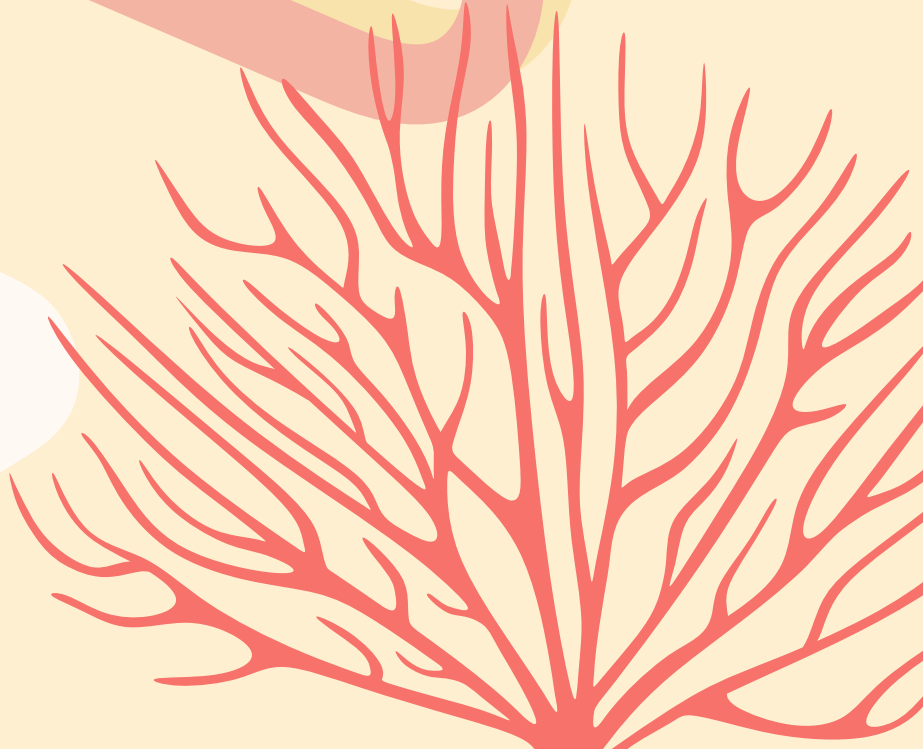




2021 Annual Report



Dear Friend of the Gulf,

As I review Healthy Gulf’s achievements in 2021 discussed in this Annual Report, I am amazed at how far the organization has come. 26 years ago, when I started at Healthy Gulf, the board and members had a vision of what needed to be done to achieve a healthier Gulf of Mexico, but very little in terms of resources or manpower. Today, as I prepare to retire from Healthy Gulf, I am proud that Healthy Gulf has become a well-staffed and resourced organization committed to supporting communities at the frontline of climate change and industrial pollution. And, more importantly, Healthy Gulf is doing the hard work needed to move us forward towards our vision for a Healthy Gulf. I appreciate your support throughout the years and hope that you will continue to support Healthy Gulf for the next 26 years. Together we have built a really amazing organization. With you by our side, I look forward to seeing it grow even more in the years to come.

United for a healthy Gulf,



-Cynthia Sarthou, Executive Director

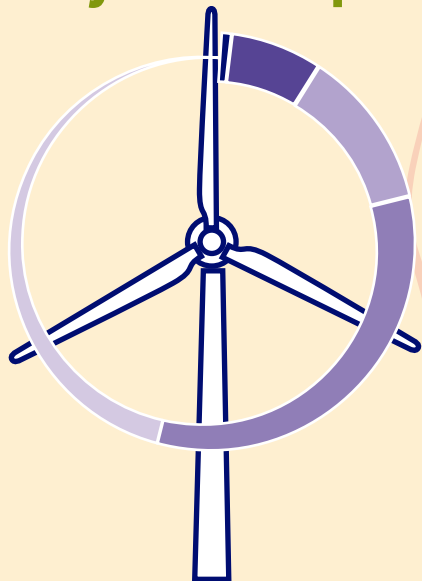
Mission

Healthy Gulf’s purpose is to collaborate with and serve communities who love the Gulf of Mexico by providing the research, communications, and coalition-building tools needed to reverse the long pattern of over exploitation of the Gulf’s natural resources.

