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Nolan

So, after watching the documentary on the Hudson Riverkeepers, there is much to say. Please, let's make a long written discussion on the video.

I saw the amazing power that results from both governmental and citizen action. Without the government, the people could never have made as much change on the Hudson. The gov provided laws and financial punishments to those that broke the laws. The citizens provided enforcement. They were out there, on the river, fishing every day. They saw the effects of the polluters and were affected by it. The citizens used the power of the government to make change.

It's good to see that there are concerned citizens out there. They have made a difference. They said that there are now 23 riverkeeper groups in the US, and they are growing. I see the River Stewards as a type of riverkeeper group. Should we research Ohio laws and see where those laws are being broken?

"the right of the individual to have a clean waterway, to have that inheritance, to have access to it, and have free use of it" "it's called the public trust...held in trust for the next generation" "we have an absolute right [as citizens] to defend the law"

Power of the people.

"Being part of the community is painful because you have to understand what your actions are doing to others"

It was interesting to see all of the power plants too. How many plants border the Ohio River? Many, many. What are some new innovations that have helped to reduce the number of fish killed in intake lines? How intensely have the outflow waters been studied? Warm water=less oxygen=fewer plants and fish.