

## What does it mean to be a BREDL Chapter?

If you can imagine a diagram with a circle in the middle (That would be the BREDL Central organization, staff etc.) with many interconnected circles around it (our Chapters) - this is our organizational structure. Each Chapter is connected to BREDL through membership of each person who is a chapter member, activism and advocacy and issue work. All are autonomous, but cannot participate in political campaigns or endorse candidates. For their \$20.00 a year, they get staff time, technical assistance, media assistance, campaign and strategy planning, incorporation and non-profit status, and more.

Each Chapter has a representative who sits on our Board; in fact, our Board is completely made up of the member groups of BREDL. They decide if we will accept a Chapter, move forward on an administrative or legal challenge, and are responsible for other important decisions. At our quarterly Board meetings, each group has time to share stories and get support and strength from all in attendance because they either have been or are currently working on an issue. BREDL not only can assist in you in organizing against a big nasty; we can help you to build an organization that can be ready to face what comes next, and envision what you want your community to look like in the future.