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[Tristen Chartier Durocher](#) is with [Marlene Rema](#) at [Makwa Sahgaiehcan Cree First Nation](#).
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This little boy is eight months old and he lost his mother, now his aunt raises him. Before his mother passed, she wanted him to be a dancer. Tonight her memory was honoured as her little boy was initiated. The dancers danced around him, in the four directions, and he danced with them.

I'll always remember watching the beautiful sight of his grandmother holding him while an elder prayed. The smell of sweetgrass was in the air. During the prayer, he looked up above him, at an empty space, with a big smile. Perhaps the space that his eyes watched was not so empty to him.

Indian Tribes Dig In to Gain Their Share of Sports Betting

By KEVIN DRAPER, TIM ARANGO and ALAN BLINDER

As state governments develop plans to introduce sports betting, some American Indian tribes in the casino business are working to make sure they're dealt in.

Gov. Mark Dayton vetoes bill that gave Enbridge's new pipeline fast-track approval

<http://strib.mn/2wZNkTF>

3 Communities Who Stood Up to Big Oil and Won Perúíbe, Brazil. 350.org

Groups of citizens have been organizing worldwide to fight against fossil fuel industry's negative impacts on their lives. These impacts are either direct—through expropriations of land and development of infrastructure against the will of the population—or indirect—through their role in the sharp increase of climate-altering emissions threatening health and livelihoods worldwide.

These movements are often born spontaneously in response to a present challenge or threat. Through grassroot organizing, the impact of a handful of determined citizens can grow dramatically and has, in many instances, forced fossil fuel companies to abandon projects, deal with less and less private investments or defend themselves in courts.

Here are three stories from the Philippines, Brazil and the U.S. that show how small groups of determined people have taken on large corporations and shifted the local economic and political context.

The videos have been produced by 350.org as part of the [Fossil Free campaign](#).

Atimonan, Philippines

Since 2015, citizens of Atimonan, Quezon province, in the Philippines, have been opposing the construction of a 1,200-megawatt coal-fired power plant.

Despite the determination of government authorities at national and provincial level to move forward with the project, the citizens of Atimonan and of the whole province have organized rallies in front of one of the banks funding the project, disrupted a meeting of the provincial board and overall voiced their concern and opposition.

Father Puno, of the Our Lady of the Angels parish in Atimonan, has been one of the most vocal regarding the potentially nefarious impacts of the future power plant, organizing a prayer-vigil attended by more than 1,500 people.

While opposing coal as an energy source, local parishioners have also discovered solar power and decided to install solar panels on the roof of the church, turning their stewardship for natural resources and people's health into a message in support of a fast and just 100 percent renewable energy transition for all.

Peruíbe, Brazil

The citizens of Perúíbe, in the Southeast region of Brazil, have been actively resisting the development of a new thermoelectric power plant, which would have been one of the largest of its kind. Citizens have organized themselves, putting pressure on city councilors to approve an amendment to the municipal law that would prevent other large polluting projects from being built in the city.

After a complicated legislative process, which lasted months, the city council finally approved unanimously the amendment.

Peruíbe has clean and sustainable energy to spare and holds unquestionable tourist potential. The region is one of the last reserves of continuous Brazilian Atlantic rain forest in the world, and more than half of the city's territory is in a preservation area.

The controversial industrial project, estimated at R\$ 5 billion, was proposed by Gastrading Comércio de Energia, and it would have generated up to 1.7 gigawatts of energy.

New York, New York

In January 2018 the Mayor of New York Bill de Blasio made two important announcements. The first one was that the [city would divest](#) its assets from fossil fuel companies.

The second one was that the city had filed a lawsuit in federal courts against the five fossil fuel companies identified as the most responsible for global warming: ExxonMobil, BP, Conoco Phillips, Shell and Chevron.

These announcements came after years of grassroots organizing and it was celebrated as a victory by the many citizen groups that had been mobilizing to push the city to take this decision.

