Our Mission: To unite Coloradans living near current and proposed oil and gas operations and other concerned citizens to pass smarter policies that prioritize health, safety, and protection of our natural resources.

Founded by a group of impacted citizens and community groups working as a coordinated voice to help bring about proactive and pragmatic oil and gas policy solutions across Colorado. We do this by:

- Engaging and educating Coloradans by helping to organize in their neighborhoods;
- Cultivating leaders;
- And by bringing about oil and gas policies that prioritize public health, safety, and protect our natural resources.

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We have seen how Colorado neighborhoods are bearing the risks and burdens of nearby oil and gas development too many times this year. LOGIC is ensuring that Coloradans living with oil and gas development have a voice when it comes to fighting neighborhood drilling and bringing about policies that prioritize health, safety, and the environment at the local, state and federal levels.

As 2017 flies by, LOGIC is telling the story of living next to a large-scale oil and gas site. LOGIC has helped Colorado residents facing neighborhood-drilling projects in Boulder County, Broomfield, and Adams County to fight and have a say on those proposals. And LOGIC served as the only organization advocating on behalf of Coloradans living near current and proposed oil and gas sites during the 2017 Legislative Session at the Capitol this year. LOGIC is making sure that the voices of impacted Coloradans are at the forefront of the discussion on oil and gas, and we are beginning to change the conversation on oil and gas.

I am thankful for the privilege of working with these knowledgeable Coloradans, who are changing the conversation on oil and gas in this state. I hope their stories in the following pages will inspire you as they have inspired me, and I hope you will continue to support our efforts in the year ahead.

Thank you for all you do,

Sara Loflin

In the News:

**Talking school setbacks:** In March, LOGIC initiated and coordinated a media tour with state representatives and impacted citizens around legislation to require operators to site well pads at least 1,000 feet from a school property line.


**Protecting private property rights:** In April, we helped to raise to voices of Colorado mineral owners whose oil and gas rights are being forcibly developed by oil and gas operators.


**Pushing for basic information to protect public safety:** The tragedy in Firestone sparked a statewide conversation about oil and gas safety. LOGIC is pushing at the State and local governments to take action.


**Advocating for health and safety first:** LOGIC led the way in building grass roots as well as local and state level support for the *Martinez v. COGCC* appeals Court ruling.

Supporting Colorado Neighborhoods:

Broomfield

Broomfield residents are facing proposals for up to 160 new wells across the city’s northern boundary. Residents there have spent the last year working to protect their community, and LOGIC has supported their efforts from the beginning.

From resident participation in a local task force with their city to meeting with members of the Colorado Department of Natural Resources and the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission, these neighbors have fought tirelessly to keep their neighborhoods from becoming industrial zones.

In June, nine Broomfield residents filed a ballot measure that would require their city to put health, safety, and the environment first when it comes to oil and gas development. If they qualify the measure with petition signatures, the effort will be on the November 2017 ballot. LOGIC continues to support these neighbors and help raise their voices at the local and state level.

Triple Creek, Greeley

When the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission (COGCC) approved the permits for Triple Creek, LOGIC continued to support the Neighbors Affected by Triple Creek in their lawsuit against the COGCC for failing to require best management practices. LOGIC has continued to support and work with residents to share their story with legislators and other impacted Coloradans.

In June, LOGIC launched “Live From Triple Creek” after collaborating with groups like EarthWorks and Living with Oil and Gas (a Project of the Western Organization of Resource Councils). Our goal was to document the experience of living within 1,000 feet of this large, industrial oil and gas site. The project provides real time video footage of living next to an oil and gas site.

Boulder County

Earlier this year, Creststone announced that it was applying to start a comprehensive drilling plan (CDP) for 216 new wells in Boulder County. Residents in the drilling plan area are coming together to ensure that these sites are either stopped or keep large-scale rigs away from their homes, and LOGIC is helping to make that happen. Residents are also working to make sure that the COGCC works with Boulder County to require Best Management Practices for any new sites.

In June, LOGIC helped these residents to host a community meeting in Longmont with local residents, attorney Matt Sura, and with Boulder County. We will continue to support these residents of the CDP area throughout the process.

