

May 2022 Climate Newsletter

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350 Wisconsin members participate in a Civil DISCObedience!

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Earth Day 2022: Both a SMILE and a BITE

It didn't look good. The weather on Earth Day was cold, windy, and rainy. All the efforts of the UW Madison student environmental groups, Building Unity, and 350 Wisconsin seemed to be for naught. But the weather cleared enough, and on that Friday we had an enthusiastic and colorful turnout of folks at Library Mall, where we had some speakers as well as a flash mob dance of 'Civil Discobedience'. The months of rehearsal were worth it!

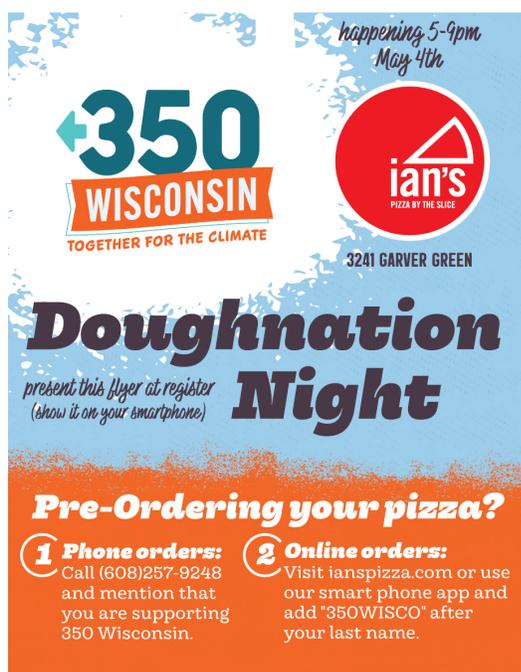
The trip up State Street to the Capitol went off without a hitch, for although the wind was a challenge for large banners it was great for our flags. Music from our portable loudspeaker system helped keep the energy up. Once at the Capitol we had more speakers, photo-ops, open dialogue for everyone, and finally food for all, provided by the Food Recovery Network and Ian's pizza.

The next day, at the Farmer's Market we were able to shine again, in front of Chase Bank, sharing the dance (and 500 leaflets) with 4 different crowds at the Market, bringing smiles to many faces.

Our actions weren't just 'smiles'. They also had some 'teeth' to put into Earth Day, such as banners like DELAY=DEATH, and FAILED LEADERSHIP ON CLIMATE.

Well done, all!

[View Our Photo Album](#)



Pizza for the Planet Benefit Night

We're teaming up with Ian's Pizza-Garver for our second annual "Pizza for the Planet" benefit night. Join our staff, board members and volunteers outside on the Garver Patio! The more participants we have, the higher the percentage of funds contributed to 350 Wisconsin. We're hoping for 100+ orders -- mark your calendar and share with friends and family!

Where: Ian's Pizza Garver, 3241 Garver Green, Madison 53704

When: Wednesday, May 4th, 5pm to 9pm

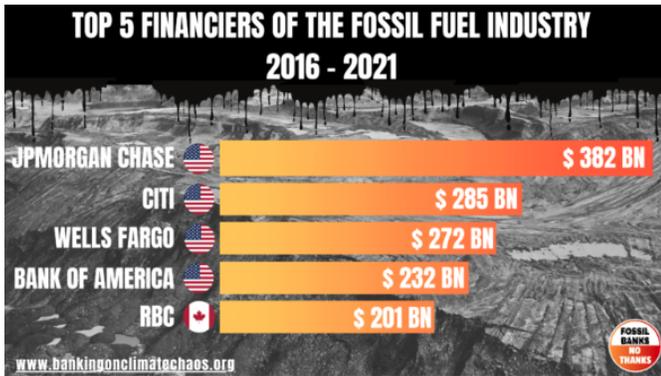
Why: Support grassroots climate action and enjoy some great pizza!

Ian's offers 3 options to get your pizza, or salad, breadsticks and ice cream!

- Order in-person at Ian's Pizza Garver
- Pre-order for pickup
- Order delivery to Madison's Eastside and Monona

RSVP to our Facebook Event by clicking the button below, and be sure to share to your network. See the event flyer for how to participate in the fundraiser.

