

# **August Action Update**

Pop-Up Art Exhibit & Demonstration, Enbridge Line 3, Madison's CO2 Goals, Critical Race Theory, Summer Fundraising, 350 Madison at the Ballpark, Line 5 Draft EIS, New 350 Madison Board Members, and Summer Interns

The Art Collective poses with their "Water is Life Banner."

Image Credit: Marilee Sushoreba

#### **Dance! Camera! Action!**

People attending the Dane County Farmers Market were surprised with an arts action by 350 Madison members on Saturday, July 17. A "Water is Life" banner (temporarily) blocked traffic while Dianne Brakarsh (350 Madison activist and professional choreographer) led 13 women in a dance to the song "Let the River Run" by Carly Simon. At the dance's conclusion, 12 people unfurled additional banners, raising them high above the crowd.

This dance was a collaboration between our Tar Sands Team, Divest and Defund Team, and Art Collective, and it called attention to our goals to pressure President Biden to shut down Line 3 and to force big banks to stop lending Enbridge billions of dollars. We collected and mailed a whopping 316 written and signed postcards to our targets! Contact Russ at <a href="mailto:bennett.russ@gmail.com">bennett.russ@gmail.com</a> if you want to be involved next time.

Watch a Video Recording of the Demonstration



Winona LaDuke and 6 elder women are arrested for protecting the waters.

Image Credit: Phyllis Hasbrouck for StopLine3.org

#### **Stop Line 3: Now is the Time!**

Enbridge is boring under 200 water bodies to create the new Line 3 - an oil pipeline which, if completed, will put our drinking water and climate targets at risk.

But there is much we can do: the movement to Stop Line 3 has been growing incredibly fast, putting an enormous amount of pressure on President Biden. We are arranging

transportation to Northern Minnesota - the site of numerous resistance camps and protest actions. Click the button below for more information!

Learn More

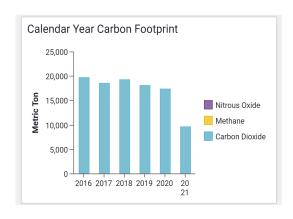


Image Credit: City of Madison website, July 2021

#### Madison's CO2 Goals: The Facts

The good news: Madison government has met its CO2 reduction goals for 2020! The bad news: it's next to impossible to find that out on their website. Luckily, we found a chart (shown here on the left) to save you time searching, reading, and clicking.

Of course, that is not the only bad news - the reduction came during a pandemic, a once in a lifetime crisis which decreased all sorts of emissions-producing activity. With "business as usual " resuming, we need to make sure that CO2 reductions were not a fluke and that progress continues.

Join the <u>Community Climate Solutions Team</u> to do that not just in Madison, but in other communities in Dane County. Click the button below to read the report that outlines the city's renewable energy goals!

Read the 100% Renewable Madison Report

# What's All This Talk About Critical Race Theory?

The basic premise of Critical Race Theory (CRT) is that race is a **social construct** and racism is not merely the product of individual bias or

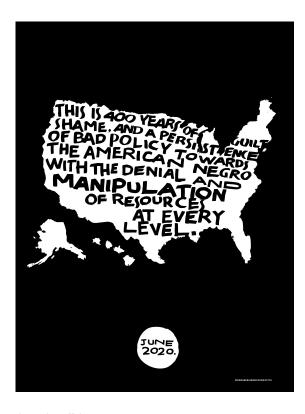


Image Credit: Rick Griffith

prejudice, but something embedded in legal systems and policies.

As of July 15, 26 states have introduced bills or taken other steps that would restrict teaching CRT or limit how teachers can discuss racism and sexism, according to an Education Week analysis. In Wisconsin, a series of Republican-backed bills were recently introduced in the Legislature to ban CRT in public schools, universities, and technical colleges.

CRT is a vital tool for addressing racial injustice. To oppose the WI ban on CRT, call or email the bill's lead sponsors:

- 1. Senator Andre Jacque: (608) 266-3512 or Sen.Jacque@legis.wisconsin.gov
- Representative Chuck Wichgers: (608)
  266-3363 or Rep.Wichgers@legis.wi.gov

You can also contact your own State Representative and ask them to oppose these bills. For a thorough discussion of what CRT teaches, click the button below.

More on Critical Race Theory

# **Summer Fundraising Campaign**

350 Madison's summer fundraising campaign is in full swing! Our campaign teams are working hard to build the broad coalitions and deep citizen engagement that will yield climate wins and push us toward strong climate policies at the local and state levels. But we can't do it without you - the struggle to move from our fossil fuel past to a just and green future is playing out right in your own backyard! With your help, we can protect our planet and our future. Please join us!

Get Involved Donate



# Upcoming Fundraising Event: 350 Madison Nights at the Ballpark

Join us for some summertime fun and socializing while helping to raise funds to support climate action. Check out the flier for details! Click <a href="here">here</a> to order your tickets through the 350 Madison portal. To select your seats and ticket option, zoom in on seating map Section 203.

**Dates**: Saturday, August 7th *or* Friday, August 13th

#### **Ticket options:**

- 1. Terrace seating -- \$22
- 2. Pregame party with unlimited buffet/soda -- \$32
- Pregame party with unlimited buffet/beer --\$37

For more information about what's included with the Pregame Party (even vegan burgers!), click <a href="here">here</a>.

See you there!



