

Berks Gas Truth

2012 Year in Review



Welcome to Berks Gas Truth's 2012 Year in Review! We appreciate all the support we've received from our members and friends this year, so we thought it only fitting to summarize what we've been working on in 2012 and provide a bit of a preview of what we're going to be working on in 2013 and beyond.

We've organized our activities by type:

- Regulatory & Legislative Activities
- Outreach & Education Activities
- Organizing & Coalition-Building Activities
- Political & Bird-Dogging Activities
- Media Activities
- Special Activities
- BGT Activities

We're very grateful to everyone who took an active role in Berks Gas Truth this year! We invite everyone in our extended community to attend our meetings, but we're also eager to hear your ideas of how you can best contribute your time and talent. This year, Frackapalooza and the BGT Boovabox were great examples of unique contributions. If you don't know what Frackapaloozi and Boovaboxes are, don't miss the sections on Outreach & Education Activities and BGT Activities.

We would be remiss if we didn't acknowledge those of you who made financial contributions to Berks Gas Truth. We're so grateful to all of you who made donations to support our work! We put every dime we receive to good use. We are not, however, a 501(c)(3) non-profit, so we are especially appreciative that you made contributions knowing that they are not tax-deductible.

Our 2013 meetings will be held on the first Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. in Kutztown, unless otherwise stated on our meeting announcement. Our meeting space in Kutztown is 361 East Main Street, near the corner of East Main and Cedar across from the town park. We'd love to hold some of our meetings in the Reading area and would love to hear from anyone who would be interested in hosting.

We have our work cut out for us in 2013! The great news is that we are joining forces and working together more efficiently and effectively than ever. The not-so-great news is that Tom Corbett is still governor, Krancer's still at the DEP, and the industry is still treating our state the way my cats treat their litter box. We need all hands on deck!

Thank you for a great 2012! Looking forward to continuing to work with you in 2013!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Karen R. Feridun".

Karen R. Feridun, Founder

REGULATORY & LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES

Berks Gas Truth's work on Act 13 and our participation in the challenge to the Rolling Hills leachate permit application top the list of our accomplishments in this category. We also participated in countless public comment opportunities, sign-on letters to legislators, regulators, river commissioners, the Governor, and the President. A few examples are presented below.

- Act 13 Campaign resulted in 8 Berks County municipalities passing resolutions opposing the local control section of Act 13 and supporting the lawsuit filed by the Delaware Riverkeeper Network. The municipalities are, in the order their resolutions passed, Kutztown Borough, Lower Alsace Township, Mt. Penn Borough, Alsace Township, City of Reading, West Reading Borough, Maiden creek Township, Greenwich Township. Special thanks to Patti Rose, Ron Stouffer, Rosie Skomitz, Pier Ignozzi, Dan Shaffer, Jim Keller, Carol Anne Donohoe, Vanessa Moore, Randi Peters, Sue Shaak, Mike Shaw, Bill Bispels, Michelle Sayles, David DeWalt, Nancy Kauffman, Cindy Tricoski, Darree Sicher, Linda Wood, Frank Fretz, Chuck Brown, Elaine Bartholomew, Kalliopi Bozakis, Kathi Ember, Phil Kearney and everyone else who worked on this campaign. Thanks, of course, to all the municipal officials who voted to pass resolutions.
- Intervention in Rolling Hills Landfill leachate precedent-setting permit application process requesting that the DEP declare fracking a beneficial use of landfill leachate resulted in the landfill pulling their permit application. The Delaware Riverkeeper Network took the lead on this after we informed them about the issue. They undertook an extensive and complicated file review and commissioned a technical report from hydrogeologist Paul Rubin. Delaware Riverkeeper Network and Berks Gas Truth jointly filed the accompanying comment. Special thanks to DRN and to Berks County Solid Waste Authority Director Jane Meeks for making some preliminary calls to the DEP. Special thanks to BGT's Walt Hug for spotting the story in the news and bringing it to our attention.

