Action Update for November 2020

Climate Justice, Giving Tuesday, Enbridge Lines 3 and 5, Community Climate Solutions, Communications Action Team, Volunteer Opportunities

Important Upcoming Events!

GivingTuesday is December 1!

Join us to support climate action:

- **Attend our Lift All Voices Celebration** at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, December 1! Bill McKibben will be presenting a special message to 350 Madison.

- **Community Care Silent Auction**. Bid for creative items, skillshares and gift cards!

- Become a **Peer-to-Peer Fundraiser**.

We're looking forward to seeing you on December 1!

Climate Justice Team Kick-off December 2

350 Madison has committed to elevating climate and racial justice as a priority for our organization. There is so much exciting and important work to be done!

The first meeting of the Climate Justice Team will be Wednesday December 2 at 7:00, on Zoom. https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84936055516

Please join us to help launch this important team!

Enbridge Line 5--A Huge Victory
in Michigan!

Pipeline fighters throughout the Midwest are celebrating the announcement on Friday, Nov. 13 by Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel that she had filed a lawsuit to #ShutDownLine 5. Though Nessel filed a suit in June 2019 to shut down Line 5 (which also passes through Northern Wisconsin), this is the first time that she has done so on behalf of Gov. Gretchen Whitmer and the MI Department of Natural Resources.

The Governor has terminated the 1953 easement that the State of Michigan granted Enbridge, the Canadian company with a vast network of crude oil pipelines in North America, to lay its pipelines on the submerged public lands in the Straits of Mackinac. In her Easement Revocation Notice, Gov. Whitmer cited Enbridge’s numerous violations of the easement, and the Public Trust Doctrine, which says that the State of Michigan “is obligated to protect and preserve the waters of, and lands beneath, the Great Lakes.”

Minnesota Approves Enbridge Line 3 Water Permits

Then newly-elected Minnesota Gov. Tim Walz wrote in 2019 that “Minnesota will lead on climate change if Washington won’t,” but in the face of pressure from the fossil fuel industry, his administration refused the take the step that would have done just that. On Friday, Nov. 13, the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) rejected the idea of actually
controlling pollution, and instead granted water permits to Line 3, a pipeline which would bring an estimated additional 530K bpd (barrels per day) of tar sands oil to Superior, WI.

CCST Suggests Revisions to the Middleton Sustainability Plan

Community Climate Solutions Team (CCST) members have presented the Middleton Sustainability Committee with a proposed rewrite of the Middleton Sustainability Plan chapters on Greenhouse Gas and Energy. Their creative recommendations address climate change through electrification of buildings and transportation, installation and importation of renewable energy, energy efficiency improvement and more. The proposals were well-received by Sustainability Committee members. Now the CCST Middleton Working Group will focus on shepherding the recommendations through planning and implementation.

CCST’s engagement in Middleton is an example of work that needs to be done throughout our community. Madison and other communities need help acting against climate change. The recent ACEEE report shows that, despite best intentions, Madison lags behind other communities and its own goals for climate action. The CCST team is intensifying its efforts to get Madison and surrounding communities to adopt and implement climate-friendly programs. If you want to help meet this urgent need, contact Susan Millar.
Meet the Cool Cats of CAT!

The Communication Action Team (CAT) helps with all of 350 Madison’s communication needs. We publicize team actions on social media; spread the word about important climate-related news; help with press releases, blogs, and email blasts; and maintain the 350 Madison website.

We particularly spend a lot of time maintaining our social media accounts - Facebook (@350Madison), Twitter (@350Madison), and Instagram (@350_madison) - and we’d love it if you’d like and follow us on social media. The more you interact with our accounts, the more we can get our message out to the rest of Madison, the rest of Wisconsin, and the rest of the world!

In addition to writers, social media mavens, photographers, videographers, graphic designers, and our webmaster, our team also includes a number of actual cats, many of whom frequently make appearances at CAT meetings on the third Monday of every month at 6:30 PM.

Interested in joining our team? Contact Emily Park at emily.park@350madison.org

Volunteer with 350 Madison!

Auction Item Delivery - Do you like getting out and about? Help us deliver GivingTuesday Community Care Auction items to winning
bidders. This is a great way to show appreciation to those who participated in our auction!

**IT Support** - We have many opportunities for tech-savvy people to help us manage our database and Google Suites, and to help us use technology for creative and effective communications.

**Instagram Volunteer** - Instagram is one way that we connect with supporters all over the world. If you are a social media guru, you can help manage the 350 Madison Instagram page!

If you are interested in one of these opportunities, or in volunteering some other way, please contact Nikki Darga at nikki.darga@350madison.org.