



Welcoming chat

As people arrive, please share in the chat:

What's one action you took during Earth Week?

(And please share if you are new, and your location, and anything else you'd like to share)

Some Earth Day photos <https://www.flickr.com/photos/191965081@N03/52838758023/in/album-72177720307704271/>

photo credit: Marilee Sushoreba



Earth week actions aimed at Chase Bank

- Poetry and prayer action INSIDE Chase bank
- Asking for a pipeline loan, again INSIDE Chase Bank (video) https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Pzc96LtpRznp0C_yvTsc8oJIHG7tk0ct/view
- The “Puppetman” arts extravaganza





Let's take a moment to take 2 deep breaths together and reflect on our ties to this land we live on – and these waters that surround us.

Preview of Evening

7:00 Welcome

7:10 *Learning from Water Protectors in Minnesota*
Jami Gaither, retired metallurgical engineer turned climate justice advocate
Victoria McMillen, Migizi Clan, Anishinaabeg Nagachiwaanog volunteers with Waadookaamad Amikwag/Those who Help Beaver

7:40 Updates and Upcoming Events

8:05 Time to welcome newcomers & have optional breakouts

Waadookawaad Amikwag

(Those Who Help Beaver)

How we came to be...

What we discovered...

Where we've found success.

How we came to be...

Niizh ikwewag...
gaa-wiiji-bimosewag
East Savanna River.

Downstream of Enbridge Line 93
HDD crossing of East Savanna River



12/15/2021

Beaver Dam near crossing



Who we are...

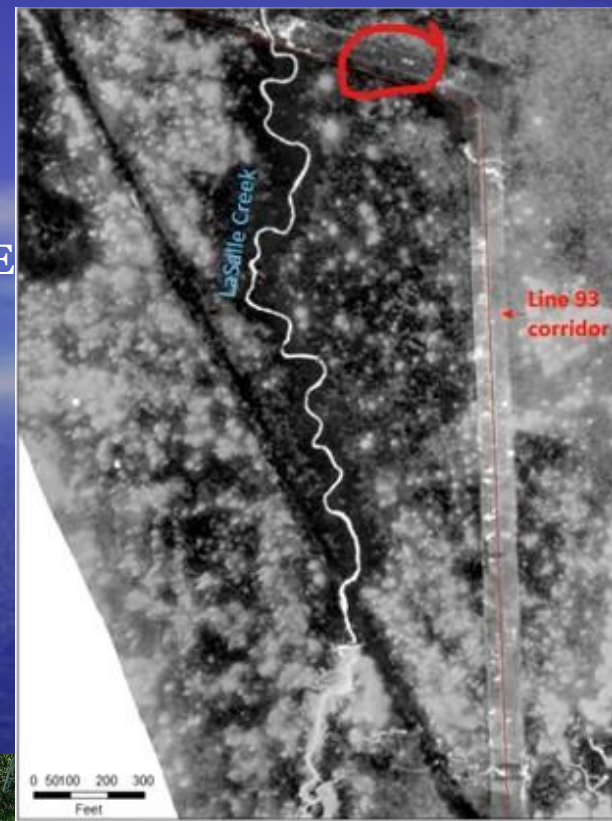
Citizen Scientists, Mothers & Aunties, Children,
Metallurgists, Geologists, Hydrologists, Dads, Drone
Pilots... all guided by Anishinaabe Cultural Teachers.

Waadookawaad Amikwag /
Those Who Help Beaver

is an independent citizen
science group, powered
entirely by volunteers, and
guided by Indigenous
cultural values.

HOW we discovered...

- Flyover data from Partners (White Earth Reservation, RISE Coalition, Honor the Earth, MN350 & Sierra Club – November 2021)
- Thermal Drone confirmation
- Field visits and testing
- Water samples (with chain-of-custody tests at certified Lab)



Test Meter
Deep Groundwater
Temperatures



**Deep Upwelling
Groundwater**
(bright spots in thermal image)



...WHAT we Discovered

Many sites of concern across Minnesota:

- **Frac-outs at Horizontal Directional Drilling sites**
- **Deep Aquifer breaches (3 reported by State)**
Clearbrook, LaSalle, Fond du Lac (MP 1102.5)
- **Walker Brook**
- **Little Otter Creek**
- **Moose Lake**
- **Dozens of others... yet unreported to the public**



Walker Brook: Bottomless Hole above Line 93 (8/25/22)



* Unreported Site



Enbridge remediation = Remove the Bog

...Also Discovered

Fond du Lac Breach site



March 5,
2023



“Enbridge successfully repaired the aquifer breach on April 7, 2022 and all groundwater flow onto the Reservation stopped.”

