



Wisconsin Conservation

**Voices**



**2018 Annual Report**

## **HEALTHY WATER, HEALTHY COMMUNITIES**

Few issues are as fundamental to all people as safe, clean drinking water. Right now, hundreds of thousands of Wisconsinites face the threat of bacteria, chemicals, pesticides, lead, and other dangerous toxins in their drinking water. Families from the northeast tip to the southwest corner of Wisconsin can't use their tap water because factories farms are contaminating their water supply with bacteria from manure. And the impacts of lead poisoning – especially on children – are devastating, including damage to brain development and behavioral problems.

**Thanks to your support, we've helped pass strong drinking water policies in a challenging political climate.**

Your support helped us mobilize voters statewide to protect Wisconsin's precious water by enacting stronger manure spreading rules (NR151) in eastern Wisconsin and passing a strong local mining ordinance in Marathon County to protect citizens from harmful sulfide mining and toxic waste like arsenic, mercury, and lead.

## **CLEAN ENERGY FOR ALL**

In communities across the state, we've been organizing locally to combat one of the biggest challenges of our generation: climate change. In her capacity as city council member, Western Organizer Kate Beaton helped craft and pass a resolution in Eau Claire making it the first municipality in the state to pledge carbon neutrality by 2050. And our team worked with Green Bay's mayor to create a sustainability commission and put the city on a path to 100 percent clean energy by 2050.

**None of this would have been possible without the support of conservation voters like you!**





# NATIVE VOTE

Thanks to a great team of staff and volunteers, new partnerships, and your support, Wisconsin Native Vote made a big splash in eight Native communities in 2018, helping to turnout record numbers of voters on Election Day and developing new leaders in Wisconsin's tribal communities.

**During Native Vote 2018, we talked with thousands of voters about what motivates them to show up to the polls.**

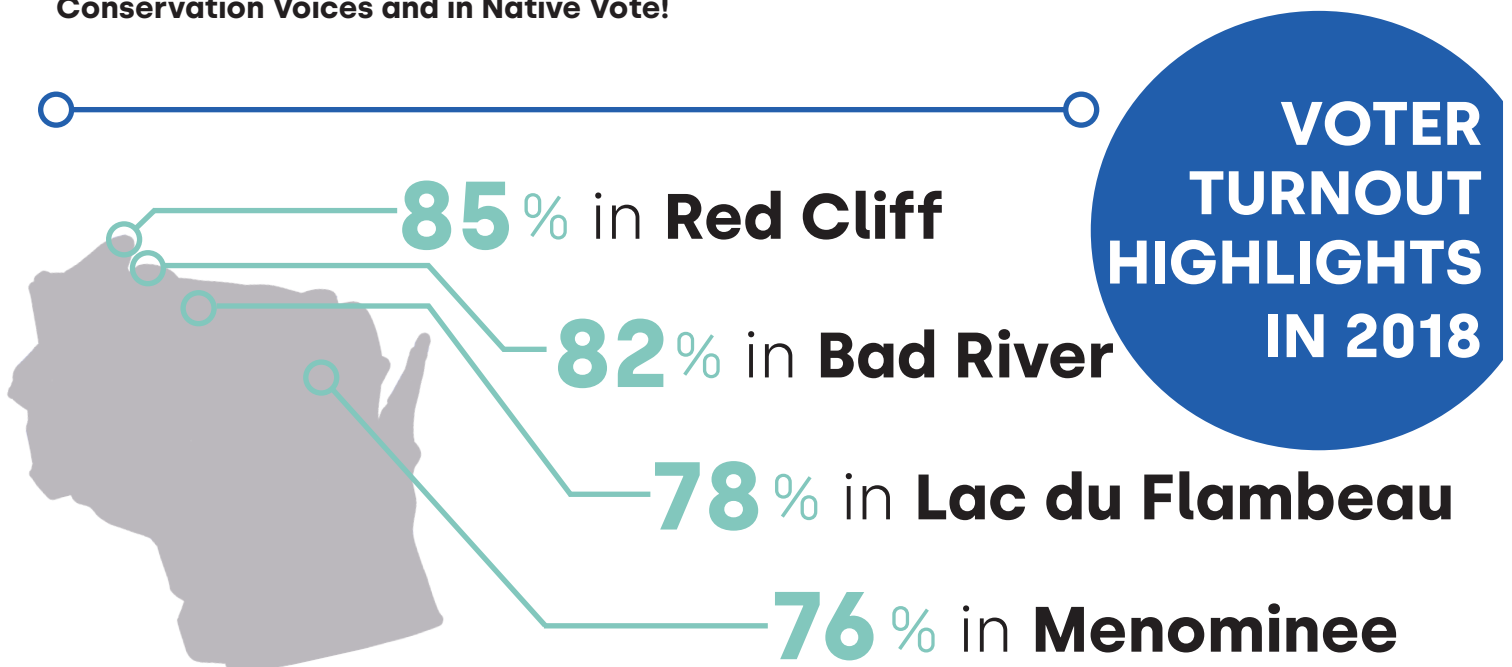
We used social media to highlight dozens of community members who were committed to casting their vote on Election Day. And, we created a "buzz" about voting in Native communities, using social media, community events, "Vote for my Future" and "I Vote for the 7th Generation" signs.

The week before Election Day, we knocked on almost 4,000 doors on eight reservations, entirely with volunteers from tribal communities! In Bad River, we knocked during trick or treating, a big event in the community, handing out Native Vote cookies, which made our interactions more fun and memorable.

We also worked with partner groups like the ACLU and law students from the Great Lakes Indigenous Law Center at UW-Madison Law School to do election protection at polling places in Native communities.

All that work paid off, with high voter turnout in Native communities across Wisconsin. In fact, in four of our key communities, voter turnout was between 76% and 85%!

**Every voter we engaged, every leader we trained, and every person we educated - all that we accomplished - happened because of your support. Thank you for investing in Wisconsin Conservation Voices and in Native Vote!**





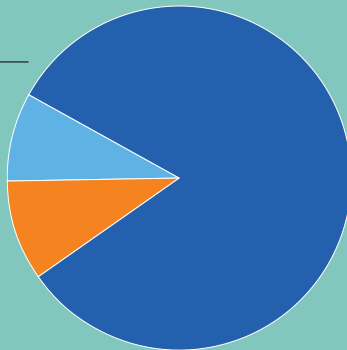
## FINANCIAL SUMMARY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018

(January 1, 2018 - December 31, 2018)

### Expenses

Program Services	\$448,829
Management and General	\$44,359
Fundraising	\$52,581

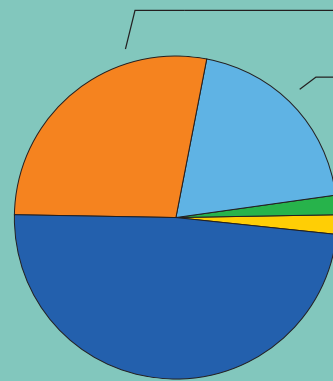
**Total: \$545,769**



### Income

Partner Groups	\$114,304
Individual Donors	\$159,700
Corporate	\$11,683
Other	\$10,195
Foundations	\$281,333

**Total: \$577,215**



## 2018 STAFF

- Evan Arnold, Development Assistant
- Kate Beaton, Western Organizer
- Ryan Billingham, Communications Director
- Aurora Conley, First Nations Organizer
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