April Action Update

350 Madison Becomes 350 Wisconsin, Earth Day Fundraiser, March Forth to Earth Day, Pizza for the Planet, #RejectLine5, EPA’s Letter to Army Corps, Chase Campaign’s Moment of Truth, Who is Funding Climate Chaos?, #StopLine3, the Riot Bill, IPCC & WICCI Reports, Volunteer and Internship Opportunities, and Upcoming 350 Madison Meetings

Big News: 350 Madison Will Soon Be 350 Wisconsin!

We’re so excited to share that “350 Madison” is becoming “350 Wisconsin”! This change will become effective later this month as we celebrate Earth Day. In part, this reflects that we are already doing state-wide work, which ranges from addressing ongoing tar sands oil pipeline expansion up north, to influencing state-level energy and climate policies. We also anticipate that this will allow us over the next several years to engage more individuals and communities around the state in 350 activities and support. There are many opportunities in Wisconsin for taking action on climate change. We want to help build, and be a part of, this momentum. This shift to a state-wide focus also reflects similar 350 efforts around the country.

- John Greenler, Executive Director

Invest in Climate Action for Earth Day!
This is a big year for our nonprofit, as we celebrate 10 Years AND become 350 Wisconsin! Your passion, commitment and support are the reason for this extraordinary growth, and we are so grateful! In honor of Earth Day, please consider being one of the first to contribute to 350 Wisconsin, either via a one-time or recurring donation. As a monthly donor, you can provide us with the resources needed to manage long-term campaigns and ramp up quickly when opportunities arise. You will enable us to strategically expand and innovate. And, whatever your monthly gift, it will support steady, strong action to combat the climate crisis.

With your support, 2022 will be our most impactful year yet with more staff, strong campaigns, training and volunteer opportunities, effective advocacy, partnerships and many creative actions. We are excited about what we can accomplish together, working for climate justice and a livable future!

Show up! Library Mall, 5 PM on April 22, Earth Day!

We’ve got something special planned for Earth Day, something you are NOT going to want to miss.

350 Madison is part of the March Forth to Earth Day Project, with climate justice actions across Wisconsin over eight consecutive Fridays. Here in Madison we meet at Library Mall at 5 PM every Friday, with student environmental
groups and the 350 Art Collective leading the way. Please come!

The events on Earth Day itself will be something to remember...with a smile! We will be offering an event that moves from Library Mall to the Capitol, with a spirit of celebration of the Earth combined with a spirit of joyous rebellion against all things that keep us from living more rightly on this planet.

A team of videographers will be getting what we need to put together an inspiring video. So, we need lots of 350 folks!

Want to help out, or just learn more? Contact Russ Bennett (bennett.russ@gmail.com), or Dianne Brakarsh (movingfromwithin@gmail.com).

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**Save the Date: Pizza for the Planet**

We’re excited to team up with Ian’s Pizza--Garver for our second “Pizza for the Planet” fundraiser. On **Wednesday, May 4th, 5-9pm**, you can order up some of the best pizza in town and support climate action at the same time! Mark your calendar and share the word with friends and family - the more people who participate, the higher the percentage of funds we receive! Ian’s is happy to take pre-orders for curbside pickup, or you can enjoy your pie on Garver’s lovely terrace with fellow activists. Ian’s will also deliver to Madison’s east side and Monona. Be sure to mention 350 Wisconsin when you place your order!
Easy and Fun Ways to #RejectLine5

1. **Submit your comment to the DNR by April 15** if you have not already done so! Go to [tinyurl.com/TakeActionOnLine5](http://tinyurl.com/TakeActionOnLine5), and find the materials you need to compose and submit a comment. The deadline is 11:59 p.m. on Friday, April 15. 10,000 people have commented already, but we can raise that even higher!

2. **Set a goal of getting 1, 2, or 3 others to make comments.** Call, email, message or visit them, and pull up [tinyurl.com/TakeActionOnLine5](http://tinyurl.com/TakeActionOnLine5) on your phone so that they can make a comment.

3. **Help us get postcards written, signed and mailed to the DNR.** Volunteer for a 2-person shift at a table outside Willy St. Coop. If you live outside of Madison, we can mail you the postcards, flyers, and a poster to use at a popular place or event near you. Take the initiative! You’ll meet some great new people.

4. **Attend the Friday events of the March Forth to Earth Day coalition,** at 5 p.m. on Library Mall at the UW every Friday through April 22. You can help get passersby to write and sign a postcard through April 15.

