

**What legacy
do you want
to leave the
world?**

Reflection

Legacy giving is a part of estate planning and is first and foremost for *you* and *your loved ones*. Once you are clear that you and your loved ones are and will be taken care of through your estate, you may decide that you'd also like to **express your values in a way that is meaningful to you**. Legacy planning is often about taking the time to consider for yourself what is or has been important to you. Expressing your values through a legacy gift can be the most essential part of the estate planning task.

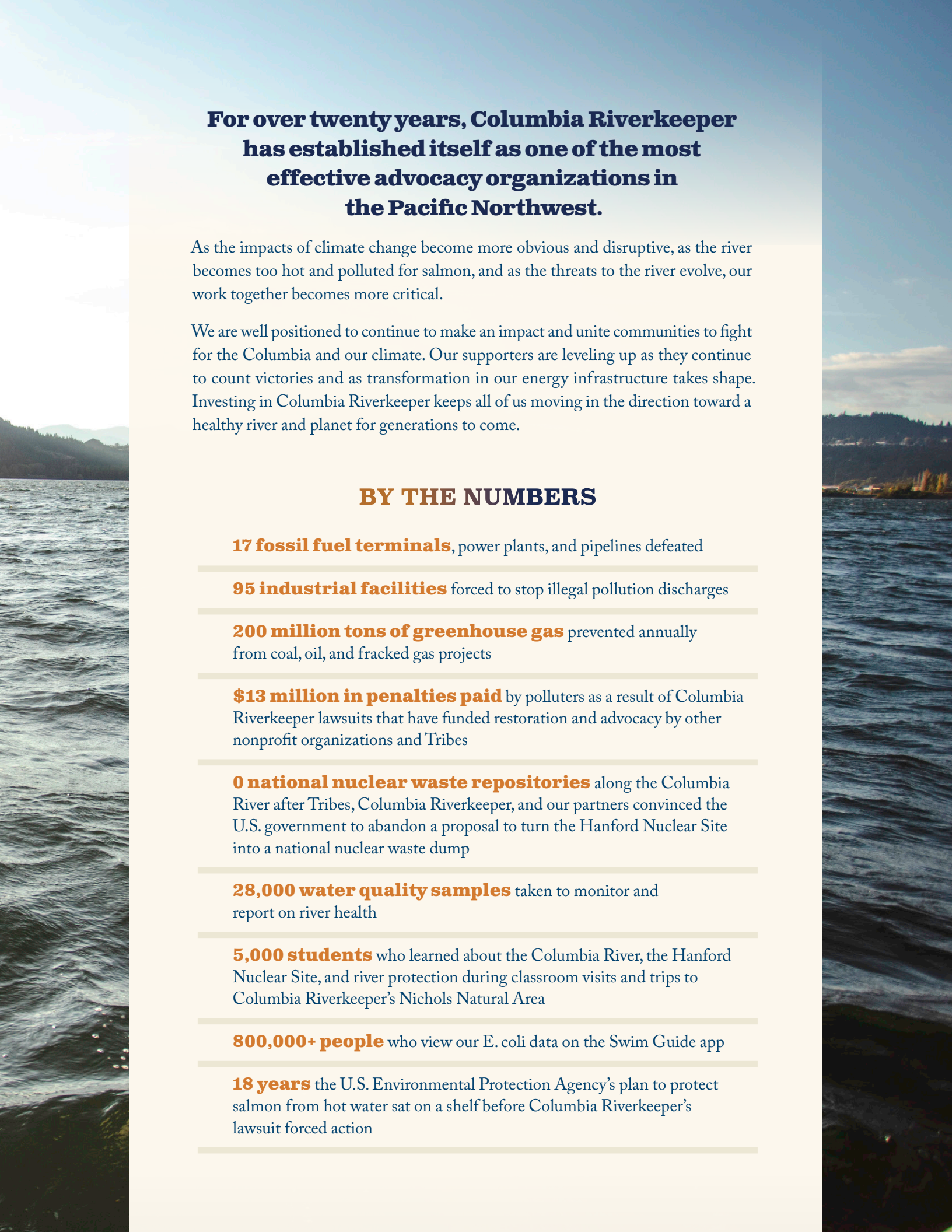
Impact

Your gift can have profoundly positive and lasting effects, no matter how large or small. Never underestimate the power of a small gift. In fact, by combining your gift with others through Columbia Riverkeeper's Legacy Giving Circle, your gift makes a deep impact for the Columbia River and the people who depend on it.