Adams County

In Adams County, residents have been pushing since January to ensure stronger regulations and that the public has a chance to weigh in on the proposed IVEY oil and gas site. The IVEY site would bring as many as 52 wells to a site surrounded by neighborhoods and schools. The Adams County Commissioners have since committed to a public hearing.

LOGIC continues to work with Adams County and Thornton residents to push for continued updates to the Adams County and Thornton oil and gas regulations. The tragedy in Firestone has brought about a stronger sense of urgency in these communities, and both local governments will be updating their regulations over this summer.

For more information on communities taking action on oil and gas check out http://www.coloradologic.org/neighborhoods/.
Legislative Wrap Up

This year, LOGIC ensured that citizen voices were loud and clear at the state legislature. LOGIC is the only organization lobbying on behalf of impacted citizens at the state legislature. In the 2017 legislative session, we worked on behalf of citizens to more clearly define setbacks from schools, protect the private property rights of mineral owners, and bring statewide about pipeline mapping.

LOGIC proactively supported three pieces of legislation this year:

**HB1256 – School Setbacks** (Sponsors: Rep. Mike Foote, Sens. Matt Jones and Irene Aguilar)

This legislation would have clarified that new oil and gas facilities be sited at least 1,000 feet from a school property line – protecting modular classrooms, playgrounds, and athletic fields. The bill passed the House and died on a party-line vote in the Senate Committee. More than 85 people turned out to testify on behalf of the bill for the House Health, Insurance, and Environment Committee. More than 65 people turned out to testify on behalf of the bill for the Senate Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Energy Committee. LOGIC worked to organize a press tour and was the leader on building statewide support from impacted Coloradans.

**HB1336 – Forced Pooling** (Sponsors: Reps. Mike Foote and Dave Young, Sens. Matt Jones and Irene Aguilar)

As introduced, HB1336 would have required that oil and gas operators obtain at least 51% of the mineral rights to a half mile or square mile drilling unit. It required that operators provide at least 90 days notice to the mineral owners, and that the COGCC track the number of interests being pooled. Presently an operator is only required to obtain the rights to one royalty interest (regardless of the size) in order to “force pool” or “compulsory” pool every other royalty interest owner in a unit. Furthermore, they are only required to give owners 30 days notice before pooling their mineral rights, and the COGCC does not track the number of interests pooled. LOGIC worked with mineral owners from Broomfield to Windsor on crafting this legislation and engaging more than 30 impacted citizens to turn out for the House hearing and for the Senate hearing. The legislation died on a party-line vote in the Senate State, Veterans, and Military Affairs Committee.

**HB1372 – Pipelines Mapping** (Sponsors: Reps. Mike Foote and Steve Lebsock)

Following the home explosion in Firestone that took the lives of two residents, Representatives Mike Foote and Steve Lebsock ran legislation that would require oil and gas operators to disclose their pipelines and share their development plans with local governments. This common-sense legislation would have afforded local governments to implement setback requirements for new housing development from pipelines and existing wells. Additionally, the legislation would have provided local governments and housing developers with the ability to test existing pipelines to avoid future tragedies. LOGIC supported this late legislation and turned out impacted citizens and residents to testify in favor of the bill in the House State, Veterans, and Military Affairs Committee. On account of partisan gamesmanship, the bill was allowed to die in the State House.

LOGIC made sure that impacted Coloradans were heard at the State Capitol this year. Impacted and concerned citizens testified over 200 times before legislative committees. From hosting lobby days and receptions to press tours, impacted citizens weighed in directly with legislators. In June, these Coloradans participated in our Citizen’s Policy Summit where they began working with legislators on legislation for next year.
Will you become a LOGIC member today?
LOGIC is working to ensure that the voices of impacted Coloradans are heard when it comes to oil and gas policies. We seek to engage and educate Coloradans and to foster a new conversation around the issue of oil and gas development. LOGIC seeks to:

• Provide access to information needed to enable communities to help policy makers make sound decisions regarding oil and gas development in Colorado.
• Assist community groups and help cultivate new leaders to participate in policy-making processes.
• Bring local groups and individuals together to advocate for energy development policies, regulations, and practices that prioritize public health, safety, and natural resources for Colorado residents.

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