For more information or to volunteer, contact [phyllis.hasbrouck@350Madison.org](mailto:phyllis.hasbrouck@350Madison.org).

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**EPA Warns Army Corps: Enbridge Plan is Dangerous!**
On March 16, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) sent a letter to the Army Corps of Engineers regarding Enbridge’s proposal to build a new segment of Line 5 in northern WI.

- According to the EPA, Enbridge’s plan "may result in substantial and unacceptable adverse impacts to the Bad River and the Kakagon-Bad River Sloughs wetland complex...."
- The sloughs contain "...the largest natural wild rice bed on the Great Lakes."
- They support "...migratory runs of trout and salmon species," plus "Muskellunge, Northern Pike, Rock Bass, Pumpkinseeds, Bullheads, Black Crappies, Smallmouth Bass and Yellow Perch."

- **What could possibly go wrong?** "EPA has concerns that the introduction of excess sediment, fuels, lubricants, and drilling fluids associated with the 72 federally jurisdictional waterbody crossings... could enter the Bad River and Kakagon-Bad River Sloughs through the connected tributary streams, and may permanently and negatively impact water quality, aquatic life, and native habitat."

Thank you to all who wrote comments to the Corps before the March 22 deadline. We must protect the Kakagon Sloughs, Copper Falls State Park, Lake Superior and the Apostle Islands!

Contact phyllis.hasbrouck@350Madison.org to volunteer.
Chase Campaign Reaches Moment of Truth

Four years ago, 350 Madison got involved with a campaign demanding that Jamie Dimon, CEO of JP Morgan Chase, cut ties between his bank and the tar sands oil industry.

It was a sensible choice. Chase was already an established lender to Enbridge, spiller of tar sands oil throughout Wisconsin’s waterways. And the company has plenty of branch offices in Madison. In terms of Chase campaigning, we are a target-rich-environment.

While Chase has been the worst of the worst when it comes to banks that finance climate chaos, the rest of Wall Street is far from blameless. Protests against Wells Fargo, Citibank, and other fossil fuel funders have been growing since 2018. Enter Wall Street’s Moment of Truth: People or Fossil Fuels, a big tent effort that focuses all this action towards a single demand: banks must pass policies prohibiting financing for projects that expand fossil fuels (also known as No Expansion policies.)

Take Action for No Expansion

Who is Funding the Climate Crisis?

The worst offenders aren’t exactly advertising the fact that they are laying waste to the planet. In fact, many of them are furiously covering up their crimes against the climate with various shades of green, as in green
washing. Exposing this public relations deception would be a much harder task without *Banking on Climate Chaos*, a report published every year by the Rainforest Action Network (RAN) and allied organizations.

RAN’s research provides the factual muscle for campaigns like *Wall Street’s Moment of Truth: People or Fossil Fuels*. You can find the latest version at [bankingonclimatechaos.org](http://bankingonclimatechaos.org)

We've Been Warned...

Many 350 Madison Members contributed to the fight to stop Enbridge's Line 3 Replacement Project through northern Minnesota. And now many of the Minnesota activists are returning the favor, helping to warn the people of Wisconsin about what could happen to our rivers, lakes, wetlands and groundwater. The MN Department of Natural Resources (MN DNR) has been investigating the damage done to Minnesota’s environment, and keeps finding new, alarming, and outrageous ecological devastation.

Have you seen [what Enbridge did to Northern Minnesota](https://www.350madison.org/news/2019/09/25/what-enbridge-did-to-northern-minnesota) while ramming through the unwanted Line 3 Replacement pipeline?

- 3 aquifer breaches that meant the loss of at least 287 million gallons of groundwater during a drought. The Clearwater breach gushed around 100,000 gallons per day for a year, and the Fondulac breach is still leaking 6 gallons a minute.
- 28 frac-outs, “inadvertent releases of drilling mud” plus whatever noxious
chemicals (trade secrets) were being used to drill under rivers and wetlands.

- A militarized police force paid with Enbridge money, arresting and sometimes abusing over 1000 people trying to defend their waters.

Feeling climate despair? Join our Tar Sands Team and let activism lift your spirits!

Contact phyllis.hasbrouck@350Madison.org to find a niche on the Tar Sands Team.

