DISCOVERING KENTUCKY

Earle C. Clements Fellowship

The Earle C. Clements Fellowship is named after former Kentucky Governor and U.S. Senator Earle C. Clements in recognition of his service and many contributions to the Commonwealth of Kentucky and the nation.

Public Policy Archives

The University of Kentucky Public Policy Archives preserves the history of Kentucky politics and government. The University of Kentucky Libraries has built one of the finest and most thorough bipartisan collections for public policy research in the United States.

During his career in public service, Clements was an advocate for improved education, better roads, and economic development. He is considered one of the most successful and visionary governors in Kentucky history.

These collections total over 7,000 cubic feet of unique letters, photographs, speeches, sound recordings, film, and memorabilia. They have been utilized by scores of undergraduate students, graduate students, and faculty members, as well as nationally recognized authors and historians.
Founded in 1976 to unite landowners in Northeastern and Eastern Kentucky on policy issues pertaining to water resources and oil-shale strip mining.

Their goal was to protect landowners and rural communities from proliferating dams promoted by the Army Corps of Engineers.
Many recognize the group as anti-dam, however they were supportive of economically feasible dams that did not displace landowners.

In its modern iteration, it is known as the Kentucky Resources Council and covers the entire state on a wide range of issues – these include:

- Surface and Underground Coal Mining
- Air Quality
- Forestry
- Water Quality
- Waste Management
- Transportation
- Radioactive Wastes
- Zoning and Planning
- Oil and Gas Water Resources
- Utility Regulation
- Energy
Kentuckians for the Commonwealth

Founded in 1981 by a group of citizens who were astounded on the lack of taxes upon companies who own coal property, originally known as the Kentucky Fair Tax Coalition

Their goal was to reform Kentucky tax and property laws, specifically those concerning coal producing properties owned by out of state companies and individuals
Created various charters across the state to educate citizens on how to lobby for protections concerning mining, drinking water, and waste incinerators as well as how to navigate the political sphere.

Significant actions of the organization include testifying and fighting against mountaintop removal actions by coal mining companies, enforcement of mining and water protection laws, tax reform, and voter empowerment/Restoration of Voting Rights Campaign.