- FDL FAQ Sheet

Waadookawaad Amikwag Progress

- ❖ **Line 5 project opposition commentary documenting Enbridge Line 3/93 damages in Minnesota that require redress prior to any additional pipeline permitting by US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)**
 - ❖ 4/15/22: Wisconsin Line 5 Re-Route
 - ❖ 10/14/22: Michigan Line 5 Tunnel Proposal
- ❖ **Memorandum of Agreement sent to MN AG and Agencies (10/6/22)**
 - While much of the requested support from the state was denied, regular meetings began with MN DNR/MPCA Line 3/93 project team on 2/1/23
- ❖ **Support letters** secured from US Congresswomen Betty McCollum and Ilhan Omar seeking an independent investigation by USEPA and USACE on behalf of Waadookawaad Amikwag (10/14/22 & 12/7/22)
- ❖ **Webinars** of Line 3 Damages presented to public beginning 11/16/22
- ❖ **Mainstream Media Coverage** pending release this month...
- ❖ **Waadookawaad Amikwag Website** LIVE this week! Newsletters and updates to follow for subscribers.

Migizikwe Victoria McMillen

Minnesota Chippewa Tribe,
Fond du Lac Band 1st descendant



What we have learned:

- Meetings with Agencies
 - MN DNR & MPCA
 - Discuss: Sites of concern, water & thermal data, cultural, geological & hydrological impacts, and more.
 - Learning about policy, process & procedures of agencies along with how they understand and carry out Tribal Consultation.
 - Tech teams deeply discuss geologic and hydrologic areas of impact and come to an agreement on what is truly happening on the land.

What we have learned:

- Water Regulation is spread across agencies
 - Ineffective & cumbersome to the layman
- Tribal - Have all under one roof
- MN Dept of Health - Aquifers- drinking water
- DNR - Lakes, Groundwater, & Wetlands
- MPCA - Streams & Rivers

What we have learned:

- Large Projects Regulate, Monitor and Remediate Problems on their own - with notices sent to regulating agencies.
 - Agencies depend largely on Enbridge data collection and sharing.
 - Agencies have limited staff and resources.
- Independent Environmental Monitors
 - Approximately 8 in the field daily - assessing 337 miles of pipeline corridor

What can people do?

- People want a space led by community members
 - 1.Observations: Notebooks, Cameras, & Infrared Drone
 - 2.Volunteers - Interns - Grant Opportunities - Universities & Tribal Colleges
 - 3.Gather Pre-data: Water samples & Drone Data
 - 4.Regular data collection: Water and ground observations
 - 5.Seek out and respect Indigenous Traditional Ecological knowledge
 - 6.Regular Reporting to your Tribal Gov'ts, Boards, Commissions, DNR, PCA, local, state, federal, etc...

Tribal Consultation Resources

- Tribal Consultation
 - Not what we think it is!
- List of Federal Tribal Consultation Statutes, Orders, Regulations, Rules, Policies, Manuals, Protocols and Guidance January 2009
- Federal Memo on Tribal Consultation
- MN State Statutes on Tribal Relations

Learn More:

Waadookawaad Amikwag is on Tour!

Team members are engaging in public spaces to share our findings as we increase awareness about and work to improve our broken regulatory systems to be more holistic and inclusive. [Contact Us](#)

Waadookawaad Amikwag is on [YouTube](#)!

You can review November Webinar videos in short and longer formats. Also check out the playlists for specific video subjects.

Waadookawaad Amikwag website: [LIVE NOW!!](#)

Watch videos and see pics on a half dozen of the sites we've monitored. Learn more about our work and find ways to connect with us to support or participate in the ongoing work.

Waadookawaad Amikwag notices on Twitter.

What can you do:

- MN is Lobbying Prove it First -
 - Talon Resistance could use WI's help understanding the sulfide mining threats to our wetlands.
- STOP Line 5
 - Support Tribes & Treaty Rights
 - Need for passage for bill based on Line 3 experience
- Keep talking to tribal, federal & state legislatures.

Current Goals of WA...

- ❖ Evidence gathering continues at more and more sites of concern
- ❖ Educate & Empower Communities with our work
- ❖ Share our findings with State, Federal, & Tribal Agencies in an effort to bring NO MORE HARM to sites.
- ❖ Bring information forward to legislators to help create better water regulation and tribal consultation.



Action Updates



Line 5 Updates

Virtual Actions + Upcoming Events



Virtual Action Blast

Sign and Share: Tell Canadian Ministers to Stop Misusing the 1977 Transit Pipelines Treaty

Petition Gov. Evers: Call (608) 266-1212

- If you are a Wisconsin resident/voter let them know
- Urge Evers not to approve Enbridge's Permits for Line 5
- Relate it to something close to you (Treaty rights, environmental impact, water quality, natural environments as a public good, climate change, etc.)