Examples of other 2012 activities:

- Amici Curiae in Act 13 Pennsylvania Supreme Court Appeal
- Intervener in FERC Transco Pipeline/Brandywine Creek Project, Docket No. CP12-497-000
- Commenter on FERC Upland Erosion Control, Revegetation and Maintenance Plan (Plan) and Wetland and Waterbody Construction and Mitigation Procedures (Procedures), Docket Number AD12-2-000
- Commenter on FERC Constitution Pipeline Company, LLC, Constitution Pipeline Project, Docket No. PF12-9-000
- Commenter on FERC Eastern Shore Natural Gas Company's Greenspring Project , Docket No. CP12-461
- Co-signer of letter to Governor Corbett protesting new DEP policy that delays notification of water testing results until they can be reviewed in Harrisburg
- Co-signer of a letter to Governor Corbett calling for transparency in water testing in light of the depositions in which DEP employees claim that 16 out of 24 tests conducted on individual water samples are not provided to property owners.
- Participant in upcoming meeting with DEP lab staff regarding water testing; currently participating in planning for that meeting.

OUTREACH & EDUCATION ACTIVITIES

This year, Berks Gas Truth was extremely fortunate to be offered tables at several concerts in Eastern and Central PA. The Guacamole Fund contacted us with an offer of a table at Bonnie Raitt's concert in Reading. Before the end of the summer, we had tabled at Crosby, Stills, & Nash and Jackson Browne shows and had connected other groups in PA with the Guacamole Fund to help spread the word about fracking at other concerts in the state. Our table at Farm Aid in September was the best-attended in the Homegrown Village, according to Farm Aid organizers, thanks to our friends Craig Stevens and Ray Kemble. Early in 2012, we hosted a talk by Deborah Rogers in Kutztown. We also co-hosted Marcellus Shale Exposed with the Lehigh Valley Sierra Club. We held an Act 13 Public Forum as part of our Act 13 campaign. Most recently, we hosted Frackapalooza, the first of many (we hope!). We're already at work on some projects for 2013.

- Energy Policy Forum founder Deborah Rogers spoke on the economics of drilling at special event hosted by Berks Gas Truth at St. Barnabas Episcopal Church in Kutztown. Special thanks to Chuck Brown and the people of St. Barnabas for all their work to organize the event.
- Marcellus Shale Exposed featured talks by Dr. Anthony Ingraffea, Deborah Rogers, Dr. Michelle Bamberger, Dr. Robert Oswald, Jeff Schmidt, Vera Cole, Tracy Carluccio, Laurie Barr, Karen Feridun, and Josh Fox with Craig & Julie Sautner via Skype. Over 300 people attended the conference held at Northampton Community College (NCC). The organizers were awarded a \$4000 grant by the Sierra Club to fund the event. Thanks to Mike Shaw for arranging for Laurie Barr and the Sautners to appear and moderating the Friday night discussion. Special thanks to our great allies at the LV Sierra Club, especially Sheila Gallagher, Cathy Kimock, Vicky Bastidas, Doug Roysdon, and Don Miles.
- The Act 13 Public Forum featured Tracy Carluccio of the Delaware Riverkeeper Network and environmental attorney Jordan Yeager to talk about Act 13 and the lawsuit they filed. Hydrogeologist Paul Rubin travelled from NYS to talk about some of the environmental impacts of drilling. Lynda Farrell of the Pipeline Safety Coalition did a presentation on impacts of drilling-related operations coming to Berks County, pipelines and compressor stations. Thanks to all of the speakers. Special thanks to Pier Ignozzi and Dan Shaffer for all their work to find a location, provide refreshments, and promote the event. Special thanks also to Tracy Carluccio for arranging for speakers Jordan Yeager and Paul Rubin.
- Frackapalooza was an awareness-raising event featuring music by Amelia White, Richard Feridun, Jack Murray, and Alan Landes and lots of information on fracking. Special thanks go to Ed and Donna Land for the use of their performance space at Landhaven, Ramona LaBarre for offering to manage the operations that evening, Karl Fricke for running the board, Amelia White for traveling from Nashville to perform, Richard Feridun for traveling from Hoboken to perform (and for being my brother), Alan Landes for performing, Jack Murray for designing the poster, arranging for our sound man, and playing up a storm. Extra special thanks to Sandy Britland who did all of the legwork connecting me with Donna and Ed, worked all evening checking in guests, taking donations, and handing out lit, and, most of all, for providing all of the treats!
- Assisted neighbors of the Bernville Compressor Station investigate an incident on October 29th during the hurricane by contacting DEP in Harrisburg and Reading and the DOT Eastern Region office in New Jersey. Creating a contact list for website and a postcard version that can be distributed to residents in affected communities for future