The divestment movement in New York dates back years, driven among other things by the impacts that Hurricane Sandy had on New York and its citizens: more than 100 dead in New York and surrounding areas; an estimated damage of more than \$40bn; 100,000 houses damaged of which 2,000 rendered uninhabitable.

The awareness that climate change had played a major role in creating the conditions for Hurricane Sandy to develop and grow in strength convinced many New Yorkers to hit the streets asking the city not to give a penny more to dirty energy.

For an amusing pic of the Grand Hotel in Wells and a great pic of the Winnemucca family, see <http://cpr.org/Museum/Silvis/>

Additionally:

¹¹ Ibid. As reprehensible as Silvis' behavior may seem, paying California Indians with food and clothing for their labor was common among the Anglo-whites of California. The practice had its roots in "the system of Indian peonage which had existed on the ranchos of Hispanic California." (Rawls, 30). Indian labor was also common in the mines during the first year after the discovery of gold. A number of early California pioneers became wealthy by employing

Indians. However, Indian laborers were soon driven from the mines by newly arriving whites who viewed such cheap labor, including slaves and Chinese, as an unfair advantage to the employer. Also, the experiences of the new arrivals with the Indians back home differed sharply from the Hispanic California system. James J. Rawls, "Gold Diggers: Indian Miners in the California Gold Rush," *California Historical Quarterly*, 55 (Spring, 1976): 28-45.tte:

Which is the greenest Tribal Community?

Vancouver Bans Plastic Straws, Foam Cups and Containers

Vancouver aspires to be the world's greenest city. / CC0 Public Domain

Vancouver has become the first major Canadian city to adopt a ban on a range of single-use [plastics](#).

Starting June 1, 2019, the distribution of plastic drinking [straws](#) and [polystyrene](#) foam cups and take-out containers will be prohibited.

The initiative is part of the city's ambitious "[Zero Waste 2040](#)" strategy to eliminate the disposal of solid waste by 2040, which Vancouver City Council unanimously passed on Wednesday.

Vancouver is the first city in the world to approve a comprehensive zero waste strategic plan, mayor Gregor Robertson touted.

According to [The Globe and Mail](#), the new rule on plastic straws, cups and containers applies to restaurants and vendors with city business licenses. Details for enforcement are still being worked out. A fine of \$250 for offenders is being considered.

"It's a coastal city, with the plastic items having a significant impact on the environment, we feel it's important to take action," City of Vancouver director of waste management and resource recovery Albert Shames told the publication.

The City of Vancouver estimated that 7 million straws are thrown into the garbage every day. Every week, about 2.6 million plastic-lined cups and 2 million plastic bags are thrown out, with cups and take-out containers making up 50 percent of all items in public waste bins. It also costs taxpayers about \$2.5 million a year to collect this trash.

Vancouver wants to establish itself as "the greenest city in the world by 2020," an initiative that [focuses](#) on zero carbon, zero waste and healthy ecosystems.

This week, city officials also approved a flexible [bylaw](#) to reduce other types of disposable items, including disposable cups as well as plastic and paper shopping bags.

Under the bylaw, businesses must choose one of the following options:

- No distribution of disposable cups or plastic/paper bags
- Charging a fee for disposable cups or paper/plastic bags

- Other mechanisms to be finalized through consultation

Notably, the city will impose an outright distribution ban on single-use bags and cups if the new rules do not lead to a significant reduction of waste by 2021.

The Best Plants to Attract Pollinators, by Region

Purple coneflower. / Wikimedia Commons / CC BY-SA 3.0

By Brian Barth

The first of those is straightforward enough, and the second two are taken care of by planting nectar-rich flowers that bloom over a long period of the year. The foliage itself provides habitat —most insect pollinators like dense vegetation in which they can hide from predators and lay eggs—and the flowers provide the fuel. Plants native to your area are the best bet because they have co-evolved with the native pollinators.