Witness the waters of the river itself. Drops of rain and even the mists form streams that combine to become the vast force that is the Columbia. So too are we immeasurably vast together in aligned action.

I included Columbia Riverkeeper in my will because I consider the organization family and this is one way I can show my appreciation for all they do.

~Gayle Kiser, Legacy Giving Circle Member, Eugene, Oregon



**For over twenty years, Columbia Riverkeeper
has established itself as one of the most
effective advocacy organizations in
the Pacific Northwest.**

As the impacts of climate change become more obvious and disruptive, as the river becomes too hot and polluted for salmon, and as the threats to the river evolve, our work together becomes more critical.

We are well positioned to continue to make an impact and unite communities to fight for the Columbia and our climate. Our supporters are leveling up as they continue to count victories and as transformation in our energy infrastructure takes shape. Investing in Columbia Riverkeeper keeps all of us moving in the direction toward a healthy river and planet for generations to come.

BY THE NUMBERS

17 fossil fuel terminals, power plants, and pipelines defeated

95 industrial facilities forced to stop illegal pollution discharges

200 million tons of greenhouse gas prevented annually from coal, oil, and fracked gas projects

\$13 million in penalties paid by polluters as a result of Columbia Riverkeeper lawsuits that have funded restoration and advocacy by other nonprofit organizations and Tribes

0 national nuclear waste repositories along the Columbia River after Tribes, Columbia Riverkeeper, and our partners convinced the U.S. government to abandon a proposal to turn the Hanford Nuclear Site into a national nuclear waste dump

28,000 water quality samples taken to monitor and report on river health

5,000 students who learned about the Columbia River, the Hanford Nuclear Site, and river protection during classroom visits and trips to Columbia Riverkeeper's Nichols Natural Area

800,000+ people who view our E. coli data on the Swim Guide app

18 years the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's plan to protect salmon from hot water sat on a shelf before Columbia Riverkeeper's lawsuit forced action

VALUES

Care

We care for ourselves, others, and the world around us.

Relationship building

Victories are built on strong, lasting, and reciprocal relationships with colleagues, partners, members, and decision-makers.

Equity and inclusion

We respect all people, regardless of color, ethnicity, place of origin, culture, language, age, sexuality, or gender.

Hope

We work and celebrate with creativity and optimism.

Honesty and integrity

We operate with honesty and integrity, balanced with compassion.

Our mission and programs are ambitious.

We attribute our success to an approach that combines grassroots community organizing, legal advocacy, strategic communications, and environmental education. Our work is inherently multigenerational. From holding the U.S. government accountable for cleaning up the most toxic place in America, the Hanford Nuclear Site, to working in solidarity with Tribes to restore the Columbia's iconic salmon, Columbia Riverkeeper is here for the long haul.

View our third-party financial audits, annual reports, and strategic plan for a glimpse into our successful past and ambitious future:
columbiariverkeeper.org/accountability

Five Strategic Program Priorities:



Cleaning Up
Hanford



Saving
Salmon



Stopping
Pollution



Fighting Fossil
Fuels



Engaging
Communities

Caring for the Columbia is a multigenerational endeavor.

Get Started with Legacy Planning

How you go about estate planning is entirely up to you. It can be as simple and straightforward as you care to make it. The most critical element is to clearly make your intentions and desires known through an official document, like a will, so that the state and those around you can uphold your vision to support the future. Working with an attorney or other professionals can help ensure that you consider all aspects of your estate. Hiring professionals can ease the process, as well as ease your mind by getting support. At Columbia Riverkeeper, we partner with FreeWill (freewill.com/crk) to help make this process accessible to everyone.*

We recognize that we are all important beyond what can be known or measured in this life. A legacy gift is not a measure of your worth, your love or commitment, and it is never an obligation. It is a genuine gift and we honor it as such through our Legacy Giving Circle.

I had a charitable remainder trust set up just so I could give back to those that gave me so much joy and community. [Columbia Riverkeeper] topped my short list. Their staff is passionately committed to preserving not only the Columbia but also this sacred blue marble we live on and cherish.

~Rick Rappaport, Legacy Giving Circle Member, Tucson, Arizona



For more information on Legacy Giving:
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**Columbia Riverkeeper is not in a position to give legal advice on legacy giving.*

**Protect
what
you love.**



Columbia Riverkeeper protects and restores the water quality of the Columbia River and all life connected to it, from the headwaters to the Pacific Ocean.



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