Thank you for supporting 350 Wisconsin!



Who is Funding Climate Chaos?

Last month we brought you news of *Banking on Climate Chaos*, an annual report that reveals which banks are most responsible for the raging wildfires, 500 year floods and other (un)natural disasters that have become all too common in this age of climate crisis.

This month, 350 Wisconsin members Emily Park and Seth Jensen participated in a radio interview about the findings of the report and the actions people are taking to get these banks on the side of the people rather than fossil fuels.

In that struggle Your Voice Matters! Sign the [D&D volunteer interest form](#) to get connected to the movement that is defunding climate change by divesting from fossil fuels.

Click the button below for audio of the radio broadcast, *Meet the Big Banks Funding the Climate Crisis* on WORT.

Listen on WORT

“I support 350 Wisconsin because I want to be a part of a just and equitable world that respects all living beings. The grassroots activism that I am able to be a part of with 350 Wisconsin is the best way I can think to do so.”

JULIA DEPALMA
350 WISCONSIN, CCST CO-LEAD

Thank You for Your Support!

Many thanks to all who supported our Earth Day fundraising campaign! Contributions help grow our movement and power our fight for climate justice. It's not too late to make a special [one-time gift](#). Or, become a '[Climate Champion](#)' and donate monthly.

Donate

HOW CAN MADISON DO BETTER IN ITS NEW SUSTAINABILITY PLAN?

1. *Make it Outcome Driven*
2. *Make it Measurable*
3. *Make it Targeted*



How Can Madison Do Better in its New Sustainability Plan?

Did you know that Madison has a Sustainability Plan? Did you know that it was published all the way back in 2011? Neither did many of our OWN members!

The document is 76 pages of goals: some are outcome-driven, others are process-driven, and many more are vague and hard to measure. Officials made an amazing effort in creating it, but eleven years later, we can only assume that many of those goals are unmet, but do not have transparent structures in place to tell us whether or not that is true.

Now, city officials are working on an updated Sustainability Plan. One of our members took a look at the old one, and worked out some ideas on how things can be improved in order for the city to reach net zero emissions in line with the IPCC's recommendations to avoid the most catastrophic effects of climate change. Click the button below to read the blog post!

[Read the Blog Post](#)

Susan Millar Appointed to the Madison Sustainability Committee

350 Wisconsin's very own Susan Millar has been appointed to the City of Madison Sustainability Committee!



She was recently featured in [Yale Climate Connections](#) for electrifying her 90 year old home in Madison. We can't imagine a better person to be on the city's Sustainability Committee, and we're excited to see what she can accomplish during her term!

This half-page ad ran in 5 newspapers in northern Wisconsin on April 10.

Congratulations on an Amazing Effort Against Line 5!

April 15 was the deadline for comments on the draft Environmental Impact Statement for Enbridge's Line 5 expansion proposal, and our joint 350 Wisconsin & Sierra Club Tar Sands Team, plus many new volunteers, worked mighty hard!

A total of 31 people phone banked on 14 occasions; we made 2692 calls, had 297 conversations, recruited 241 commenters, and left 1414 voicemails. (Adding the last two numbers means that 1655 people heard our message!) Upon hearing about an Enbridge front group's tear-and-send postcards, we designed and sent 3600 of our own to supporters. Then we printed 2300 postcards for the March Forth to Earth Day folks across the state, while we did tabling at Willy St. Co-ops, for a total of at least 933 postcard comments sent to the DNR! And our action page handled 1139 comments, and Sierra Club's got 2051, for a grand total of 4123 comments – thanks to all of you!

Now, while the DNR reads the (rumored) 50,000 comments, we are collecting signatures on a petition to Governor Evers at tinyurl.com/PetitionLine5. We also have yard signs to display in lawns or windows, a data project, and need folks to write letters to the editor. (Read this [Op Ed in the Capital Times](#) on Apr. 27 for inspiration). Contact phyllis.hasbrouck@350Madison.org for more info.