The more diverse your plantings, the better, as some species are very picky. To get you started, here are a few ideas for pollinator plants native to each area of the country. Peruse the list below, and add your favorites to your garden planning list. Want more information? Extensive regional guides can be found at pollinator.org, a project of the North American Pollinator Protection Campaign. They even have a handy [app](#).

Northwest

Silver Lupine (*Lupinus albifrons*)

Flowers: blue/purple, April-May

Sun/Water: full sun, low water

Size/Type: 3' tall x 3' wide shrub

Attracts: bees

Hairy Honeysuckle (*Lonicera hispidula*)

Flowers: pink, June-August

Sun/Water: part shade, medium water

Size/Type: 10' tall vine

Attracts: hummingbirds

Western Buttercup (*Ranunculus occidentalis*)

Flowers: yellow, April-June

Sun/Water: part shade, medium-high water

Size/Type: 2' tall x 2' wide perennial

Attracts: bees

Pacific Dogwood (*Cornus nuttallii*)

Flowers: white, April-June

Sun/Water: part shade, medium-high water

Size/Type: 20' feet tall x 15' wide tree

Attracts: bees, butterflies

Flea Bane (*Erigeron spp.*)

Flowers: various colors, June-August

Sun/Water: full sun, low water

Size/Type: 2' tall x 2' wide perennial

Attracts: bees, butterflies

Southwest

Ocotillo (*Fouquieria splendens*)

Flowers: red-orange, February-May

Sun/Water: full sun, low water

Size/Type: 10' tall x 10' wide shrub

Attracts: hummingbirds

Parry's Agave (*Agave parryi*)

Flowers: yellow, June-August
Sun/Water: full sun, low water

Size/Type: 2' x 2' perennial
Attracts: bees, hummingbirds, moths, bats

Jimson Weed (*Datura wrightii*)

Flowers: white, May-October
Sun/Water: full sun, low water

Size/Type: 2' tall x 2' wide perennial
Attracts: moths

Prickly Pear Cactus (*Opuntia spp.*)

Flowers: yellow, April-June
Sun/Water: full sun, low water

Size/Type: 6' tall x 6' wide succulent
Attracts: bees

Velvet Mesquite (*Prosopis velutina*)

Flowers: green/yellow, March-August
Sun/Water: full sun, low water

Size/Type: 30' tall x 20' wide tree
Attracts: bees, butterflies

Midwest

Milkweed (*Asclepias tuberosa*)

Flowers: yellow/orange, May-July
Sun/Water: full sun, medium water

Size/Type: 2' tall x 2' wide perennial
Attracts: butterflies, hummingbirds

Purple Coneflower (*Echinacea purpurea*)

Flowers: purple, June-August
Sun/Water: full sun, medium water

Size/Type: 2' tall x 2' wide perennial
Attracts: bees, butterflies

Sumac (*Rhus spp.*)

Flowers: white, April-August
Sun/Water: full sun, low water

Size/Type: 8' tall x 8' wide shrub
Attracts: butterflies, bees

Meadowsweet (*Spiraea alba*)

Flowers: white, June-September
Sun/Water: full sun, medium-high water

Size/Type: 6' tall x 6' wide
Attracts: bees

Wild Indigo (*Baptisia spp.*)

Flowers: blue/purple, March-June
Sun/Water: part sun, medium-low water

Size/Type: 4' tall x 4' wide
Attracts: bees

Southeast

Threadleaf Coreopsis (*Coreopsis verticillata*)

Flowers: yellow, May-July
Sun/Water: full sun, low water

Size/Type: 2' tall x 2' wide perennial
Attracts: bees, butterflies

Wild Petunia (*Ruellia humilis*)

Flowers: purple/blue, May-June
Sun/Water: part sun, low water

Size/Type: 3' tall x 3' wide perennial
Attracts: butterflies, hummingbirds

Passion Flower Vine (*Passiflora incarnata*)