Vision

A healthy Gulf of Mexico returned to its former splendor that supports a thriving ecosystem that includes the Gulf’s natural resources and, just as importantly, the people, communities, and cultures that depend on those resources.

Healthy Gulf Expenses



\$1,215,589

Resilient Communities & Climate Justice	Resilient Habitat & Healthy Water	Management & General	Fundraising	Hurricane Ida Relief
47%	33%	16%	12%	1%

Healthy Gulf Revenue



\$2,726,670

Contributions & Grants	Program Service Revenue	Membership Dues	Investments	Other Income	Endowments
86%	9%	2%	1%	1%	>1%

YOUR SUPPORT IN ACTION...

No More Sacrifice Zones

Across the Gulf South, communities are standing up and saying, “enough is enough” when it comes to water and air pollution affecting their families, friends, and homes. **With your support, we have been hard at work building a movement to reshape the Gulf South** and bring communities together to build a brighter, cleaner future.

Fighting Fracked Gas Export Facilities

The race to build new LNG fracked gas export facilities has become international news over the past year. 21 different facilities have been proposed along the Gulf from the Southernmost tip of Texas to Southeast Louisiana, with a huge concentration in Lake Charles, Louisiana, and Port Arthur, Texas. These facilities would create a toxic web of accompanying pipelines, ports, and dredged canals all with one purpose: ship as much fracked gas overseas for as much profit as possible as quickly as possible. This equation leaves out the devastating impacts on local communities, wetlands, and wildlife.

Because of you, Healthy Gulf has stepped up as a leader fighting back against this industry as we opened an organizing office in Lake Charles. Our community organizing is raising awareness both locally and nationally about the pollution impacts these export facilities have on Gulf communities. More importantly, we hope to build local leadership to fight for a just transition towards renewable energy.

No New Leases in the Gulf

Together with you, Healthy Gulf has been leading the brigade calling for #NoNewLeases in the Gulf of Mexico for over a decade. Every oil spill began with a lease sale and it is time to stop new leasing in its tracks. As the Biden Administration prepares the final 5 year program for offshore oil leasing, Healthy Gulf is driving high level comments from Gulf leaders to stand up and say once and for all #NoNewLeases.

Carbon Capture is a False Solution

In the call for climate solutions and action, it has never been more clear that we must remain steadfast in our commitment to lowering emissions. Polluting industries would instead like to prop up increasing emissions in the Gulf region with false solutions like post-combustion carbon capture and sequestration/storage that would allow them to increase their pollution in our communities. **Thanks to you, Healthy Gulf is taking a hard stance to reject false solutions that will harm our communities.** We must find real solutions to the climate crisis that protect our communities and environment.

Stopping Industrial Finfish Aquaculture from Polluting

This year, The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration proposed a number of “aquaculture opportunity areas” in the Gulf of Mexico that would threaten the health of Gulf waters and stocks of wild fish. These water-based factory farms could harm public health, the environment, and coastal communities that rely on the Gulf and its resources. Industrial fish farms are enormous sources of waste and chemical pollution that contribute to threats already faced in Gulf waters such as toxic algal blooms and the Gulf dead zone. In addition, the factory farming model adopted by the aquaculture industry prioritizes profit over environmental concerns, the needs of coastal communities, and the health of our Gulf. It is imperative that we stand united to protect the incredible natural diversity of the Gulf of Mexico against the harm of industrial fish farming. Millions of people on the Gulf Coast rely on Gulf resources for their livelihoods. **Support Healthy Gulf as we defend Gulf oysters, fish, shrimp, crabs, and marine mammals, our beaches and coastal wetlands, and our coastal economies and communities from industrial Aquaculture.**

Funding Gulf Frontline Groups

It is a well-established fact that those experiencing a problem are best equipped to find effective solutions to it, which is why **Healthy Gulf is committed to supporting frontline organizers in the region** through its Resisting Dirty Energy Community Advised Fund. Since its inception, we have distributed \$195,000 to groups and individuals fighting for environmental justice in Gulf states, with decision making on grants led by a committee of 5 frontline leaders. This funding has gone out to organizations across Texas and Louisiana, including the Carrizo Comecrudo Tribe of Texas, Port Arthur Community Action Network, and RISE St. James. Communities struggling with industrial pollution, flooding, failing infrastructure, inequitable government responses to disasters, and more are fighting back and we are proud to support their work.

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