

November Action Update

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#WeObject: The Wedding of Chase Bank and Silly Spilly

You may remember how activists got into character for a flash mob gala of Big Oil Bankers on October 2.

The drama continued on October 23, with the ultimate Billionaire for Big Oil, JP Morgan Chase, showing up at the square to wed his intended, Silly Spilly, the tar sands oil bride! She was beside herself with delight until catching sight of some of the wedding "guests" speaking up in opposition to the unholy union between capital and Big Oil.

This satirical demonstration was part of 350 Madison's contribution to the Stop the Money Pipeline campaign. If you'd like to get involved, contact our Tar Sands team and email

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Vision Statement from John Greenler

Hi fellow 350 Madisonians,

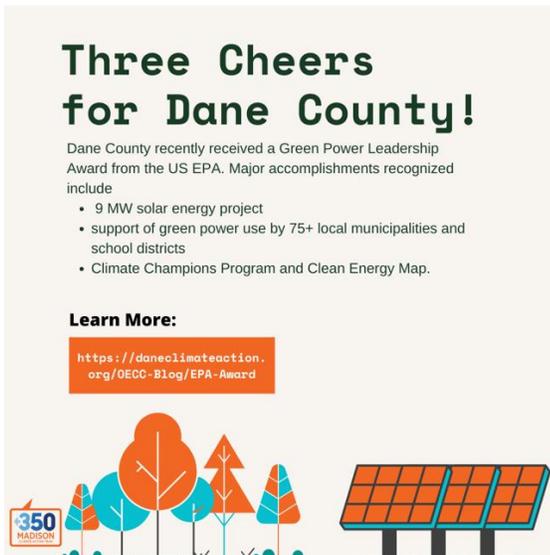
It has been almost a month since I have come on as your Executive Director, and I am excited as ever about all the work that you do. Each day I meet and connect with new volunteers and learn about yet another project or effort. As I have been taking this all in, I have been developing what I am calling a “strategic vision” of the organization. This currently has eight elements, which include the following:

1. An exceptionally strong and deep volunteer base
2. A key and diverse staff team
3. Great connections with collaborators around the state, and nationally
4. A Board and Coordinating Council that are very engaged and active
5. Excellent “positioning” -- 350 Madison is at the right place, at the right time!
6. A diverse and complementary set of projects
7. Fundraising momentum that will allow the organization to grow
8. Cross-cutting considerations on, and commitment to addressing climate justice

I know that shortly after I send this off, there will be modifications to this list, and I look forward to more conversations and meetings over the next weeks and months that will allow me to provide 350 Madison with informed leadership, facilitation, and organizational momentum.

The bottom line is that now is absolutely the time to be acting on climate change, and while we can't be at the upcoming UN climate summit in Glasgow, we are moving forward here in Wisconsin, through our involvement in 350 Madison.

Thank you, John Greenler



Dane County Green Power Leadership Award

Dane County recently received a **Green Power Leadership Award from the US Environmental Protection Agency.**

According to Kathy Kuntz, Director the Dane County Office of Energy and Climate, Dane County was one of only five winners to recently be awarded the Green Power Leadership Award from the US Environmental Protection Agency. Dane County was in impressive company since **fellow recipients were Boston University, the University of California System, Microsoft and Starbucks.** Major accomplishments recognized by the EPA with this award were:

- The 9 megawatt solar energy project between Dane County and the local utility at the Dane County Regional Airport. With that project, Dane County went from producing 5% of its power from rooftop solar to 45% of power from solar—a major leap forward.
- Dane County support of green power use by 75+ local municipalities and school districts.
- The County Climate Champions Program and Clean Energy Map to showcase and

celebrate a variety of green energy accomplishments.

We look forward to Dane County's continued climate forward policy in the future!



Thirty-six organizations signed on to the letter opposing the bill in just a few days.

350 Madison Opposes the "Riot Bill"

On Monday, Oct. 18, a letter signed by 34 groups was sent to all the Wisconsin legislators, the Governor and the Lt. Governor, opposing the new "Riot Bill." Assembly Bill 279 and Senate Bill 296 would create harsh new penalties for protesters like 350 Madison members, and it needs to be stopped. Though the full Wisconsin Senate had planned to vote on it on Wednesday, Oct. 20, that vote was cancelled, possibly because of the organizing done by several groups including 350 Madison.

Under this bill, a large or small street protest where a single participant threatened to push somebody could be deemed a "riot," with no actual violence or property damage being committed by anyone. And "rioters" could be convicted of a Class A misdemeanor, punishable by a mandatory 30 days in jail and up to 9 months in jail and a \$10,000 fine!

Please contact your Wisconsin State Senator and State Representative to the Assembly and urge them to speak out against this assault on our constitutional rights to free speech and the right to assemble! For more information and instructions, click the button below to be taken to the Action Alert.