Flowers: multi-colored, May-July
Sun/Water: full sun, medium water

Size/Type: 10' tall vine
Attracts: hummingbirds, butterflies

Painted Buckeye (*Aesculus sylvatica*)

Flowers: white, April-May
Sun/Water: shade, medium-high water

Size/Type: 12' tall x 12' wide shrub
Attracts: bees, hummingbirds

Sweet Goldenrod (*Solidago odora*)

Flowers: yellow, July-October
Sun/Water: full sun, low water

Size/Type: 3' tall x 3' wide perennial
Attracts: bees, butterflies

Northeast

Kinnikinnick (*Arctostaphylos uva-ursi*)

Flowers: white, May-June
Sun/Water: part sun, low water

Size/Type: 6" tall x 6' wide groundcover
Attracts: bees

Cardinal Flower (*Lobelia cardinalis*)

Flowers: red, August-October
Sun/Water: part sun, high water

Size/Type: 3' tall x 3' wide perennial
Attracts: bees, hummingbirds

Black-Eyed Susan (*Rudbeckia hirta*)

Flowers: yellow, June-September
Sun/Water: full sun, medium water

Size/Type: 2' tall x 1' wide perennial
Attracts: bees, butterflies

Virgin's Bower (*Clematis virginiana*)

Flowers: white, July-August
Sun/Water: part sun, medium-high water

Size/Type: 10' tall vine
Attracts: bees

Mapleleaf Viburnum (*Viburnum acerifolium*)

Flowers: white, May-June
Sun/Water: part sun, medium water

Size/Type: 5' tall x 5' wide shrub
Attracts: bees

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St. Paul charter school awarded Bush grant

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Wild Horse and Burro ‘Online Corral’ Connects Americans with Adoptable Animals by Steven Field

WASHINGTON— The Bureau of Land Management today announced the launch of the Wild Horse and Burro “Online Corral”—a new website focused on connecting the American public with wild horses and burros available for adoption or purchase. The BLM also announced the 2018 wild horse and burro event schedule, featuring nearly 70 events nationwide that focus [...]
[Read more of this post](#)

Eat. Pray. Truck. How A Northwest Tribe Brings Salmon Home

By John Ryan, KUOW, 5/21/18

The Puyallup Tribe welcomed the first salmon of the year back to the Puyallup River in Tacoma on Tuesday. Strangely, perhaps, that chinook's epic journey from mid-Pacific Ocean to a Puyallup fishing net begins with a sloshing tanker truck.

Trump appoints new EPA head in SF who led 'lock her up' chants against Clinton

By Peter Fimrite and Kurtis Alexander, San Francisco Chronicle, 5/19/18

A Santa Barbara County attorney who has fought for farmers and fossil fuels and led the "lock her up" chants in opposition to Hillary Clinton was appointed by the Trump administration Friday to head the Environmental Protection Agency's Pacific Southwest office in San Francisco.

All Nations Annual Pow Wow at South High School

<http://strib.mn/2Kg8puV>

As sea ice melts, scientists are trying to see if penguins are eating enough NBC News
Polar bears aren't the only animals feeling the devastating effects of climate change. Emperor penguins are fast declining in population too, and a group of scientists is trying to find out if these tuxedoed birds are getting enough to eat. [Read the full story](#)

Madame Pele, Hawaii's Goddess of Volcanoes, Awes Those Living in Lava's Path

By SIMON ROMERO and TAMIR KALIFA

Expressing reverence for their deity, many living in Kilauea's shadow welcome its eruption — even when it destroys their home.

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Scholarships

Platt Family Scholarship Prize Essay Contest **\$1,500** **July 31, 2018**

This scholarship is awarded annually, with a new Abraham Lincoln related prompt each year. Applying students must be full-time undergraduate students in an American college or university during the spring semester. Entries must be between 1,500 and 5,000 words. This year's topic: "Several American presidents, including ideological opposites George W. Bush and Barack Obama, have stated that they have either admired or sought inspiration from the life and times of Abraham Lincoln. What is it about Lincoln that appeals to a wide range of political leaders?"