You're Invited - Communities United By Water

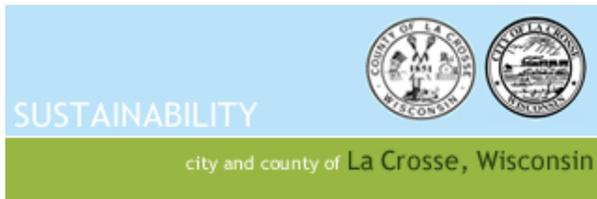
Clean water supporters in Northern Wisconsin will be celebrating, learning, eating and working together the weekend of June 25 and 26 on the shore of Lake Superior. [You are invited](#), and your Tar Sands Team is offering help with [finding lodging](#) and [carpooling](#).

On Saturday, June 25, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. in Bayview City Park in Ashland, WI there will be ceremony, speakers, music, storytelling, a community potluck feast with Indigenous main course, food and craft vendors, a lacrosse game, a Pow Wow (drums welcome), and keynotes by Mike Wiggins and Jon Jon Greendeer! There will be a gifting ceremony in honor of the late Joe Rose, a community elder who did so much to save the water from many threats. Attendees are encouraged to bring a gift and to volunteer. [More info on both is on this page](#).

On Sunday, June 26, we'll clean the roadside from 10 a.m. to noon along the route of the proposed Enbridge expansion, followed by a picnic (bring a bag lunch) at "the bench" in

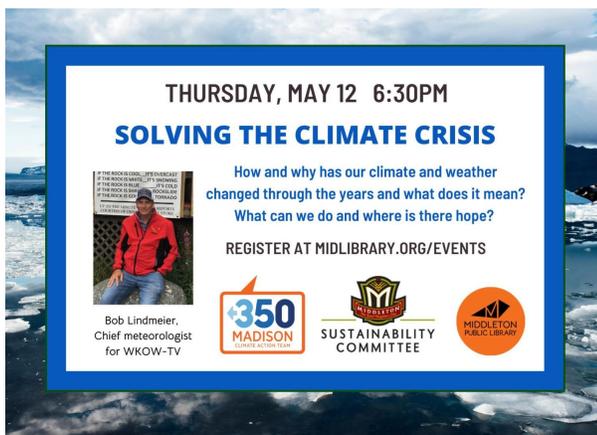
Copper Falls State Park. This is our chance to help the community that is fighting so hard to preserve Lake Superior. For information, click the button below.

Learn More



Welcoming a New Community Working Group in LaCrosse

The Community Climate Solutions Team is so excited to welcome the LaCrosse Community Working Group (CWG) to 350 Wisconsin's grassroots organization. This is our first CWG outside of Dane County. Current projects include solar energy, garnering climate action planning commitments, on-bill financing for utilities, public transportation, and more. Please reach out to Susan Millar (susan.millar@350madison.org) if you are interested in getting involved.



Upcoming Middleton CWG Event

How and why have our climate and the weather changed through the years and what does it mean? What can we do and where is there hope? Join 350 Wisconsin's Middleton Community Working Group and Middleton's Sustainability Committee on Thursday, May 12 at 6:30 pm to hear it from the perspective of Bob Lindmeier, Chief meteorologist for WKOW-TV. Click [here](#) to learn more.

Upcoming Meetings

Art Collective: May 12, 7:15 pm | Contact: Russ Bennett bennett.russ@gmail.com; Dianne Brakarsh movingfromwithin@gmail.com

Climate Justice: May 9, 7:00–8:30 pm | Contact: Marian Fredal
Fredal marian.fredal@350madison.org

Community Climate Solutions: May 19, 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: May 16, 6:30-8:00 pm | Contact Emily.Park@350madison.org

Divest & Defund: May 23, 7-8:30 pm | Contact divest.defund@350madison.org

Fundraising: May 18, 7-8 pm | Contact Stephanie.Robinson@350madison.org

Tar Sands: June 6, 5:45–6:45 pm | Contact Phyllis Hasbrouck Phyllis.Hasbrouck@350madison.org

Monthly Meeting: June 6, 7-8 pm | Contact Julia Isaacs Julia.Isaacs@350madison.org; Kelly Kearns Kelly.Kearns@350madison.org

State Policy: May 4, 4-5:30 pm | Contact Gail Nordheim gail.nordheim@350madison.org

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