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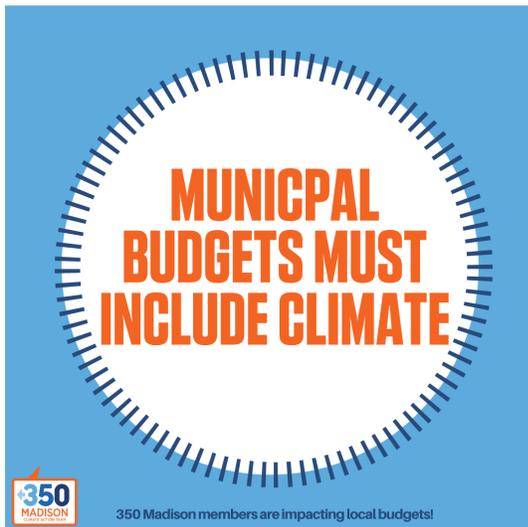
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Text "Resist" to 50409

Climate action is often difficult, but a tool that makes it easier is [Resistbot](#) - a service you can use to compose and send letters to your elected officials, using the messaging apps on your phone. Usually, the process takes less than 2 minutes!

To get started, **Text "Resist" to 50409**. You will receive a message from Resistbot with instructions on what to do next! To learn more about how we at 350 Madison are using Resistbot, click the button below.

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Middleton's Budget and Plans Include Significant Climate Action

Good news from the Middleton Sustainability Committee's October monthly meeting: the city of Middleton recognizes climate change as a real and serious problem, and provisions such as vehicle electrification and clean energy are to be included in the 2022 city budget.

While things look very positive, the process is not over. *The budget will go to public hearing on Wednesday November 3rd at 6:00PM. This is the last chance for residents to speak in support of or against budget items.*

Adjustments can then be made by Common Council, with approval for the finalized 2022 Budget scheduled for Tuesday November 16th at Common Council (To make public

comments, check Middleton's website for meeting details at <http://meetings.cityofmiddleton.us/> to confirm meeting details and zoom links).

To learn more about what's in the budget, click the link below.

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Destruction of MN Waterways Continues

In September, Enbridge was fined \$3.3 million by the Minnesota DNR (Department of Natural Resources) for breaching an artesian aquifer through a willful criminal act, when they dug deeper in a wetland than their permit allowed. The Canadian pipeline company was given until Oct. 15 to repair the hole in the aquifer, which has resulted in millions of gallons of water being lost during a severe drought.

Oct. 15 came and went, and the aquifer has not been repaired. Meanwhile the MN DNR is investigating two more likely breaches of aquifers in "undisclosed locations." The penalty for not fixing the breach within 30 days? A mere \$40,000 to pay for 30 days' worth of water that continues to gush forth. The entire line should be shut down until these problems are fixed. When penalties are so small, Enbridge will continue to have a cavalier attitude towards the land and waterways that it drills under. The Wisconsin DNR should be formulating real penalties and consequences for if and when Enbridge starts drilling for the Line 5 expansion.

To help fight the Line 5 expansion, please contact phyllis.hasbrouck@350Madison.org.



We're All in: Giving Tuesday

GivingTuesday is a time for people all around the globe to come together, strengthen our communities and change our world. This year we are also celebrating **350 Madison's Tenth Anniversary!** We ask for your support so we can continue our efforts to build a strong climate movement that achieves the urgent, comprehensive change we need. Our 2020 theme -- "**We're All In**" -- reminds us that together we can create a just, healthy and sustainable future for our planet and all living beings.

We'd love to have you join in the festivities. Stay tuned for more details!

- **Celebration at Garver Feed Mill, November 30th, 7-9pm.** We're holding an in-person event in compliance with Covid protocols, along with a virtual program on Zoom. Check our website and Facebook page as we get closer to the date for more details.
- **Online Auction.** Our auction opens November 20. It's not too late to contribute an item or share an experience, lesson, or skill. Click [here](#) to enter your item donation or [here](#) for Donation Inspiration!

If you're able, please consider making an early [donation](#). Thanks so much for your support!



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Pipelines, Climate Change, and Union Workers

The pipeline industry offers (a limited number of) high-paying, unionized jobs that are understandably prized by workers. However, climate change, created by the burning of fossil fuels, is a huge threat to all jobs.

[The recent reports of the IPCC](#) (Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change) show that in order to retain a livable climate, we must quickly transition away from fossil fuel extraction and use. A world constantly enduring massive wildfires, floods, hurricanes, droughts, and famines will not have good-paying union jobs. The only way to escape this possible nightmare is for all organizations, including the building trades unions, to come together and work out solutions that protect working people while also protecting the climate that is reeling from CO₂ emissions.

To learn more about how we can collaborate with union workers, click the button below!

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