

2018 seemed to be the year that climate change really hit home, with powerful storms, devastating wildfires, and this fall's back-to-back releases of blockbuster reports (the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change's report on limiting warming to 1.5° Celsius and the U.S. Global Change Research Program's National Climate Assessment). Beyond climate, other sustainability challenges also seemed to gain greater prominence this year, including the prodigious amount of plastic pollution in the oceans.

Despair, however, does not spur progress, and [Green Light](#) spent the year working to help non-profit organizations, philanthropies, and others advance progress. With research, analysis, writing, and strategic advisory services, [Green Light](#) worked on a range of projects in 2018, including:

- Serving as rapporteur and producing public reports for four Aspen Institute **energy dialogues**: the [Clean Energy Innovation Roundtable](#); the [Forum on Global Energy, Economy and Security](#); [Aspen Energy Week](#); and the Energy Governance Forum. In addition, Green Light advised the Institute on its upcoming roundtables on **deep decarbonization** and drafted a book chapter on **agriculture and sustainability**.
- Completing an **evaluation** of the effectiveness of the Pew Charitable Trusts' Clean Energy Program (*with Jim Wolf*).
- Co-authoring an [article](#) for Climate Law & Policy Project on how **pricing carbon** and using some of the revenues to provide strategic subsidies could achieve deeper, faster emissions cuts than a carbon price alone. In addition, Green Light helped CLPP **strategize about potential climate policies** in Maryland.
- Preparing a report for the Smart Electric Power Alliance as a capstone to its [51<sup>st</sup> State Initiative](#), conveying the key learnings and frameworks that emerged from four years of collaborative discussions on **the future of the electric power sector**.
- Helping Holly Kaufman of Environment & Enterprise Strategies produce a [report](#) and slide deck on **marine plastic pollution** for presentation to the InterAction Council plenary meeting in Beijing.
- Preparing a report for the Edwards Mother Earth Foundation on the quantitative and qualitative results of its soon-to-be-concluded **state-level energy efficiency** granting program (*with David Gardiner & Associates*).
- Providing research and writing support to the National Governors Association Center for Best Practices on an **energy innovation policy roadmap** for states.
- Editing a Clean Air Task Force white paper laying out a framework for evaluating federal **zero-carbon innovation policy**.
- Capturing key insights from several expert gatherings, including one held by the Pennsylvania Environmental Council on **grid modernization's** role in achieving deep carbon reductions and one held by the Coefficient Group on decision-useful **climate risk disclosure**.

As climate change and other sustainability challenges grow more serious, work to make progress will grow ever more important. If [Green Light](#) can be of service in your efforts, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

With best wishes for the new year,



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