# **Line 5 Draft EIS Could Come at Any Time**

A year ago, Wisconsin's Department of Natural Resources (DNR) held a hearing on Enbridge's proposal to expand the Line 5 oil pipeline. Since then, the DNR has been researching the possible environmental impacts that our members and allies brought to their attention. This means that the agency could release its

Any rupture of Line 5 upstream of the Kakagon Sloughs would ruin the wild rice beds there and contaminate Lake Superior.

Image Credit: Jim Meeker/Ted Cline

draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) at any time.

Once the draft is released, the DNR will hold a Draft EIS Hearing, and we will need your help. An outpouring of public comments, opposition at the hearing, and creative public actions will show the Administration how unpopular the Line 5 expansion is.

To join the Tar Sands Team, please contact our Volunteer Coordinator at nikki.darga@350Madison.org.

#### **Meet Our New Board Members!**



# CJ Koepp

My name is CJ Koepp and I was born and raised in the Driftless Area where I developed a love for the natural world and was inspired to devote my life to environmentalism. This spring, I graduated from UW-Madison, where I studied Political Science and Environmental Studies and chaired the Wisconsin Student Climate Action Coalition. Currently, I'm interning for the Environmental Law & Policy Center, and next year, I hope to attend law school to become an environmental attorney.

Climate change is the defining issue of my generation and the need to take action is what led me to 350 Madison. I'm honored to have



# Josie Lathrop

My name is Josie Lathrop and I'm originally from Portage, Wisconsin. I have a B.S. in Rural Sociology from UW-Madison, and a J.D. from the University of Wisconsin Law School. While in law school, I focused my studies on environmental law. I worked in water policy for the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for many years, and currently work in lead abatement at the Wisconsin Department of Health Services.

I wanted to be on the 350 Madison Board of Directors because I am impressed with the organization's diverse areas of work and rapid growth. I am particularly interested in the

been elected to the Board of Directors, and am excited to work with such a fantastic group of activists. During my term, I'd like to increase our outreach to younger Madisonians, pressure the WFAA to divest from fossil fuels, and continue 350's efforts to combat the Line 3 pipeline and assist Indigenous water protectors on the frontlines.

organization's work on divestment and environmental justice issues.

#### **Meet Our Summer Interns!**



### Chiamaka Chukwu

My name is Chiamaka Chukwu. I was born and raised in Nigeria for about 11 years of my life, and now I live in Cleveland, Ohio. I am a rising Junior at Tufts University majoring in Community Health with a minor in Sociology and hopefully Spanish as well. I have always been interested in environmental justice and advocating for the voices of BIPOCs to be included in the Climate Justice movement. It has been such a pleasure thus far working and meeting new individuals within 350 Madison.

Chiamaka has worked with different teams, including Fundraising, but most recently, she has been involved with the Climate Justice team. She works on 350 Madison's website to amplify the intersection between racial and climate justice.



#### Madison Dobson

Hi! I'm Madison Dobson, a UW-Madison senior majoring in Political Science with certificates in European Studies and Environmental Studies. After my undergraduate degree, I plan to attend law school to become an environmental lawyer to help businesses, organizations, and governments create and enact concrete environmental reforms to turn our country and world into a more sustainable place.

Maddie is conducting research for the Greater Madison Area Climate Network, identifying how other climate networks around the country operate, and helping figure out technical programming issues.



# Eliza Kruszynski

I graduated from UW-Madison in 2020 majoring in political science and environmental science. Since then, I've been exploring career paths with stints at a local law firm, a D.C. environmental consulting group, and the WI Department of Natural Resources. Through it all, I've interned with the 350 Madison Alder Election/Engagement Team and I couldn't be more grateful for the connections I made here.

Eliza is continuing into this summer with her spring 2021 internship. During this time, she has led (!), not just supported, the Madison Community Working Group's Alder Engagement Team.



## Amelia Robinson

My name is Amelia Robinson and I'm a State Policy Intern at 350 Madison. I'll be a junior at Cornell University this fall, graduating in Spring 2023, and I'm majoring in Government, with



## Tillie Moldenhauer

I am an undergraduate student at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and am majoring in communication arts. After completing my bachelor's degree this fall, I intend to go on to law school. I chose to intern with 350 Madison because I believe that the climate crisis is the single biggest threat that we as humans are facing today.

Tillie is conducting research and analysis on various projects, directly supporting one of the CCST co-leads. Already one of her analysis papers has been received with thanks by staff at the state's Public Service Commission.



# Izzy Willette

I'm entering my senior year of College at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, where I'm majoring in Political Science and Environmental Studies. I started my internship

minors in Law & Society, Media Studies, and Inequality Studies on the Health Equity Track. I chose to intern at 350 Madison because I feel a moral responsibility to take action to help mitigate climate change during this critical time.

Amelia is assisting the State Policy Group, primarily working with Peggy Rosin to understand the proposed changes to the state building codes currently under review, in order to develop a strategy with which 350 Madison can support these changes.

with 350 Madison after several years of casual volunteering and have spent the summer helping form 350 Madison's very own podcast. I felt drawn to work for 350 Madison after seeing all the efforts they've implemented to block Line 3, but I have enjoyed working with Podcast team members to reach out to and talk to Madison community members concerned with climate change solutions.

Izzy is working with the Podcast Team, currently helping finish the team's 5th podcast and brainstorming about their next topics and speakers. Stay tuned for these podcasts!

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