Bumper Stickers and Yard Signs from **Ganawendan Nibi/Protect Water**

Join a **Line 5 Coalition working group**: regulatory, local organizing, cross border, media, and storycorps working groups

Upcoming Events

June 17-18 (Bad River/Ashland): Tell stories and observe nature; hike the line 5 reroute and look for endangered species

June 30 (Red Cliff/Bayfield): Red Cliff Pow Wow

July 6-9 (Moningwaane'akaaning Minis/Madeline Island):
Indigenous Market

July 14 (Lac Courte Oreilles Reservation): Honor The Earth
Pow Wow

July 16 (Duluth, MN): Water Is Life Festival

More details at <https://communitiesunitedbywater.org/events>

Line 3 Debrief

Ongoing Litigation: **Fire Light Treaty Case**

Youtube channel: Environmental damage documented on **Waadookawaad Amikwag** (aka Those Who Help Beaver)

Sign: **Sierra Club Petition** to hold Enbridge accountable for environmental damage

Flood The Courts email list: Updates on how to support water protectors facing Line 3 charges

Fundraising Events

Gallery Night at Studio Paran

- May 5th, 5-9pm, Light Refreshments
- 2051 Winnebago St
- Terri Wolf and Richard Jones artwork
- Proceeds support 350 WI

“Pizza for the Planet” – Save the Date!

- Ian’s Pizza-Garver
- Wednesday, June 28th, 5-9pm
- The more people who participate, the higher percentage of funds for 350 WI – invite friends!

A PORTION OF THE PROCEEDS WILL BE DONATED TO 350 WISCONSIN

GALLERY NIGHT

350 WISCONSIN **FRI**
LEADER FOR THE CLIMATE

MAY 5

FROM 5-9PM

STUDIO PARAN
2051 WINNEBAGO ST
MADISON WI 53704

STUDIOPARAN.COM
350WISCONSIN.ORG
TLWOLF2721@GMAIL.COM

Terri Wolf: Terri is a retired RN and has been active with the Art Collective for a few years. She enjoys creating art with things collected in the natural world because she believes in strengthening our connection to the natural world. As a weaver for several years, she was introduced to the wonders of wool and moved into wet felting as a more 3 dimensional, sculptural form of expression. She especially enjoys creating "environmental art" and this interest has led to the creation of these "bird pods" for some of our biggest pollinators!



Richard Jones: Richard believes that making a vase is not just making another object of home decor, but creating an exquisite frame for flowers. It is a bridge between human-built architecture and the natural landscape. His life as an artist began early with drawing lessons from a neighbor, which propelled him on a path that led to a BFA in glass from the Rhode Island School of Design in 1988. Since 2019 he has been exploring working with glass and other materials that do not directly use fossil fuels. He is also an important member of the Art Collective!



COMMUNITY CLIMATE SOLUTIONS TEAM: **Action Participation List**

When you join the APL, you will be contacted by **CCST's Community Working Groups** with quick and easy actions that will have a HUGE impact on elected officials' decisionmaking!



Madison's Building Energy Savings Program was passed with the help of the APL members!

Signing up for the Action Participation List

1. Go to <https://350wisconsin.org/community-climate-solutions/>
2. Click the dropdown and fill out the form

▼ Start by filling out the CCST Interest Form & joining our Action Participation List!



3. Select YES to join the Action Participation List

Sign up for the Action Participation List. When you sign up for this list, you'll receive occasional requests to contact an alder, attend a local government meeting, or take other similar actions. Just a few minutes of your time can have a big impact. These are actions that may take citizens less than an hour per month, yet will have a major impact on officials' decision making.

Join the APL
 Yes No

4. Wait for the next call to action & help make change locally!

Art Collective

- 1) Next meeting of the Art Collective (Zoom)
Wednesday May 3, 6:30 PM
Review of Recent work, planning new work
- 2) Song: Protect all the Water
<https://photos.app.goo.gl/ENp5DyxWjUfMzMjq5>
- 3) Storage of the Chariot of the Great Turning.

