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**CHEERS FOR WINONA COUNTY, MN!!
THE INFORMATION BELOW SHOULD GIVE ALL
OF YOU HOPE FOR YOUR EFFORTS ACHIEVED
IN WORKING ON BANS AND OTHER
STRATEGIES APPROPRIATE TO YOUR TOWN
OR COUNTY OR STATE USING LEGAL
METHODS! I HOPE YOU WILL READ THE FINAL
COURT DECISION MADE ON BEHALF OF THE
PEOPLE! JOHANNA HAS DONE A REMARKABLE
JOB ALONG WITH MN ATTORNEYS WHO KNOW
WHAT THEY ARE DOING! THANKS TO THE
LAND STEWARDSHIP PROJECT!**

**WE HAVE ALL COME A LONG WAY IN
LEARNING MORE ABOUT DEFENDING OUR
RIGHTS USING THE LAWS IN PLACE!**

Below you will find a message from Johanna Rupprecht from the Land Stewardship Project in MN:

"I wanted to make sure you see this big news from Winona County: the frac sand interests' attempt to take away our ban in court has been dismissed! <http://landstewardshipproject.org/posts/1018>. Please feel free to share with your network!

**Thanks,
Johanna**

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**LSP Statement on Court Ruling
to Uphold the Winona County
Frac Sand Ban
November 18, 2017**

On Nov. 17, Minnesota District Court Judge Mary Leahy dismissed with prejudice pro-frac sand interests' claims in their attempt to undo the [Winona County, Minn., frac sand ban](#). The judge ruled that the county acted fully within its authority in passing this ordinance to protect public health, safety and general welfare from industrial mining operations.

This ruling confirms that in passing the ban, the Winona County Board was acting precisely as government should. Elected officials listened to the will of the public, who called for this corporate exploitation to be prevented, and then acted decisively to protect the common good for both people and the land. The hills, bluffs, farms and waters of Winona County are safe from industrial frac sand mining, thanks to the bold leadership of the people who love them.

This lawsuit, brought by two of the largest law firms in Minnesota, was yet another corporate attack on democracy. But this victory is further proof that organized people acting on our values can prevail against corporate power, and can protect the land and our communities' health, safety and quality of life from destruction for the sake of profits.

The ruling is [available here](#)."

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Welcome to the Frac Sand Sentinel, a newsletter highlighting resource links, news media accounts, blog posts, correspondence, observations and opinions gathered regarding local actions on, and impacts of, the developing frac sand mining and processing industries.

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