

Past Achievements:

- In collaboration with the Alliance for Leadership and Interconnection (ALI), WCC partnered with students and teachers, companies and organizations, to advocate for LEED-certified public schools in Cincinnati and then to integrate environmental awareness into the curriculum. CPS has now become a national leader with 22 LEED schools. Ohio far outstrips every other state with over 300 such schools.
- Supported the Mill Creek Restoration Project (now Groundworks Cincinnati) and promoted ordinances that protect the city against frack-waste injection wells.
- Worked with the League's Natural Resource to stage town hall, "What Stinks? Update on Metropolitan Sewer District plans: A Conversation with Experts."
- Organized The Changing CO2urse series that has included the following monthly programs of films and speakers:
 - ***November 2018:** Continuing screening & community discussions of ***One Strange Rock!*** Fifth in a 10-part cinematic event series that explores the fragility and improbable wonder of planet Earth. Stunning footage took us through the intricate and interconnected web of being from the microscopic to the cosmic, revealing the twists of fate that allowed life to emerge.

October 2018: **Ollie Kroner** was bonus guest who debriefed us on his participation in the Global Climate Action Summit hosted by Gov. Jerry Brown in San Francisco. Introduced us to *A Year Living Sustainably* program and invited us to be witness to the Mayor's announcement of Cincinnati's probable win of a Bloomberg grant that will enable our city to take the lead in sustainable development.

September 2018: Screening of successive episodes of National Geographic documentary ***One Strange Rock!*** Stunning footage took us through the intricate and interconnected web of being from the microscopic to the cosmic, revealing the twists of improbable forces of fate that allowed life to emerge.

August 2018: Screening of ***One Strange Rock!*** First in a 10-part cinematic event series that explores the fragility and improbable wonder of planet Earth. Stunning footage of Earth from space revealed a spectacular new vision of Earth from the perspective of astronauts in space. Exposed the surprising web of forces that sustain life. Do our choices have the power to shape the interplay of the processes that sustain us?

July 2018: Screening and discussion of *Merchants of Doubt*. How a handful of scientist obscured the truth on issues from tobacco to global warming.

June 2018: Screening and Discussion of documentary *Time to Choose*. Film explores the comprehensive scope of the climate change crisis and examines the power of solutions already available. An in-depth look at the remarkable people working to save our planet.

May 2018: *Before the Flood*, a documentary produced by Leonard DeCaprio to encourage citizens to use their collective power to make the transition to a more sustainable society.

April 2018: *The Intimate Realities of Water* produced by UC professors, Adrian Parr, Jon and Sean Hughes, the first in a series on the world crisis of clean drinking water, how it is being exploited as an increasingly valuable commodity and its disproportionate impact on low income communities.

March 2018: *SEED: The Untold Story* – PBS award-winning documentary about the David and Goliath battle to defend the future of our food, the loss of biodiversity and the indigenous seed-saving culture.

March 2018: Update on the **Metropolitan Sewer District: A Conversation with MSD Experts**. Mt. Auburn Presbyterian Church with League of Women Voters. Panelists Gerald Checco, Marilyn Wall, Tom Moeller and Mary Lynn Lodor.

February 24, 2018: “*Cincinnati LEEDs the Nation*,” PBS documentary by Laure Quinlivan, Peabody Award-winning filmmaker and former Cincinnati Council member. The film told the story of the amazing achievement by Cincinnati as first city in the USA to build District 3’s Net Zero Energy police station, deeply engaging the community in the planning. We will discuss this LEED Platinum District 3 facility as an inspiring model for planning future police stations such as the District 5 headquarters.

January 27 2018: “*Divest: The Climate Movement on Tour*,” the documentation of the 350.org’s Do-the-Math bus tour across the states as it launched its fossil-fuel divestment campaign nationally and internationally. The value of investment funds committed to selling of fossil fuel assets is now reported to have jumped to over \$5 Trillion. New York City announced it will

divest \$5B more. Over 688 institutions and more than 58,000 individuals across 76 countries have divested.

November 12, 2017: WCC's Task Force on the environment cosponsored a screening and discussion of the movie ***A Plastic Ocean***, a powerful film that brings to light the consequences of our global disposable lifestyle. The *Cincinnati Past Plastic Coalition* (BYO Bag) used this event to celebrate its Oct 25 launch of a city-wide campaign to regulate the distribution of single-use carryout bags. Addressing local solutions to global crises, plastic pollution constitutes such a global crisis par excellence and calls for action on a local level.

October 22, 2017: A screening and discussion of the Academy Award Nominee for Best Documentary Feature ***The Salt of the Earth*** — a photographic portrait of humanity from the dawn of time. His photographs communicate a strong hope for healing through a better relationship with Nature and a healthier understanding of our own.

September 24, 2017: A screening and discussion of "***The Anthropocene***." Have human beings permanently changed the planet? That seemingly simple question has sparked a new debate between geologists and environmental advocates over what to call the time period we live in. Humankind has caused mass extinctions of plant and animal species, polluted the oceans and altered the atmosphere, among other lasting impacts, leaving an indelible scar on the planet. Humans have become a force of Nature. But are we an intelligent force?

August 20, 2017: Organized carpools to see ***An Inconvenient Sequel: Truth to Power***, Al Gore's follow-up film a decade after *An Inconvenient Truth* brought climate change into the heart of popular culture. While the stakes have never been higher, the perils of climate change can be overcome with human ingenuity and passion. Film shows just how close we are to a real energy revolution.

July 16, 2017: *Why Do We Have Flooding & Sewage Backup?* Metropolitan Sewer Director, Gerald Checco updated us on a problem that he says would get no better with the impacts of climate change in our region. MSD has been plagued by complex issues that impede its mandate to fix our outdated sewer system. Two years ago, MSD presented a

program that looked at green solutions for making our sewer system more resilient in times of severe rain events.

June 2017: Update on the **Green Cincinnati Plan** with Ollie Kroner, sustainability coordinator for Cincinnati.

April 2017: Screening of documentary ***The True Cost*** that explores the impact of the fashion industry on people and the planet. Plus: Presentation of Hamilton County's new curbside textile recycling program. Same weekend: community clothing swap. A call to rethink our shopping habits!