reference.

- Assisted residents of Warwick Township, Chester County organize community opposition to Commonwealth Pipeline proposed route.
- Berks Gas Truth is already working on a project for 2013. American University is offering an alternative spring break to students who want to travel to Pennsylvania to learn about fracking. Berks Gas Truth is helping to coordinate the event and will host the students in Southeastern PA when they visit here in March.

Concerts where BGT tabled:

- Bonnie Raitt show in Reading, PA (Guacamole Fund)
- Crosby, Stills, & Nash show in Bethlehem, PA (Guacamole Fund)
- Jackson Browne show in Shippensburg, PA (Guacamole Fund)
- Farm Aid's Homegrown Village

Festivals and other events where BGT tabled:

- Reading Earth Day
- Kutztown University Earth Day
- Muhlenberg College Earth Day
- Occupy Easton Earth Day
- Lehigh Valley Green Drinks
- Longswamp EAC's Backyard Creatures Event
- Marcellus Shale Exposed
- Reading Peace March
- Mt. Penn Community Day
- Thanks to Kutztown Dems for providing our lit on their table at Lyons Fiddle Fest

Talks and Panel Discussions:

- Pennsylvania Progressive Summit – Karen Feridun was panelist with Tracy Carluccio and Iris Bloom
- Marcellus Shale Exposed – Mike Shaw helped moderate Laurie Barr and Josh Fox event; Karen Feridun spoke on Media and Messaging
- Marcellus Shale Forum at NCC – Karen Feridun panelist with several other panelists including Tom Shepstone of Energy in Depth
- October 2nd Rally in the Rotunda – Karen Feridun one of several rally speakers
- Reading Earth Day
- Occupy Easton Earth Day
- Pennsylvania Earth Sciences Association LV Chapter
- Energy Path Conference
- Upper Perkiomen Democratic Club
- KU Environmental Action Club
- Kutztown Area Democratic Club
- Haydenfilms Institute

Film Screenings/Discussion:

- Reading Area Community College Gasland screenings (2 in one day)
- Albright College Gasland Screening
- Millersville Native Plant Conference Gasland Screening
- The Independent Space Sky Is Pink Screening
- Kutztown Area Democratic Club Sky Is Pink Screening
- 350 Berks & Lehigh Valley Climate Action Sky Is Pink Screening

ORGANIZING & COALITION-BUILDING ACTIVITIES

Berks Gas Truth works with local, regional, state, and national organizations fighting fracking by organizing rallies and protests, promoting a statewide moratorium on drilling, protecting the moratoria in place, promoting an outright ban, influencing elections, protecting our rivers, creating an online resource center for fractivists across the country, and more. This year, we were among the lead organizers of the Shale Gas Outrage protest and march in Philadelphia, but were and continue to be involved in many other efforts.

