

Welcome to Future Ground Network

Future Ground Network supports local groups that are organizing to secure healthier environments and sustainable communities. Joining the network means connecting with other community groups to share **knowledge**, find **inspiration** and work together to achieve **common goals**. As a network member, you can tap into a wealth of tools, resources and wisdom to help your community build a better future from the ground up.

Why are we building a network?

The most effective change begins locally, alongside others who share common values. The network provides resources that leaders can use to organize around issues that matter to their community, and connects active community groups throughout the country to learn from and support each other.

The outcomes:

- A network of friendly, connected and motivated communities that take action on **issues** that are important to them.
- An antidote to hopelessness, isolation and disconnection through the [social, physical and emotional benefits](#) of community-building.
- Momentum toward larger **systems change** by amplifying countrywide wins and acting together in moments of unity.

How can the network support you?

1. **Training** webinars and resource guides on topics of your choice, such as:
 - a. Social media
 - b. Government relations
 - c. Creative campaign tactics
 - d. Avoiding burnout
 - e. Fundraising
 - f. Keeping volunteers engaged
 - g. and more!

2. Access to free **digital tools (Zoom and [Action Network](#))** for:
 - a. Managing your volunteer and supporter lists
 - b. Sending mass emails
 - c. Launching petitions and letter-writing campaigns
 - d. Fundraising (e.g., ticketed events)
 - e. Online meetings
 - f. Project management

3. **Connections** with other grassroots groups for:
 - a. Sharing tips and best practices
 - b. Regional co-ordination
 - c. Collaboration on campaigns and events
 - d. Mentorship and resource sharing

4. **Live online support** and professional guidance with:
 - a. Grant-writing (via a skilled “Superteam” of volunteers)
 - b. Graphic design (via a skilled “Superteam” of volunteers)
 - c. Team dynamics (via coaching during weekly virtual drop-in hours, conflict mediation/training, by request)
 - d. Strategy (via webinars and coaching during weekly virtual drop-in hours)
 - e. Tech support (via online messaging and digital tools training)

Next steps:

1. Make sure you and/or your group meet these criteria:
 - You’re a grassroots or non-profit group committed to taking local action to secure a healthier, sustainable future.
 - You have four or more active members
 - Two to three representatives of your group are able to participate actively in webinars and on our Slack workspace, and to provide feedback to the network coordinators through group calls and surveys.

2. Read and sign our [local group agreement](#) detailing roles and responsibilities for central point people in your group.