

Acres of Clams is a new, [free film](#), documenting the New England-based [Clamshell Alliance](#) which inspired the national anti-nuclear movement in the 1970s. The Clamshell [experience](#), which drew on the wisdom of generations of struggles, offers important insights into our current day organizing and resistance work.

Acres of Clams brilliantly captures how a grassroots nonviolent direct action movement took on and defeated a multi-billion-dollar industry backed by state and federal governments. It is a story that's not so much about nuclear dangers as about the human face of massive, effective collective resistance, in our region. A longer article about the film is [here](#).

The film highlights the incredible New England-wide strategic planning that brought 2,000 civil disobedience occupiers to the Seabrook, NH, nuclear reactor construction site in 1977. Arrested, the state jailed them all together in National Guard Armories for two weeks. A fortuitous organizing opportunity! Massachusetts was integral to the Clamshell Alliance and we are well-represented in the film.

Clamshell's power came from our:

- decentralized structure,
- direct action affinity groups,
- nonviolent discipline,
- collective decision making,
- our culture of caring,
- respect for all allies and opponents,
- and exuberant singing and dancing!

Eric Wolfe made this film using archival footage and recent interviews with Clamshell organizers. His intent is to inspire creativity and discussions among those organizing today on all fronts. He is sharing it widely so that activists can arrange public showings in cinemas, libraries, house parties. A high-resolution version is available for showings in theaters and other large venues. Email info@clamshellalliance.com.

There has been a resurgence in the nuclear power industry. A group of seasoned Clams are resisting, both online and in person, working with our [allies](#) across the country in response to rapidly changing circumstances. The Clam meets monthly over zoom, and has a newsletter. You can [contact](#) us here.



Clamshell Alliance members from Boston