- Served on Steering, Communications, Rally, Budget, and Conference committees of the Shale Gas Outrage protest and march in Philadelphia in September.
- Attended moratorium meeting in State College; Karen Feridun elected to serve on PA-CLAW organizing committee.
- Served on organizing committee of October 2nd Rally in the Rotunda in Harrisburg and provided 20' Scrolls of Shame listing legislators who voted for Act 13.
- Represented Food & Water Watch at PASA conference where they discussed what their position should be on natural gas.
- Serves on PA Campaign for Clean Water committee; participates in monthly conference calls.
- Lead Stop the Frack Attack Resources national team. We are creating directories, calendars, mapping tools, and other resources for the fractivist community. Special thanks to BGT's Mike Runyan for all his work on the directory of Facebook fractivist groups and pages under development.
- Created national Flare Observations database with Laurie Barr where observations of gas flares can be documented.
- Participates on SRBC committee headed by Earthworks.
- Participated in Stop the Frack Attack protest in Washington, D.C.
- Participated in January and June rallies in Harrisburg.
- Participates in Sierra Club Activist Network.
- Participates in Schuylkill Action Network.
- Attended Farm Aid Advocates Hydrofracking meeting in Harrisburg.
- Participates in committee to collect pledges to protect the Delaware River Watershed.
- Participates in PennEnvironment moratorium petition campaign.
- Participates in committee groups developing pipeline strategy.
- Served as founding organization in new 350 Berks & Lehigh Valley Climate Action.
- Thanks to Patti Rose, Occupy Reading agreed to take up the issue of fracking.
- Working with residents of Chester and Berks County to organize opposition to the Commonwealth Pipeline.
- Participates as a founding organization of Americans Against Fracking.
- Participates in network of organizations planning presence at PA Farm Show.
- Participates in building of Don't Expect Protection website.

POLITICAL & BIRD-DOGGING ACTIVITIES

Berks Gas Truth was proud of our own Bill Bispels who ran for PA State Representative as the pro-environment, anti-fracking, anti-sludge alternative to Gary Day in the 187th. We've briefed candidates on the issues and were happy to endorse candidates in the 2012 elections. We've also been there when

some of the worst politicians, policy makers, and industry types have come to town.

- Endorsed Rick Daugherty (15th Congressional), Gene Stimp (11th Congressional), and Mark Rozzi (PA 126th) in the 2012 elections for being great anti-fracking candidates who will stand up to the industry and the severely compromised politicians and policy makers in Washington and Harrisburg. Mark Rozzi enjoyed a decisive victory.
- Created and distributed spreadsheet of 2012 Environmental Endorsements listing PA candidates endorsed on Marcellus at the Polls or by organizations including the Sierra Club, Clean Water Action, Penn Environment, and Conservation Voters of PA.
- Briefed Rick Daugherty and Jackson Eaton on fracking during their 2012 primary race.
- Briefed Mark Rozzi and his campaign manager Chad Schlanger on fracking.
- Briefed Senator Judy Schwank and aides on a number of issues regarding the South Newark Basin.
- Protested Corbett's appearance in the Lehigh Valley when he toured an industrial park.
- Protested Corbett's appearance at the Chamber of Commerce meeting in Reading.
- Protested Cawley's appearance at the Chamber of Commerce meeting at Kutztown University shortly after the school's budget had been slashed. Several members attended the talk to ask questions about drilling on state university campuses and other issues.
- Attended John Hanger's talk at Moravian College and questioned him during and after his presentation.
- Attended Lehigh Valley Tea Party meeting to hear Jennifer Huha who delivered a Marcellus Shale Coalition presentation; commented on Act 13.
- Attended ExxonMobil talk at Lafayette College featuring the company's president, Steven Pryor, and his colleague, Jack Neal, and was cut-off from asking a follow-up question by pro-fracking professor. See Media Activities section for Letter to the Editor on that event.
- Began work on campaign to defeat Corbett in 2014 and Democratic primary candidates with a pro-fracking past, including John Hanger and Ed Rendell.