What lessons from Lincoln's presidency might be useful to our new president?" For more information or to apply, please visit the scholarship provider's website.

The Horror Writers Association (HWA) Scholarship \$2,500 August 01, 2018

The Horror Writers Association (HWA) offers the Horror Writers Association Scholarship to assist in the professional development of our members as horror writers. The scholarship is open to all applicants; membership in HWA is not a requirement. Submissions must pertain to the horror genre. For more information or to apply, please visit the scholarship provider's website.

AFSA Second Chance Scholarship Contest \$1,000 August 31, 2018

The Second Chance College Scholarships Contest is open to citizens and aliens legally residing in the USA with High School Diploma, GED or equivalent. Scholarship funds are payable to the winner's college/university or certified trade school in the United States; winner must enroll or already be enrolled for Spring session of next year. Winner selection is NOT based on financial need, GPA or demographic criteria. Relatives of AFSA staff or NATIONAL board members may not enter. Past winners of AFSA's High School Senior Scholarship Contest or AFSA's Second Chance College Scholarships Contest are not eligible to win this contest. For more information or to apply, please visit the scholarship provider's website.

Furman University Furman Scholars Program \$20,000 June 01, 2018

The Furman Scholars program seeks to honor high school juniors who exhibit strong academic potential, demonstrate leadership potential, and show significant involvement in extracurricular activities and community service. High school guidance counselors nominate current juniors to participate in the program. Students selected as Furman Scholars are eligible to receive at least \$7,500 in scholarships upon acceptance into Furman University.

Nominees must be juniors who meet all of the following criteria:

A genuine interest in an education in the liberal arts and sciences with a high school weighted grade-point average of 3.5 or higher. Significant involvement in extracurricular activities and community service with demonstrated leadership potential. At least a 1250 on the SAT or PSAT (critical reading and math only) or a 28 on the ACT or Aspire (excluding writing).

Contact: Scholarship Coordinator, 3300 Poinsett Highway, Greenville, SC 29613

furmanscholars@furman.edu 864-294-2000

Our First Amendment Freedoms Art & Essay Contest \$5,000 September 28, 2018

For over 200 years, the First Amendment has been the cornerstone of freedom in the United States. Commonly referred to as the "five freedoms," the First Amendment has helped people in the U.S. exercise their rights to work for a more free and just society and impacts every aspect of our lives. ADL and Greenberg Traurig, LLP, in partnership with NIE Chicago Tribune, announce Our First Amendment Freedoms Art & Essay Contest for grades 6 – 11. Students submit an essay or create a work of art that best addresses the following assignment: "Using a personal example or experience, describe or portray how one or more of the five freedoms in the First Amendment affects your daily life."

First Place winners in each grade category will receive college scholarships for \$5,000. Second

Place winners will receive \$1,000. As a part of the contest, teachers are invited to use ADL's completely free curriculum guides on the First Amendment! For more information or to apply, please visit the scholarship provider's website.

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May 7, 2018 - It will be up
to the tribe and IVGID to
work with *Washoe County*

to resolve the ... In 1965, the district expanded beyond water and sewer by adding recreation to its ... The bills often pair *economic development* goals with environmental preservation ... The IVGID *board* approved a resolution of support on Dec.....

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Mark “Cub”Johnson

Born July 6, 1962

Headed home on May 20, 2018

Services

May 26, 2018 11:00 am

Ross Burke & Knobel

2155 Kietzke Lane Reno, Nevada

Family & close friends viewing 9:00 -11:00 am

Services immediately after viewing

Burial in Hungry Valley Cemetery

Dinner to follow at the Hungry Valley gym

Son of Brady Johnson Sr. & Vera Tobey Johnson

Brothers: Steve, AJ, Craig

Sisters: Linda J. Comas, Angelea J. Kizer