



July 2024 Climate Newsletter

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Grassroots Power Works: Army Corps Extends Line 5 Comment Deadline

Due to an overwhelming amount of requests, the U.S. Army Corps has extended the public comment period on Enbridge's Line 5 reroute project by an additional 30 days.

Now through August 4th, you can voice your concerns on this proposed oil pipeline expansion in northern Wisconsin, and request that the permit be rejected. *This is a significant chance to provide input to the Corps and the Biden Administration regarding this risky project!*

Join us in [submitting a comment](#) and personal message no later than Sunday, August 4th. For more information, a comment guide, and more, [check out this toolkit!](#)

Write to the Army Corps Now!

There is no limit with written remarks, so you can get as detailed as possible. The most effective statements include your personal experience or knowledge - start with at least a sentence or two about why you care about this issue. *Even if you testified at the hearing, you should send in a written comment as well!*

If you're feeling stuck in the process, need help with talking points, or are just looking for general support as you get your thoughts on paper, feel free to virtually drop in and chat with Britnie, our Fossil Fuel Organizer, on Wednesdays from 2-3pm CT. Register here for comment support:

[Register](#)

Collectivity matters in this fight, so be sure to spread the word and invite your family, friends and communities to participate in this public input opportunity. Together, we can protect the Great Lakes for generations to come!



Summer Actions with the Art Collective

The Art Collective is moving full-tilt into outdoor summer actions! We were invited to perform on Tuesday July 16 at Olbrich after Hours, a special summer concert series held at Olbrich Gardens, while 350 Wisconsin was invited to table at the event. We will help build visibility for our table as people arrive, then stage a surprise skit / dance shortly before the 7pm show begins. The show is free and open to the public. It is open air seating, so bring chairs or a blanket. We are looking for volunteers to table at the event, and hold banners and/or leaf during the performances. If that sounds like something you'd be interested in, sign up here:

[Sign Up: Olbrich After Hours](#)

On Saturday, June 15, we staged a new version of the Gates of Hell skit / dance at the Farmers' Market. We will present it again, with more fine tuning, on Saturday, July 20th, 10am. Climate is on the ballot! This is in support of 350 Wisconsin Action. We're looking for volunteers to help with banner-holding and/or leafleting, and a couple of volunteers to table during the performances – which really got folks excited about voting! Sign up below. Immediately following our performances on the 20th, the newly formed Art Collective Music Group will debut their first piece at 11am.

[Sign Up: Gates of Hell Skit](#)



Monthly Meeting Picnic and Volunteer Fair

We are excited to announce that our upcoming monthly meeting will not only be our annual picnic at Brittingham Park, but will also host a 350 Wisconsin and 350 Wisconsin Action Volunteer Fair! This is a fantastic opportunity to learn about various volunteer opportunities, especially as we gear up for the upcoming election. Our established 350 Wisconsin teams will also be present, showcasing how you can get involved in ongoing initiatives. Each station will have some creative element. If you have been following us but weren't sure how to get involved, this would be a great time to come and learn! If you have been involved with us, please feel free to bring friends and enjoy the festivities.

What to Expect:

Volunteer Opportunities: Meet representatives from different teams and discover how you can contribute to our efforts. Check out things going on within our 350 Wisconsin teams and see how you can get involved in 350 Wisconsin Action's electoral work!

Picnic: Enjoy a delightful picnic with fellow volunteers. Bring your own dish to pass and get ready for an afternoon of great food and company. Please bring your own plates if you can to reduce waste!

Date: Monday, August 5th

Time: 6pm

Location: Brittingham Park

Don't miss out on this chance to make a difference and connect with like-minded individuals. We look forward to seeing you there!



Become a Monthly Donor!

Help us make a difference by becoming a monthly donor at 350 Wisconsin! Monthly donations empower us to sustain long-term campaigns, respond swiftly to new opportunities, and amplify our advocacy efforts. **For a limited time, new "Climate Champions" will receive an Activist Kit, including a 350 Wisconsin t-shirt!** Your contribution will enable us to sustain critical campaigns, grow our team, and organize effective actions throughout the year. Together, we can end the era of fossil fuels and build a resilient and just future for all!

[Start Your Monthly Donation Here](#)



Resilience in the Anthropocene

Some 350 Wisconsin folks are taking an on-line course, “Resilience in the Anthropocene.” It invites participants to reflect on your feelings about climate change using diverse mindfulness practices. It encourages building inner and community resilience as a form of climate action.