MEDIA ACTIVITIES

Probably the most exciting media moment for many of us at Berks Gas Truth this year was the one when we found out we'd been mentioned by Dr. Sandra Steingraber in her article in Orion, the great environmental magazine. There were plenty of other great moments this year, including a couple of media projects worth highlighting. A list of BGT articles, letters, radio & tv interviews, and press mentions follows. We also produced many press releases, several in conjunction with other organizations, and letters that did not get published, so it's been a busy year of writing! And, even though we've been unable to contribute to Commonsense 2 as much as we'd like, we are thrilled to have introduced Dory Hippauf to Chuck Brown. Dory's *Connecting the Dots* are fascinating, well-researched pieces that brought many readers to the issue. We were also happy to connect writer Ed Humes with Deborah Rogers for his piece in the Sierra Club magazine.

- Berks Gas Truth has been working for several months with Haydenfilms Institute Youth Media Initiative on an exciting Public Service Announcement project. We've advised the Haydenfilms team and have introduced them to people who could help them secure funding to teach 50 at-risk youth from Reading/Berks County filmmaking. The students researched, wrote, produced, and acted in 30-second Public Service Announcements for a number of organizations, including Berks Gas Truth, this November and December. We

did a presentation to familiarize the students with our issues and provided whatever support they needed during the filming. The PSAs will be entered into an online competition using software Haydenfilms has developed to make sure voters see a selection of the films before voting. That means our message will go out via the internet, told to young people by young people. During the filming, T.V. actor Johnny Ray Gill who is serving as Executive Producer and Director of the project discussed his solidarity with Berks Gas Truth and Hayden Craddolph, the organization's founder informed us that he and Johnny will make a professionally produced PSA in L.A. for Berks Gas Truth.

- Fracking in Pennsylvania is the latest book by Walter Brasch. It's a great survey of the complicated issues surrounding fracking presented in a very easy to read way. The book is packed with information that will be of interest to those new to the subject as well as those who deal with it every day. Karen Feridun was honored to be asked to review and comment on the manuscript. She is also cited several times within the text.
- Students from Kutztown University, Lehigh University, and Temple University interviewed us for campus newspapers and environmental journalism projects.

[Times-Herald coverage of Warwick Township public meeting on Commonwealth Pipeline includes quote by Karen Feridun.](#)

[Reading Eagle coverage of Warwick Township public meeting on Commonwealth Pipeline includes quote by Karen Feridun.](#)

[Pottstown Mercury coverage of Warwick Township public meeting on Commonwealth Pipeline includes quote by Karen Feridun.](#)

[WFMZ coverage of Warwick Township public meeting on Commonwealth Pipeline includes quote by Karen Feridun.](#)

[Common Dreams' story on Americans Against Fracking coalition includes quote by Karen Feridun.](#)

[Letter to the Editor of the Pottstown Mercury by Karen Feridun on abandoned wells.](#)

[ENews Park Forest story on Americans Against Fracking coalition includes quote by Karen Feridun.](#)

[Reading Eagle's story on Haydenfilms Institute PSA project mentions Berks Gas Truth.](#)

[ENews Park Forest's article on letter submitted to Corbett features quote by Karen Feridun.](#)

[Pittsburgh Post-Gazette coverage of letter to Corbett regarding water contamination notification policy submitted by 14 groups including Berks Gas Truth.](#)

[Letter to the Editor by Karen Feridun on law that allows drilling on campus in Reading Eagle.](#)

[Berks Gas Truth's endorsement of Mark Rozzi for State Representative in the 126th district is mentioned in the Reading Eagle.](#)

[Karen Feridun's interview on Living Green in the Lehigh Valley on WDIY 88.1.](#)

[Canon-McMillan Patch's coverage of October 2 Act 13 rally in the rotunda in Harrisburg.](#)

[Story from Kansas City InfoZine on Amicus brief filed by Earthjustice on behalf of several groups including Berks Gas Truth.](#)

[The Fracking of Rachel Carson by Sandra Steingraber and published in Orion contains references to Berks Gas Truth.](#)

[Karen Feridun's letter to the editor in the Morning Call on poor regulation of gas drilling.](#)

[Joint letter to the editor on climate change in the Kutztown Patriot.](#)

