



December Action Update

2021 Climate Champion Award, Giving Tuesday Recap, Girl Scouts Presentation on Embodied Carbon, Tribes Write to Biden as Enbridge Tries to Unseat Gov. Whitmer, Electrifying Your Home, Jerome Powell, and Eco-Friendly Holiday Tips

Climate Champion



350 Madison has just been recognized as a "2021 Climate Champion" by Dane County!

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The Climate Champions Program, through the Office of Energy and Climate Change (OECC), recognizes local entities that are leading on climate action. The aim is to celebrate local leadership in fulfilling the goals set forth in Dane County's Climate Action Plan, and 350 Madison "received recognition for its efforts to connect local citizens with climate policymakers at the state, county and municipal levels."

For more details on the Champions Program, visit the Dane County Climate Champions webpage [here](#).

Thanks for Your Support!

A HUGE thank you to everyone who supported 350 Madison's #GivingTuesday fundraiser and attended our "We're All In" celebration on November 30th at Garver Feed Mill! We're delighted to report that we met our goal of raising \$15,000 to support our campaign teams and help us advocate for the rapid, dramatic action we need. There's no time to waste. We

Together we are **ALL IN.**

Thank You
for your support!



Giving Tuesday

November 30, 2021



need to be ALL IN.

Our #GivingTuesday gathering was a joyful celebration of 350 Madison's Tenth Anniversary, our dedicated volunteers, the generosity of our funders, sponsors, and supporters, and the friendship and determination that bring us all together. You can watch the inspiring video created for the event, which conveys why "We're All In." Just click the button below!

If you didn't get a chance to donate but would like to support our #GivingTuesday fundraising campaign it's not too late! Click the "Donate" button to offer your support!

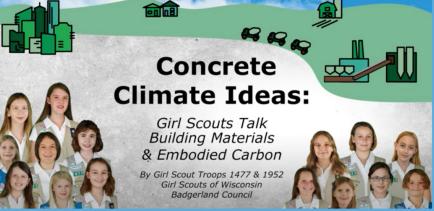
[10th Anniversary
Video](#)

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Community Climate Solutions Team Monthly Meeting

December 16 @ 5 pm

Special guests:
Girl Scout Troops 1477 and 1952 on Embodied Carbon in Concrete



Concrete Climate Ideas:

Girl Scouts Talk Building Materials & Embodied Carbon

By Girl Scout Troops 1477 & 1952
Girl Scouts of Wisconsin Badgerland Council

A group photo of Girl Scouts at the bottom of the slide.

Girl Scouts to Give Presentation on Embodied Carbon

Join us on December 16 for our Monthly CCST Meeting at 5 pm with special guests Girl Scouts from troops 1477 and 1952! The Girl Scouts will be giving a presentation about Embodied Carbon, its effects, and how the troops are advocating the Sustainable Madison Committee to include embodied carbon goals in the city's revised Sustainability Plan. Click the button below to register.

[Register](#)

12 Tribes Write to Biden as Enbridge Tries to Unseat Gov.



Bay Mills Indian Community President Whitney Gravelle led the effort to send the group letter.

Photo Credit: Laina G Stebbins

Whitmer

In [this article from Politico.com](#), the authors write, "With six-figure ad buys and free fish giveaways, [Enbridge] is going all out to sway Michigan voters with safety pledges and warnings about potential propane shortages." Since November 13, 2021, when Gov. Whitmer gave Enbridge 6 months to stop the flow of oil through 68-year-old twin pipelines on the floor of the Straits of Mackinac, the Canadian company has defiantly refused, and sued the state. On Nov. 16, 2021, U.S. District Judge Janet Neff ruled that the case should be heard in federal court, not in a Michigan state court, as Gov. Whitmer wanted. And now Enbridge is preparing to spend millions to turn Michigan voters against the Governor.

Meanwhile, President Biden is coming under increasing pressure to live up to his campaign promises to transition to renewable energy and to respect Indigenous sovereignty. In early November, all 12 of Michigan's federally recognized tribes [sent Biden a letter](#) urging him to side with the Governor and the tribes, to shut down what many call a "ticking time bomb" in the Straits. The letter states, "We view Line 5 as an existential threat to our treaty-protected rights, resources, and fundamental way of life as Anishinaabe people of the Great Lakes."

