



March 2025 Climate Newsletter

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Get Ready to Vote!

On Tuesday April 1, Wisconsinites will be heading back to the polls to elect our newest state Supreme Court Justice, State Superintendent, and other local public leaders!

Don't forget to go to myvote.wi.gov to see what's on your ballot, find your polling place, check your registration status, and request a mail-in ballot!

How to vote early:

- **By Mail:** We strongly recommend that you request a ballot no later than **March 21** (earlier is better!) and mail it back no later than **March 28**.
- **In-Person Early Voting:** Starting **March 18th**, head to an early voting location in your town and lock in your vote. Beat the lines and get it done on your schedule!

Voting early is fast, easy, and ensures your voice counts in this critical election. This will be a hugely consequential election for Wisconsin... **don't miss it!**

[Check Out My Vote Wisconsin](#)



Speak Out Against the Oak Creek Gas Plant

On top of seeing 7 rate hikes in 10 years, We Energies customers are still paying the \$2.3 billion price tag for the company's Oak Creek "Power the Future" coal plant, the most expensive construction project in the history of the state, completed in 2011 and now a stranded asset.

To accurately and thoroughly assess the potential impacts of We Energies new proposal, completing a full Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is a critical step in this process that the Public Service Commission (PSC) must consider. The completed [Environmental Assessment \(EA\) states](#) that "the greenhouse gas emissions from the proposed facilities have the potential to contribute to long-term regional and global climate change impacts, and overall emissions from the facilities have the potential to result in local and regional public health impacts", but at the same time concludes that the plant will have "no significant impact". *This is unacceptable.*

Any new fossil fuel infrastructure will be expensive and lock us into using fossil fuels for decades, putting the brunt of the financial, health, and climate burden on average Wisconsinites as We Energies continues to be the most profitable utility in the state, [making more than double the revenue of the next highest utility.](#)

Action opportunities:

- March 25th - [Attend the public hearing](#) (in-person and online)
- March 27th - [Public comment](#) deadline

Carpools will be available from Madison, but space is limited. Contact Britnie at britnie.remer@350wisconsin.org for more information.



Fold Fish for the Great Lakes

Looking for a fun and easy way to take action to show your love for clean water and the Great Lakes? Help 350 Wisconsin fold origami fish to raise awareness of how the Great Lakes are threatened by the climate crisis and fossil fuel infrastructure like the Line 5 oil pipeline!

We need as many origami fish as possible, so recruit your friends and family! All you need is some paper of any size, as long as it's a square. Learn how to fold an origami fish here:

[Origami Fish Tutorial](#)

Let us know if you're planning to fold any fish here:

[I'm Going to Fold Fish!](#)

Why are we collecting origami fish? Great question... stay tuned for an exciting announcement soon!

Please reach out to Britnie Remer at britnie.remer@350wisconsin.org if you have any questions, need any help, or would prefer a written copy of the instructions.



Tell Your Representatives: Support EV Charging Programs

In December 2023, SB 791 passed with bipartisan support -- enabling Wisconsin businesses to apply for and receive federal grants to build out EV charging stations along the busiest highways in our state.

On Feb. 6, 2025, all State Department of Transportation Directors received a letter from the Trump Administration US DOT that said, "effective immediately, no new obligations

may occur under the NEVI Formula Program until the final NEVI Formula Program Guidance is issued and new State plans are submitted and approved.”

Use [this form](#) to send an email to your US Congressional and State representatives to urge them to continue supporting the NEVI and WEVI electric vehicle charging programs so that we can push forward electric vehicle usage and reduce greenhouse gas-producing cars that cause climate change.

[Email My Representatives](#)



350 Network Council: Organizing Utility Justice

During the week of March 24, representatives from the [350 Network Council](#) gathered in San Diego to discuss our shared goals and to plan our continued national coordination on utility and energy justice. The Network

Council, which includes 16 of the largest [350.org](#) affiliates in the US, is working together to change the narrative on our utilities – reframing affordable clean energy as a human right and challenging the for-profit corporations and interest groups that are prolonging our reliance on fossil fuels.

350 Wisconsin was represented by Britnie Remer, Stephanie Robinson, and Emily Park. We shared our recent utility and energy justice work with the rest of the Network Council, and as a group we began drafting plans for trainings and other materials to help activists level up their advocacy for affordable and sustainable clean energy. Stay tuned for more updates!



Hundred Acre Farm Tour

Interested in seeing Wisconsin's largest indoor urban farm? The Regenerative Land Relations team is facilitating a tour to Hundred Acre, a hydroponic farm in Milwaukee, on Saturday, March 15 at 3 pm. In addition to supplying fresh greens to local businesses year-round

with the aim of building more resilient food systems, the operation also has a workforce development program designed to support their communities. Attendees are encouraged to meet at the Madison Dutch Mill Park & Ride (near the gorilla statue) at 1:30 pm to carpool and caravan over together. Base tickets are \$5 per person for a 45 minute tour, or for \$35 your tour will also conclude with a 15-minute tasting of food

made with their produce plus a beverage. Food products will also be available for purchase at the end of the tour. Please bring cash. Wear long pants and closed toe shoes. Please send RSVPs to RLR co-lead Sharon Barbour at coachsharonb@gmail.com by 3/11.

Upcoming Meetings

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

Climate Justice: March 10, 7-8 pm | Contact: Marian Fredal marian.fredal@350wisconsin.org

Community Climate Solutions: March 20, 5-6 pm | Contact: Rachel Robillard RachelEBRobillard@gmail.com (For a complete schedule of various team meetings of CCST, click [here](#).)

Communication Action: March 18, 7:00-8:00 pm | Contact: Emily Park Emily.Park@350wisconsin.org

Fundraising: March 19, 7-8 pm | Contact: Kristen Clark, kristen.clark@350wisconsin.org

Regenerative Land Relations Team: March 11, 6:30-7:30 pm | Contact: Kathleen Fitzgibbon, kathleen.fitzgibbon@350wisconsin.org

State Policy: March 19, 4-5 pm | Contact: Janet Niewold janet.niewold@gmail.com

Tar Sands: March 10, 5:30- 6:30 pm | Contact: Britnie Remer britnie.remer@350wisconsin.org

Monthly Meeting: April 7, 7-8 pm | Contact: Christina Koch koch.christinal@gmail.com; Kelly Kearns Kelly.Kearns@350wisconsin.org

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

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