded our internal capacity** by hiring a Deputy Director and developing an active and greatly experienced team of advisors. Throughout the year we also grew our financial support from individual donors and have connected with several new private foundations. [Take a look at our 2018 financials.](#)

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WE HAVE A LINE UP OF EXCITING WORK FOR 2019 AND WE HOPE YOU'LL JOIN US

We will bring together lawmakers, advocates, regulators, and energy executives in early 2019 to strategize ways to overcome barriers to the energy transition.



Tomorrow's Energy System will discuss the hurdles preventing us from transitioning to a zero-carbon energy future and consider strategies to overcome these hurdles. Join the Green Energy Institute at Lewis & Clark Law School as we convene elected officials, renewable energy industry leaders, policy and advocacy experts, and regulators to explore solutions from political, business, and policy perspectives. Speakers will touch on opportunities at the federal, regional, and local levels and explain how innovative changes in technology and economics may transform the way we generate, transmit, and use energy.



We will begin research on a three-year project to use innovative financial mechanisms to prevent additional fossil fuel development in the region.

GEI has received a three-year grant for a project that will identify the best legal and policy avenues to increase the costs of fossil fuels as a means of preventing new fossil fuel infrastructure development and quickly transitioning to zero-carbon resources. There are many excellent fossil fuel pricing proposals developed by economists and social scientists, including proposals to create climate risk bonds, reform subsidies, etc., but they are not usually tailored to fit within our existing legal system. Our project would seek to align the best pricing strategies with a clear legal strategy for effective implementation.

We will continue to support local efforts to transition to renewable energy through a partnership with Multnomah County and the City of Portland.



In 2017, Multnomah County and the City of Portland set a goal of 100% renewable energy use by 2050. Multnomah County has asked GEI to help design the legal and policy strategies to achieve this goal. We aim to develop a Clean Energy Roadmap, which will identify policies that these local governments can implement under existing laws, describe and develop strategies for overcoming existing legal barriers (e.g., preemption, constitutional restraints, gaps in legal authority), and propose law and policy changes to accommodate a rapid and equitable energy transition in the region.



We will continue to partner with local advocacy organizations, researchers, and elected officials to reduce diesel emissions in the Portland metropolitan area.

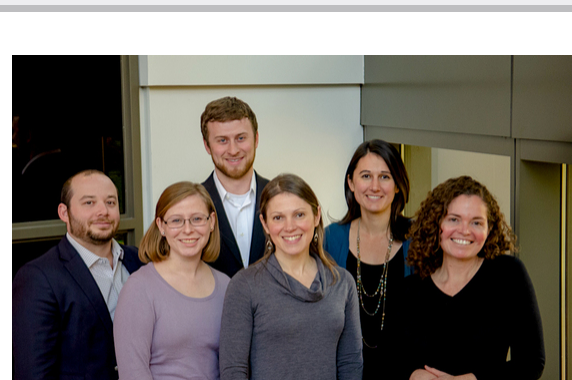
After the publication of our Deconstructing Diesel policy roadmap, GEI will work with community partners to help inform and guide the implementation of recommended policy solutions. In collaboration with community partners, GEI will help convene community events and workshops with local air quality and public health advocates to explain the types of actions stakeholders can take to reduce diesel pollution in their communities. GEI will also present key findings and recommendations to policymakers to encourage the adoption and implementation of effective diesel reduction strategies in Portland and Multnomah County.




As the climate scientists' projections become more dire and the federal administration continues to dismantle vital environmental regulations, **it is more critical than ever to support localized efforts to transition away from fossil fuels and toward clean energy.** We hope you will consider supporting us this holiday season so that, together, we can build the renewable-energy-fueled economy in the Pacific Northwest.

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Thank you for your continued support and happy holidays,

The Green Energy Institute team



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