If you want to help stop Line 5, contact phyllis.hasbrouck@350Madison.org.

Transitioning an Old House to All Electric



Image Credit: RENEW Wisconsin

How can an older single-family home with a forced hot-air heating system, a gas water heater, and a gas stovetop be converted from gas and electric power to **electric-only**? Susan Millar—Co-lead, 350 Madison’s Community Climate Solutions Team, successfully converted her 90-year old house on the near west side of Madison to run entirely on green electricity. To learn about Susan’s personal journey - from installing an air-source heat pump to upgrading her insulation - check out her blog post on the RENEW WI website by clicking the button below. She not only details how she was able to electrify her home, but offers contextual knowledge and concrete steps homeowners can take to achieve the same goal.

[Read More](#)



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"Climate Safe Pensions for Wisconsin" Campaign

350 Madison is organizing a statewide "Climate Safe Pensions for Wisconsin" campaign to pressure the State of Wisconsin Investment Board (SWIB) to divest from its holding in fossil fuels.

The campaign will be led by Wisconsin Retirement System (WRS) annuitants and by public employees who are currently contributing to the WRS. But even if you are not associated with the WRS, you can help this campaign get launched.

Why should SWIB divest?

- Fossil Fuel investments are increasingly risky. Continued investment in fossil fuels violates SWIB's fiduciary responsibility to invest prudently for its annuitants.
- Fossil Fuel investments are risking our water, the health of our planet, and the future of our children and grandchildren.
- We don't want our pension dollars to be invested in Enbridge.

It is possible to safely divest from fossil fuels. Other state pension funds, including Maine and New York, are divesting while meeting their legal and fiduciary responsibilities. It is time for SWIB to do the same for Wisconsin's pension fund.

There are many opportunities to support this campaign. For more information or to get involved, contact gail.nordheim@350madison.org.



With Powell's nomination, what's next for the Fossil Free Fed Campaign?

The unwelcome - but unsurprising - news that President Biden has renominated Jerome Powell for a second term as Chairman of the US Federal Reserve System has left climate finance activists asking: what now?

This is not the end.

Powell is not a friend of the climate movement. However, his renomination is not the end of the Fossil Free Fed Campaign. The fact that the nomination was even slightly competitive is a win. With climate groups pushing the message that the climate is an

economic issue, Powell faced a steeper road to renomination than expected.

Powell still has to face the Senate Banking Committee and eventually the full Senate for confirmation. Pressuring key members of the Banking Committee to ask incisive questions about the economic risks of the climate crisis will reinforce our demands to end fossil fuel financing in the US.

What's next?

So what can you do? We can ask our Senators to vote no on Powell's confirmation. We can continue to pressure our Senators and Representatives to endorse and support the Fossil Free Finance Act in the House and Senate; this legislation would severely restrict lending to any fossil fuel companies.

Want to learn more about 350's Fossil Free Fed Campaign? Contact Emily at emily.park@350madison.org



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Greenify Your Holiday Season!

Looking for ways to make your holiday season more eco-friendly? Here are a few of our favorite tips!

1. Gift experiences or things that will last

-Consider purchasing high-quality gifts that won't end up in a landfill in a year or two. You can also gift items that need little or no wrapping: experiences!

2. Use reusable gift bags or

repurpose items as wrapping paper - Most wrapping paper is non-recyclable. Try repurposing last year's holiday cards, old

posters, newspaper, or use a reusable tote bag to wrap your gifts.

3. **Cut down on food waste** - Plan ahead and don't over-buy when you go food shopping. You can also decrease or eliminate your meat consumption!
4. **Lower your energy bill** - Reduce the size of your light display, use LED lights, or turn off your display at bedtime to lower the amount of power you're using.
5. **Choose your tree wisely** - Real trees are generally grown locally and used for mulch once the holidays are over. If you do need a plastic tree, make sure you use it for at least 10-15 years.

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