[Joint letter to the editor on climate change in the Reading Eagle.](#)

[Karen Feridun's letter to the editor in the Reading Eagle's Business Weekly](#)

[Karen Feridun's interview on BCTV's Hot Topics.](#)

[BCTV article announcing Karen Feridun's upcoming appearance on Hot Topics.](#)

[Reading Eagle article on BGT's Shana Rose and her experiences at the National Youth Science Camp.](#)

[Pittsburgh Post-Gazette article on BGT's Shana Rose and her fellow participants in the prestigious National Youth Science Camp.](#)

[Letter to the Editor from Berks Gas Truth thanking municipalities for passing Act 13 resolutions printed in Kutztown Patriot.](#)

[WEEU's Healthy Living with Nature's Garden show on fracking with guest Karen Feridun.](#)

[Mary Young's front page story on drilling featuring Karen Feridun.](#)

[Coverage of BGT's Act 13 presentation at Muhlenberg Township meeting in Reading Eagle.](#)

[Story on Reading City Council's passage of Act 13 resolution by Protecting Our Waters](#)

[Announcement of Michael Shaw's anti-fracking exhibit in Pottstown Mercury](#)

[Announcement of Michael Shaw's anti-fracking exhibit in Kutztown Patriot](#)

[BGT press release on moratorium in South Newark Basin published in Kutztown Patriot](#)

[Karen Feridun quoted in article by Walter Brasch in Daily Kos](#)

[Karen Feridun quoted in article by Walter Brasch in Firedoglake](#)

[Karen Feridun quoted in article by Walter Brasch in The News Eagle](#)

[Karen Feridun quoted in article by Walter Brasch in The Moderate Voice](#)

[Mention of Act 13 presentation at Reading EAC Meeting in Reading Eagle](#)

[Mention of Act 13 presentation at Sinking Spring Borough Council Meeting in Reading Eagle](#)

[Announcement of Act 13 and Pipelines forum in Reading Eagle](#)

[Reading Eagle's mention of Lower Alsace's resolution opposing Act 13](#)

[BGT's Patti Rose is seen in this WFMZ video on the protest of Corbett's Chamber of Commerce appearance](#)

[Berks Gas Truth's article on Community Forum on Act 13 and Pipeline in Kuttown Patriot](#)

[Mention of BGT's partnership with the Haydenfilms Institute in BCTV](#)

[Kutztown Patriot article on Kutztown Borough's Act 13 resolution](#)

[Karen Feridun on BCTV's Centering on Peace with host John Hoskyns-Abrahall and Occupy Reading's Phil Kearney](#)

[Brief mention of Kutztown's Act 13 Resolution in Reading Eagle](#)

[Letter to the Editor by Karen Feridun on Eagle's Business Weekly article](#)

[Letter to the Editor by Karen Feridun on drilling jobs in Morning Call](#)

[Morning Call's coverage of Bill Bispels' campaign](#)

[Kutztown Patriot's coverage of BGT's appeal to County Commissioners](#)

[Reading Eagle's article on Berks Earth Day line-up featuring BGT](#)

[Neighbors of Easton's piece on Occupy Easton's Earth Day event featuring BGT](#)

[Reading Eagle's coverage of Bispels/Haas debate](#)

[BCTV's coverage of BGT's appeal to County Commissioners](#)

[Kutztown Patriot's announcement of Bispels/Haas debate](#)

[Northampton Community Colleges article on What the Frack panel discussion featuring BGT's Karen Feridun](#)

[Reading Eagle's article announcing Bill Bispels' candidacy](#)

[Easton Express article on Marcellus Shale Exposed that features Patrick Creighton of the Marcellus Shale Coalition calling our lineup a who's who of the anti-fracking movement.](#)

[Northampton Community Colleges article on What the Frack panel discussion featuring BGT's Karen Feridun](#)

[Karen Feridun's interview to promote Marcellus Shale Exposed on WDIY's Living Green in the Lehigh Valley hosted by Annie Prince and Bruce Wilson.](#)

