

There have been some encouraging steps for clean water and healthy communities in 2011. We are thankful for these signs of progress, even as we're swimming upstream against powerful currents!

- Together with an ever-growing list of grassroots and organizational allies, we've made tremendous progress toward building a statewide movement against "fracking" for natural gas in NC
- Our statewide summit, "Keeping NC's Water, Air, and Communities Safe from Hydraulic Fracturing for Gas," brought diverse North Carolinians together to learn from a wide array of speakers about the environmental, social, economic impacts of fracking
- Continued to build support for independently administered efficiency (NC SAVE\$ ENERGY) as the cleanest, most cost-effective, job creating and fastest mobilized way to meet NC's energy needs
- The publication of our report, "Privatizing NC's Water, Undermining Justice?" highlighted some of the negative impacts of privatized drinking water and sewer on NC residents and generated media coverage on these injustices.
- Following pressure from CWFNC and residents in communities with privatized water supplies, the NC Utilities Commission's Public Staff recommended slashing Aqua North Carolina's proposed water and sewer rate increases sharply. Though the Commission ignored many of their recommendations, the Public Staff is starting to take customers' concerns seriously instead of allowing Aqua to profit excessively at the expense of residents' right to clean, affordable water
- CWFNC's November tour of two PA dairy farmers impacted by rapid gas development in their communities created a buzz that alerted the public and media and will help us make more protective decisions about fracking with our eyes wide open.