350 Wisconsin Art Collective is in exhibit on Democracy!



The Playhouse Gallery of the Overture Center

TUESDAY, MARCH 7 - SUNDAY, JUNE 4

Democracy

Exhibition Artists:

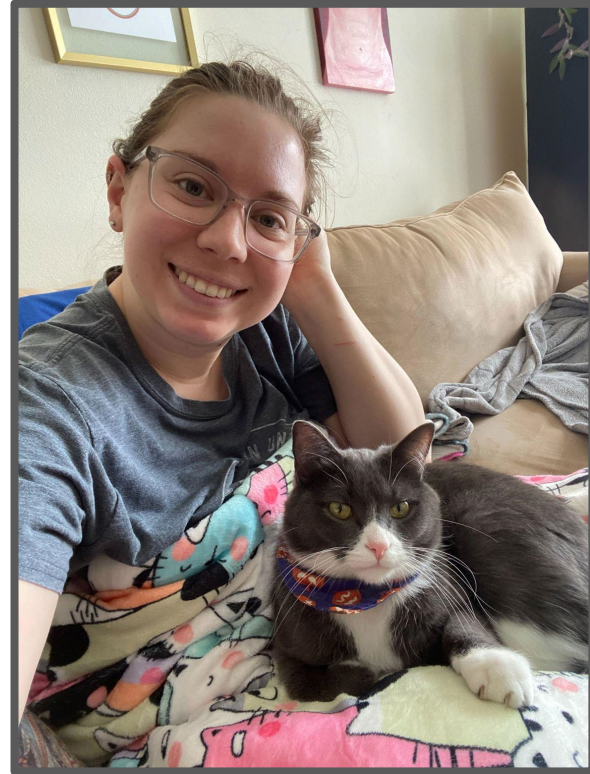
Brandon Bauer • Jamie Bradbury • Eugenia Sherman Brown • Clare Charnley • Marisa Contreras Marulanda • Danielle and John Crim • Robert Derr • Nurettin Erkan • Thomas Ferrella • Kathy Fitchuk • Sarah French • Madison Golden • Tyler Grimes • Karin Hanson • Glen Jenkins • Lewis Koch • Carol Kramer • Pat Kroth • Cynthia W. Lewis • Holly Meyers • Mona Mohagheghi • DarRen Morris • Leslee Nelson • Beth Racette • Tony Riel • Rotate Theatre Company • Ryan Serrano • Lael Sheber • Levi Sherman • Solar Punk Futures • Steve Swagerle • Laurie Talbot Hall • Sophia Voelker • Mike Watson • Karen Watson • Newlin • Mark Weller • Jing Zhou • **350**

Wisconsin Art Collective*

* Love Song to the Earth from 2020, the Tar Sands / JP Morgan Chase wedding from 2021, and Stayin' Alive at the Willy St Fair from 2022.

Volunteer of the Month

Alicia Shoberg



Help us celebrate Phyllis' retirement!



Join us 3 pm - 6 pm on Sunday, May 21 to celebrate Phyllis Hasbrouck and her retirement!

We'll be having a community meal at Garner Park (333 S Rosa Rd. RSVP and sign up to bring a dish at <https://tinyurl.com/350WIPhyllis>

Contact Emily Park (emily.park@350wisconsin.org) or Maddie Loeffler (maddie.loeffler@350wisconsin.org) with any questions!

Next meeting is June 5 at 7 pm

- **Hybrid:** Friends Meeting House (Madison) and on Zoom
- Serves as our Annual Meeting, including elections for Board of Directors and Coordinating Council

To be eligible to vote:

- You must have donated at least \$5 between June 1, 2022 and April 21, 2023.
- Or you must have attended at least 3 Monthly Meetings.
 - Email contact@350wisconsin.org if you would like to be added to the voting list based on Monthly Meeting attendance.
- Our July meeting will be July 10
- Our summer picnic will be August 7 (in person in Madison)

Upcoming meetings

Tar Sands: 1st Mondays 5:45–6:45 pm
Contact

Climate Justice: 2nd Mondays 7:00–8:30 pm
Contact: Marian.Fredal@350madison.org

Communication Action (CAT): 3rd Mondays 7:00-8:30 pm
Contact Emily.Park@350wisconsin.org

Divest & Defund: 4th Mondays 7-8:30 pm
Contact divest.defund@350wisconsin.org

Upcoming meetings

Community Climate Solutions: 3rd Thursdays 5-6 pm
Contact: Susan.Millar@350wisconsin.org

Art Collective:
Contact: Russ Bennett bennett.russ@gmail.com
Dianne Brakarsh movingfromwithin@gmail.com

State Policy: Contact

Fundraising: 3rd Wednesdays 7-8pm
Contact stephanie.robinson@350wisconsin.org

Monthly Meeting planning: Contact: Julia.Isaacs@350wisconsin.org

Time for breakouts!

Stay here if you're a newcomer

Go to Room 1 for Q&A with our speaker

If you are unable to find the button or choose a room, put a message in the chat indicating which room you would like to join.