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**Thank you Governor Evers for Vetoing the Riot Bill!**

On March 31, Gov. Tony Evers vetoed the dangerous "Riot Bill" (SB 296 & AB 279) that could have sent peaceful water protectors to prison for "rioting". 350 Madison was part of a loose coalition of advocacy groups that organized to let the Wisconsin Legislature and Gov. Evers know what an anti-democratic bill this was. The bill passed both houses of the Legislature on strict party lines, with Republicans in favor and Democrats opposing. This bill is part of a national push to harshly punish people who are peacefully protesting, one of the basic values of the United States. You can read more at https://www.icnl.org/usprotestlawtracker/. Thank you to all who contacted the Governor to express your opposition to this bill.

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**TLDR on the Latest IPCC & WICCI Climate Reports: Get the**
Those of you reading this almost assuredly know that living today as if we have no need to confront the climate crisis threatens ourselves and our descendants. We know we need to drastically limit greenhouse gas emissions, fossil fuel combustion, and other disruptions we humans inflict on the environment.

Yet this critical time is also filled with promise, potential, and power. All of us can fulfill that promise, express that potential, and harness that power by working together to, in the words of 350 Wisconsin’s new mission statement, “...change hearts and minds, laws and policies, and humanity’s massive systems to make transformational progress toward environmental justice and solving the climate crisis by 2030.”

Two major reports released in February 2022 clearly substantiate the climate crisis’ challenges with thorough, peer-reviewed scientific evidence and analysis:

- **The United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change [IPCC] Assessment Report 6 Working Group II Climate Change 2022: Impacts, Adaptation and Vulnerability** (3,675 pages)
- **The Wisconsin Initiative on Climate Change Impacts [WICCI] 2021 Assessment Report: Wisconsin’s Changing Climate: Impacts and Solutions for a Warmer Climate** (100 pages)
Key Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities

As always, we have lots to do for those who want to get more involved. Below are a few of our more pressing volunteer needs this month.

Phone Bankers for Line 5 Comments

The comment deadline for the DNR regarding Line 5 has been extended and we need more people willing to hit the phones and encourage people to submit comments against this pipeline. We do it as a group and it is a fun and fulfilling way to spend an evening. The folks we talk with all have some interest in the subject, but perhaps didn't know that action needed to be taken. Help us mobilize them!

Photographers and Videographers

Our Art Collective is always up to creative and exciting projects and we want more people to know about them! The more photographers and videographers we have to immortalize and spread the joyful work being done, the better.

If you are interested in either of these opportunities, contact our volunteer coordinator at nikki.darga@350madison.org.

Internship Opportunities

350 Madison has a variety of internships year-round! Our internships are generally 10 hours a week with a stipend. We have interns work with us throughout the year. We have opportunities with our Community Climate Solutions Team and Tar Sands Team, as well as
a joint position with our Fundraising and Communications Teams.

Please send a resume and cover letter to our volunteer coordinator at nikki.darga@350madison.org or simply email her if you have further questions about the positions.

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**Upcoming Meetings**

It's easy to get involved - just join one of our teams listed below! Reach out to any one of the contacts to request a zoom link to any of our upcoming meetings.

- **Art Collective**: April 14, 7:15 pm | Contact: Russ Bennett bennett.russ@gmail.com; Dianne Brakarsh movingfromwithin@gmail.com
- **Climate Justice**: April 11, 7:00–8:30 pm | Contact: Marian Fredal Fredal marian.fredal@350madison.org
- **Community Climate Solutions**: April 21, 5-6 pm | Contact: Susan Millar Susan.Millar@350madison.org; Kermit Hovey, Kermit.Hovey@350madison.org; Julia DePalma juliadepalma1@gmail.com (For a complete schedule of various team meetings of CCST, click here.)
- **Communication Action**: April 18, 6:30-8:00 pm | Contact Emily.Park@350madison.org
- **Divest & Defund**: April 24, 7-8:30 pm | Contact divest.defund@350madison.org
- **Fundraising**: April 20, 7-8 pm | Contact STEPHANIE.ROBINSON@350MADISON.ORG
- **Tar Sands**: May 2, 5:45–6:45 pm | Contact Phyllis Hasbrouck Phyllis.Hasbrouck@350madison.org
- **Monthly Meeting**: May 2, 7-8 pm | Contact Julia Isaacs Julia.Isaacs@350madison.org; Kelly Kearns Kelly.Kearns@350madison.org
- **State Policy**: April 6, 4-5:30 pm | Contact Gail Nordheim gail.nordheim@350madison.org