The course is self-paced so you can start it at any time. The web site estimates 5-10 hours per week for 4 weeks, but we think it is closer to 10 hours for the whole course. You can enroll for free or pay \$49 if you want a certificate or more than four weeks of interactive access to course materials.

For more information and to register, use this link:

[Register Here](#)

If you start in the next month, you can join a group of us who are meeting to talk about it. Email

Julia.isaacs@350wisconsin.org by **July 11**, to get on the list for scheduling the next in-person meeting in Madison. We’re likely to meet the last week in July or early August, and welcome all to join us.

The course is organized by Dekila Chungyalpa, whose talk at our March 2024 monthly meeting was inspiring to many of us. If you want to hear Dekila’s talk, check out 350 Wisconsin’s monthly meeting archive:

[Monthly Meeting Archive](#)



EVs vs Gas-Powered Cars

Did You Know...

EVs typically have lower lifecycle emissions than traditional gasoline-powered cars, even when taking into account the emissions generated by manufacturing EVs and the power to charge them. Of course this depends on the generation mix of the electric grid, although even with current grids, EVs reduce emissions in almost all cases.

The key reason is their inherent efficiency-EVs convert over 77% of electrical energy to power at the wheels, whereas conventional vehicles only convert roughly 12%–30% of the energy in gasoline to power at the wheels.

The emissions from electricity that powers EVs is also likely to decrease over time as the US electric sector decarbonizes by moving toward zero-emission renewable energy and away from fossil fuels.

This information is summarized from a document published by Columbia Law School, Sabin Center for Climate Change Law entitled Rebutting 33 False Claims about Solar, Wind, and Electric Vehicles 4-2024.



Get Involved With 350 WI Action This July

We are seeking enthusiastic members to join our Political Action Team (PAT), meeting every few weeks until the November election. The PAT will play a crucial role in facilitating endorsements, supporting races, and developing messaging and communication strategies. Our next meeting is on **Wednesday, July 10, from 5:30-6:30 PM**, and will continue biweekly.

We recently sent out our first c4 newsletter of the year, filled with important updates—check your email inbox for details. Don't miss our upcoming July trainings on deep canvassing, relational organizing, relation postcarding, and messaging strategies. Click the button below for the full schedule and to sign up!

For more information and to get involved, please email kristen.clark@350wisconsin.org.

Full Schedule and Sign Up



Dane County Executive Candidate Forum on Climate Issues

Are you a climate-aware Dane County voter? Do you want to learn more about the climate platforms of the four candidates who are running for Dane County Executive before the August 13 primary election? Then you should plan on attending a climate-focused Dane County Executive Candidate Forum that will be held on **Thursday, August 1 at 7 PM** at the the First Unitarian Society on Madison's near west side. Forum co-sponsors include the First Unitarian Society's Climate Action Team, 350 Wisconsin Action, Faiths Connect for Climate Action, RENEW Wisconsin, and the local chapters of Citizens' Climate Lobby and the Sierra Club. Location: [900 University Bay Drive, Madison](#), in the

Atrium Auditorium. Time: Doors open at 6:30 PM; forum begins at 7 PM.



Upcoming Meetings

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

Climate Justice: July 8, 7-8 pm | Contact: Marian Fredal marian.fredal@350wisconsin.org

Community Climate Solutions: July 18, 5-6 pm | Contact: Susan Millar Susan.Millar@350wisconsin.org, Rachel Robillard RachelEBRobillard@gmail.com, or Maddie Loeffler maddie.loeffler@350wisconsin.org (For a complete schedule of various team meetings of CCST, click [here](#).)

Communication Action: July 15, 7:00-8:30 pm | Contact: Emily Park Emily.Park@350wisconsin.org

Fundraising: July 17, 7-8 pm | Contact: Kristen Clark, kristen.clark@350wisconsin.org

State Policy: July 17, 4-5 pm | Contact: Janet Niewold janet.niewold@gmail.com

Tar Sands: July 29, 5:30-6:30 pm | Contact: Britnie Remer britnie.remer@350wisconsin.org

Monthly Meeting: August 5, 7-8 pm | Contact: Julia Isaacs Julia.Isaacs@350wisconsin.org; Kelly Kearns Kelly.Kearns@350wisconsin.org

Organization Calendar: <https://350wisconsin.org/meeting-event-calendar/>

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