

## Action Update from 350 Madison

*Acting locally in a global movement: This month, we saw our pipeline resistance strategy affirmed, passionate testimony in opposition of Line 5, and more.*



### Pipeline resistance works!

On July 5 and 6, we saw our strategy on defeating pipelines affirmed. In those two days, three pipeline projects suffered heavy blows, and behind these events was our national movement led by both grassroots groups and national environmental organizations.

In a nutshell, our movement's strategy is to educate, mobilize, litigate, and cut off funding to the fossil fuel industry. We use many different tactics to reach and educate people where they are. Speaking to the many reasons most appealing to them, we mobilize people to participate in creative and bold actions, use lawyers to litigate in the courts, and participate in campaigns such as [Stop the Money Pipeline](#) to drive investors away from fossil fuel infrastructure projects.

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**Get involved to Stop the  
Money Pipeline**



JPMorgan Chase is one of several banks currently lending to three different active Enbridge pipeline-related loans, totaling approximately **\$5.4 billion**.

When we [Stop the Money Pipeline](#), we [Stop Line 5](#) (and Line 3, Line 66, and so many more). JPMorgan Chase also holds a line of credit with TransCanada, making the bank a supporter of the Keystone XL pipeline as well. Email [Divest.Defund@350Madison.org](mailto:Divest.Defund@350Madison.org) to get involved with action to defund climate change.

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**"It would only take one spill to undermine the Bad River Watershed for decades ... This is a time when we need to be prioritizing the needs of Black and Indigenous people. It's unconscionable to allow this pipeline to go forward"**

*- Testimony from the Line 5 hearing*

**"You're putting resources at risk that are not yours to put at risk"**

*- Testimony from the Line 5 hearing*

**"... It would be ludicrous to grant a pipeline. There is growing awareness of climate change. The Ojibwe people are threatened by this and they carry a language and culture that is**

## **Amazing turnout to DNR's Line 5 hearing**

In last month's newsletter, we asked you to show the Department of Natural Resources that you oppose Enbridge's Line 5 Reroute, and you responded magnificently! According to the DNR, more than 500 people tuned in to the virtual hearing on July 1. 79 people testified from the Ashland area to Dane County and beyond, with 92.4% emphatically opposed to granting the wetland and waterways permits. [Click here](#) to read the articles and letters to the editor published about the hearing.

Thank you to all who texted, called, emailed, and posted about this hearing! This resulted in 1605 written comments that were submitted by July 11. A special thanks to Claire who made a [fantastic video](#) on her own initiative, with help from our allies up north. This is only the beginning of our DNR campaign, but we started off with a bang!\_

Because the Public Service Commission granted a stay on all intervenor filings, including ours,

**unique. The world could lose them forever"**

*- Testimony from the Line 5 hearing*

we will have to wait until July 31 to see what happens next.

Watch:  
Enbridge's Line 5: Threat to Land, Water, and Indigenous Rights



## **PSC fails to address climate change in draft Energy Assessment**

The PSC is preparing its biennial Strategic Energy Assessment (SEA), which lays out plans for Wisconsin's energy future. Climate advocates have criticized the plan as "myopic," saying that it lacks bold action on clean energy and largely ignores several key areas such as net zero buildings, decentralized grids, and third party financing of solar installations. Shockingly, the SEA fails to mention climate change!

The PSC is soliciting public comments on the SEA, due August 14. Click [here](#) to access the comment form, and [here](#) to read the draft SEA. Help us show the PSC that we need to take major steps to modernize our energy delivery systems, and move toward clean energy now.

Access PSC Comment Form

## **Introducing Nikki Darga, our new Volunteer Coordinator!**

We are excited to announce the recent hiring of Nikki Darga as our new Volunteer Coordinator! Nikki comes to us with experience coordinating





volunteers for a number of nonprofit organizations including the Henry Vilas Zoo, Habitat for Humanity of Dane County, Seattle's Woodland Park Zoo, and the Dane County Humane Society. Her experience creating and running teen programs that focused on professional development and introducing young people to careers in the field of nonprofit management and environmental stewardship makes her an excellent fit for the position.

Throughout her life, Nikki has been concerned about the impacts of climate change. Working for 350 Madison was appealing to her because she wanted to be a part of the positive group of people working hard to save the planet. In this position, she's excited to help facilitate that work by providing much needed support to all of 350 Madison's volunteers.

Nikki has always had a deep love for animals and wildlife and spends her free moments spending time with her wide variety of pets. She also likes to spend time with other people's pets and is a certified professional dog trainer. Her other hobbies include reading, learning new things, and playing Dungeons and Dragons with her friends.

Below you will find some of our highlighted volunteer opportunities. Not what you're looking for? Email Nikki at [nikki.darga@350madison.org](mailto:nikki.darga@350madison.org) for more opportunities!

Find More Volunteering Opportunities Here!

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**Volunteer opportunities highlights!**



Monthly Meeting Team Member - Assist in planning, running, and coordinating our public monthly meetings alongside our Monthly Meeting Co-Leads. To learn more, please contact Julia Isaacs at [julia.isaacs@350madison.org](mailto:julia.isaacs@350madison.org).

Instagram Volunteer - Assist in using engaging photos and posts for 350 Madison to increase our Instagram following. To learn more, contact Emily Park at [emily.park@350madison.org](mailto:emily.park@350madison.org).

IT Help Desk Volunteer - Support 350 Madison's Google Suites, Supporter Database, and Zoom users with log-ins and basic questions. To learn more, contact Gail Nordheim at [gail.nordheim@350madison.org](mailto:gail.nordheim@350madison.org)



## Submit comments to the Governor's Climate Change Task Force by July 31!

Task Force public listening sessions concluded July 15, with each session drawing upwards of 250 participants from various organizations, professions, and regions. Many thanks to the 350 Madison members who attended sessions, spoke about their concerns, and submitted written comments!

350 Madison [submitted](#) comprehensive recommendations to the Task Force addressing three main areas:

- Stop oil pipelines in WI
- Divest from fossil fuels
- Undertake bold and far-reaching strategies for achieving carbon neutrality

We'll keep 350 Madison members updated on key developments as the Task Force puts forth

recommendations for the Governor by the end of October. Stay tuned!

[Submit a Comment Here!](#)

[Read 350 Madison's Complete Recommendations](#)

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