[Morning Call announcement of Marcellus Shale Exposed by Paul Carpenter features quotes by BGT's Karen Feridun](#)

[Kutztown Patriot's coverage of the Lt. Governor's talk featuring quotes by BGT's Patti Rose and Karen Feridun.](#)

[Kutztown Patriot's coverage of protest of Lt. Gov. Cawley's talk featuring interviews with BGT's Karen Feridun and Occupy Kutztown's Sean Kitchen.](#)

[Reading Eagle coverage of Lt. Gov. Cawley's Chamber of Commerce talk where he responded to questions from BGT's Karen Feridun and Occupy Kutztown's Sean Kitchen.](#)

[Letter to the Editor by Karen Feridun in response to Kutztown Patriot story of PA Ag chief's talk to FFA Students](#)

[Dallas Morning News' reference to Eagle story on Rogers' BGT talk](#)

[BCTV article on Deborah Rogers' talk](#)

[Reading Eagle's announcement of Deborah Rogers' talk at St. Barnabas](#)

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

One activity that deserves special mention is the gallery show of Mike Shaw's photography that was on exhibit at The Independent Space in Kutztown for most of the summer. Mike is a photojournalist who has traveled extensively in the Marcellus Region. His show, Save Penn's Woods, reminded us of what we're losing every time more woodland is razed and habitats are destroyed to make room for another well pad or pipeline. Mike did a tremendous amount of work on that show and deserves a very special thank you for everything he did. Special thanks to Tara Morrison, director of The Independent Space, for everything she did for this project and for always being willing to provide us with space for screenings and meetings.

BGT ACTIVITIES

We were busy with a lot of the day-to-day operations of running an organization this year, too. We use conventional tools, like our website, newsletters, and social media pages to communicate our message, but some of our best messaging has been done by the Don't Frack Your Mother logo Bill Bispels and his

family conceived of and Michelle Sayles designed when BGT was just forming. We will never be able to thank them enough that. We have Patti Rose to thank for keeping up our inventory of Don't Frack Your Mother t-shirts and making all the arrangements for their printing with the great folks at Weikel Sportswear. This year, thanks to our friend Paul David, the BGT logo now graces a limited edition Boovabox.

- This summer, we made sure that the celebrities we rubbed elbows with got Don't Frack Your Mother shirts. Among the proud owners are Bonnie Raitt, David Crosby (and his son who had me mail one to him), Steven Stills, Graham Nash, Jackson Browne, Sara Watkins, Josh Fox, Bill McKibben (who wore his to the Stop the Frack Attack rally), Sean Lennon, John Fenton (a favorite of ours from Gasland), Amelia White, and some of people known to us in the movement, including Craig Stevens, Ray Kemble, Dana Dolney, David Braun. We've also gotten orders from California, Colorado, and Michigan and now have them for sale on our website.
- Near the end of the summer, our friend Paul David told us about covers he was starting to make for the milk crates you see strapped to bikes. The covers are made out of recycled billboard vinyl. Paul figured out a way to put Don't Frack Your Mother logos on his bike crate covers called Boovaboxes to help us spread the word about fracking. The Boovaboxes are like little traveling billboards for Berks Gas Truth.

Other activities:

- Held monthly meetings.
- Re-designed and maintained website.
- Moderated Facebook BGT profile, group, and page, Twitter account, Meet-Up account; started Marcellus Shale Exposed, Municipalities Against Act 13, and Fraccidents FB pages.
- Created monthly newsletters in Mail Chimp, transitioned to Constant Contact and expanded coverage.
- Sold t-shirts, buttons.
- Donated Don't Frack Your Mother shirts and Boovabox to Sierra Club Raffle.
- Purchased BGT banner and other materials for our tabling events.
- Attended Foundation Center classes on non-profit management.
- Thanks to Michelle Sayles, our Don't Frack Your Mother shirts will be available at a shop in Lancaster, PA.