WV CITIZEN ACTION GROUP

WVCAEF
West Virginia Citizen Action Education Fund

Growing Our Movement

A snapshot of what your support made possible in 2025 and early 2026.



225+

Community members trained in the fundamentals of organizing



ACTION

Multiple legal challenges defending our rights, our communities, and our democracy



5,500+

Conversations with community members through phone calls and doors knocked

Building People Power

I am so proud of all that West Virginia Citizen Action has been building. Our staff, our board, and our members have pivoted to community organizing, building relationships with the folks closest to the problems we need to solve and empowering communities to advocate for their own needs.

May we continue to build in the new year. Join us!



DANI PARENT, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

GROWING OUR MOVEMENT

WV DATA CENTER ACCOUNTABILITY PROJECT

A collaborative uniting dozens of organizations and impacted communities to coordinate action on data center proposals. Learn more at wvdcap.org

MEMBERSHIP

More people.
More power. Paying membership has increased 103% since 2023.

STATEWIDE CHAPTERS

Active chapters in Huntington and Morgantown, with new chapters taking shape in Mason and Kanawha counties.



7,297 **ACTION TAKERS**

Messages sent to lawmakers since 2025.

75+ **AIR MONITERS INSTALLED**

Helping communities monitor their air with dozens of new sensors statewide.

38 **COMMUNITY MEETINGS**

Bringing community members together for education and action.

> **I've seen hope restored in the community at every action I attend!**
>
> **PATRICIA MARROQUIN,** MOUNTAINEERS INDIVISIBLE CITIZEN ACTION

People Power in Action

A proposed biomass energy and carbon capture (BECCS) plant in Mason County was abandoned following community opposition. WV CAG organized residents to submit concerns and filed a legal appeal challenging the plant's air permit. In June 2026, the developer surrendered the permit—a major win for the community.

Mountaineers Indivisible Citizen Action (MICA) has gained national media coverage for turnout at No Kings and Hands Off mobilizations. It hosts a popular monthly lecture series on democracy, voting, gerrymandering, data centers, and other issues.



Huntington Community Action Group (HCAG) is making history! Get The Flock Out! is Huntington's first-ever ballot initiative, giving residents a voice in whether mass surveillance technology is used in their city.

The Ratepayer Bill of Rights was introduced during the 2026 legislative session. While the bill did not advance, we're building momentum to protect ratepayers and give them a stronger voice in PSC decisions.

Our communities deserve a meaningful voice in decisions that affect their land, water, health, and future. I've learned organizing isn't just about winning individual campaigns—it's about helping people discover they have the power to shape their own communities.

BILL PRICE,
WV CAG MEMBER SINCE 2007



Defending Democracy in the Courts

Last August, we joined the ACLU of WV in a legal challenge to the WV National Guard's deployment to Washington, DC. Although the judge dismissed our request to stop the deployment, the judge ruled that future deployments to states where a governor had not requested the Guard could be unlawful.

More recently, we filed a motion to intervene in the U.S. Department of Justice's lawsuit seeking access to West Virginia's full voter registration file. We took action to protect the privacy of our members and other West Virginia voters whose personal information could have been unlawfully shared with the federal government.

Ultimately, the Court dismissed the DOJ's case—a major win for West Virginians and their privacy.



Taking People Power to the Capitol

HG Biggs | Survival Media Agency



Celebrating 50 years of people-powered change with members and partners at the WV Culture Center.



Bringing community voices to the Capitol by hosting our own public hearings outside of the House Chambers.



Standing up to unchecked data center development by demanding transparency and accountability.

HEAR AMERICA CANVASSING

Costs are rising, politics are divided, and too many people feel unheard.

Hear America is an effort to have 1 million face-to-face conversations with working-class people across the country. WV Citizen Action is leading the effort in West Virginia! We believe change starts by listening, one conversation at a time.

Our goal is to have 6,000 conversations in WV by the end of 2026. If you would like to join us, please email Mindy Holcomb at mindy@wvcag.org.

LEARN MORE AND SIGN UP FOR TRAINING

Fundamentals of Organizing

Shawn Phillips (CAG Community Organizer) and I have been expanding our training programs for our members. We are reaching a broader base by creating online training sessions and making them more accessible.

We have expanded our offerings to meet the moment, bringing in new folks who are just starting to organize. We've increased our training frequency, empowered new leaders, and prepared communities for action.



MINDY HOLCOMB, ORGANIZING MANAGER

We don't organize around the priorities of funders. We organize around the priorities of West Virginians.

Being member-powered gives us the independence to challenge powerful interests, and organize where we're needed most.

Your support helps communities identify the issues that matter most, develop local leaders, and build the power to solve them.

Our goal is to raise $100,000 from members this year because lasting change happens when people invest in their own communities.

Donate at wvcaef.org, wvcag.org or scan the QR codes below. You can also support our work by mail.

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