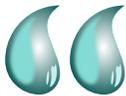


# 2018

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# Our Commitment to Equity & Inclusion

In order to accomplish its mission, Healthy Gulf must be responsive to the needs of everyone in the communities we serve, embracing differences in race, gender, ethnicity, class, ability, religion and sexual orientation. We will continue to have an organizational culture that values people of all experiences, backgrounds and perspectives, and is based on respect, inclusiveness, integrity, honesty and anti-oppression. Further we will use these values to ensure that marginalized and oppressed communities receive our attention and services when confronted with environmental issues. Our commitment to inclusiveness will be evident in our organizational policies and procedures, as part of our strategic plan, and within our organizational goals.



***Restoring the Gulf is an enormous task — our movement will only be successful if it is as diverse as the communities that live along and love this amazing natural resource.”***

Aaron Viles  
Healthy Gulf Board Chair

## Our Mission

Healthy Gulf is committed to uniting and empowering people to protect and restore the natural resources of the Gulf Region.

Dear Friend of the Gulf,

2018 was a challenging year for the Gulf. The current administration continues its assault on environmental laws, working to roll back the Clean Water Act, the Clean Air Act, the Endangered Species Act and regulations like the Well Control Rule. All of these safeguards are critical to the protection of public health and the natural resources that sustain the economies of Gulf Coast communities.

Despite the challenges, as this Annual Report illustrates, Healthy Gulf and its partners will persist until we succeed. But the fight is far from over.

Healthy Gulf's Board and staff recognize that we could not carry on our work, much less succeed, without the moral and financial support of our members, donors, and business and foundation supporters. We thank you and look forward to continuing to work with you to protect and restore the natural resources of the Gulf that we all hold so dear.

United for a Healthy Gulf,



Cynthia Sarthou  
Executive Director

# 2018

**YOUR IMPACT**

## 15,000

Grassroots Letters to  
decision makers

## 1,111

Members in 2018

## 24,000

Individual grassroots  
advocates

## 100,000+

Acres of wetlands  
protected since 2010

# Toxic Algae & Dead Zones

The Gulf of Mexico region has been plagued by toxic algae blooms, red tides and dead zones for decades. All of these issues are caused or exacerbated by nitrogen and phosphorus pollution flowing from industrial agriculture, sewage treatment plants, industrial



facilities, urban and suburban landscapes. In 2017, this pollution caused the largest Gulf Dead Zone ever measured and Florida saw an unprecedented 18 month long toxic algae and red tide crisis in 2018. State and federal agencies have not done enough to address these problems that only seem to be growing.

That is why Healthy Gulf is helping convene interested Florida nonprofits in a summit entitled “Harmful Algal Blooms: Developing a Coordinated Strategy.” The summit will focus on whether together we can identify real solutions to minimize the impacts of toxic algae and the Dead Zone. Healthy Gulf continues to raise the alarm that this pollutant will not go away until mandatory limits are set on nitrogen and phosphorus pollution, policies ensure that any fertilizer applied to agricultural land stays on the field, and funds are allocated to properly address this ever growing pollution issue.

# Protected: Bryde's Whale

In February, Healthy Gulf joined a lawsuit against the Trump Administration for failure to finalize the listing of the Gulf of Mexico Bryde's Whale as an endangered species. Under the Endangered Species Act, they are required to take action within a year of publication of their proposed listing



decision, which was December 8, 2016. In April, two months after filing suit, the Administration listed the Bryde's whale as endangered, providing it with the protections needed for a fighting chance at survival. Your support on this issue made protection of this critically endangered species possible.

## The Last Straw: Plastics & LNG

2018 saw international attention given to eliminating plastic drinking straws. This shift in public perception has the potential to shine a light on pollution from the manufacturing and the use of all plastics. The process of plastic production is extremely toxic to our air and water, and the manufacturing plants are concentrated in mostly poor and mostly African-American communities along the Gulf Coast and the Mississippi River. Unfortunately, the petrochemical industry sees its future in plastics and continues to target the Gulf South for these harmful facilities which are also some of the worst culprits in terms of greenhouse emissions.

# The 15-Year Taylor Energy Oil Leak

2018 was a turning point for the Taylor Energy oil leak. For 10 years, Healthy Gulf has been pushing for action on this chronic and unmitigated oil leak in the Gulf. In April of 2018, we released our report “Oil & Gas in the Gulf of Mexico” which received international attention

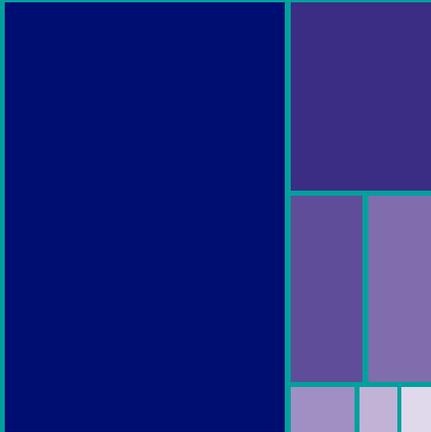


and lead to a front page story in the Washington Post. The following day, after 14 years, the Coast Guard demanded that Taylor clean up its leaking wells. When Taylor refused, the Coast Guard took over the oil spill response. As of April 2019, the spill is being contained, collecting over 1,000 gallons of oil per day. While this is a victory for the Gulf, the containment device is only a temporary solution. We continue to apply pressure on decision makers to cap these wells permanently, assess the environmental damages inflicted over the past 15 years and hold Taylor Energy accountable for their damages.



***After 14 years, we are glad the Coast Guard is taking action to contain this runaway oil spill. Now we must make sure that they follow through on a permanent solution and ensure a spill like this never goes unchecked again.”***

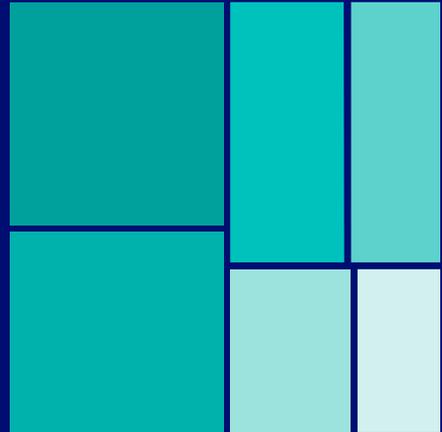
# Revenue



Contributions and Grants	65.75%
Aveda	15.25%
Memberships	7.84%
Program Service Revenue	7.32%
Other Income	1.77%
Events & Fundraising	1.08%
Business Donations	0.97%

**\$1,262,136**

# Expenses



Clean and Healthy Water	26.59%
Coastal Resilience	23.93%
Clean Energy	16.82%
Fundraising	13.52%
Conserving Marine Resources	11.09%
Management and General	8.05%

**\$1,213,675**

## Board Members

Aaron Viles, Chair  
Ackie Adams  
Beverly Nichols, Treasurer  
Colette Pichon-Battle  
Henry “Hank” Caddell  
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Sam Perez



## In Memoriam

Hal Suter, from Corpus Christi, Texas, served on the Healthy Gulf Board of Directors for 6 years. His passion for the environment in the Gulf South will be greatly missed.

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