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Byron Kennard is a long time advocate of both the environment and small business.

Working as a community organizer for the Conservation Foundation in the late 1960s, Kennard helped lay groundwork for the environmental movement and the subsequent explosion of grassroots action on Earth Day in 1970. For this work, Kennard was later awarded the Leadership Medal of the United Nations Environment Program for "distinguished contribution to the cause of the environment."

Mr. Kennard also served as National Vice Chair of Sun Day, 1978; National Chair of Earth Day 1980, the tenth anniversary celebration of Earth Day; and as Special Consultant to the EPA Administrator for Earth Day 1990.

In the 1970s, Kennard collaborated closely with the late E. F. Schumacher, author of *Small Is Beautiful*, to realize the book's vision of small-scale enterprise as a principal protector and restorer of the environment.

Years later in the 1990s, Kennard observed that the revolution in communications technology vastly strengthened and expanded the capacity of small-scale enterprises to achieve efficiencies and to produce environmentally benign innovations. In the Information Age, small is more beautiful than ever! To exploit this new and huge potential for environmental good, Kennard founded the Center for Small Business and the Environment (CSBE) in 1998.

Under Mr. Kennard's direction, CSBE recently completed a broad-based assessment of the economic and environmental benefits of small green entrepreneurial businesses, the first such effort ever undertaken. Based on this effort, CSBE will soon publish *Small Wonders*, a report that examines this widespread phenomenon as a whole. The report describes scores of innovative business models, technologies, and programs that small business owners can use to solve energy problems profitably through dramatically increased efficiency and use of small-scale renewable energy technologies.

Byron is the author of *Nothing Can Be Done, Everything Is Possible*, a book of essays on social change. He is a guest columnist for GreenBiz.com, Fortune Small Business.com, Business Week.com and other outlets. He is a graduate of Ohio State University.

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Tom FitzGerald

Tom FitzGerald has been Director of the Kentucky Resources Council since 1984. KRC is a non-profit environmental advocacy organization providing free legal, strategic and policy assistance to individuals, organizations and communities concerning environmental quality and resource extraction issues. From 1980 until 1984, "Fitz" was a staff attorney and environmental specialist with the Appalachian Research and Defense Fund of Kentucky's Lexington office.

Fitz received his Juris Doctor from the UK College of Law in 1980 (Order of the Coif) and was a Reginald Heber Smith Community Lawyer Fellow from 1980-1982. He is an alumni of Roger Williams College, Bristol, Rhode Island with a B.A. in American Studies with distinction.

Fitz has held numerous appointments in the past 28 years; a member of the Kentucky Forest Products Council, (1994-1999), the Governor's Clean Air Act Task Force, (1993-Present), the Ky*A*Syst Advisory Committee (1993-Present); Clean Air Act Small Business Technical Advisory Committee, (1995-1999); on the Task Force on Surface Mine Bonding (1982-1984), the Task Force On Mining Primacy (1980-1982), the Task Force on Tar Sand Development (1982-1984); the Legislative Task Force on Waste Management (1988-1990), Board, Kentucky Center for Hazardous Waste Reduction, (1989-1994), member, Kentucky Coal Authority (1990-1992), the Solid Waste Reduction and Management Plan Advisory Committee, (1991-1994), the Container Deposit Task Force, (1998-1999), the Kentucky Environmental Education Council (2008-present), and the NRCS State Technical Committee (1996- Present).

Fitz has been an Adjunct Professor of Energy and Environmental law at the Brandeis School of Law since 1986, and has published a number of articles, including *The Ages Tragedy: Where Were The Regulators?*, a report of 1981 coal waste dam collapse in Harlan County, Kentucky, *The 1977 Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act—The Citizens "Ace In The Hole"* 8 No. Kentucky Law Review (1981) a primer on representation of the public in surface mining cases; *Federal Regulation of Coal Mine Waste Disposal: A Blueprint For Disaster*, an article on needed reform and interagency coordination in coal waste regulation, 1984 National Coal Issue, West Virginia Law Review; *Abuse of the Surface Mining Act: A Continuing Story*, a review of the abuse of the federal Surface Coal Mining and Reclamation Act of 1977, in the 1985 National Coal Issue, West Virginia Law Review; and *Representing the Citizen In Surface Mining Cases*, Chapter 115 of Volume 3 of the multi-volume treatise Kentucky Mineral Law.

He received the Environmental Quality Commission Lifetime Achievement Award in 2002; the Henry R. Heyburn Public Service Award, University of Kentucky College of Law in 2003, the Kentucky Nature Preserves Commission Biological Diversity Award in 2003, the inaugural Professional Achievement Award from the University of Kentucky College of Law Alumni Association in 2008, and the 14th Heinz Award in the Environment Category in 2008. He is married to a very patient woman, Jefferson County Family Court Chief Judge Patricia Walker FitzGerald, and has three sons, ages 23, 20 and 18.