

# WISCONSIN CLIMATE TABLE

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## FROM THE WCT COORDINATOR

SUSAN GAEDDERT, 1000 FRIENDS OF WISCONSIN

I am excited to announce that **the Climate Table is meeting in person for the first time in over three years!** The Leadership Team is hard at work planning an all-day meeting and networking opportunity for **May 5** from **9am-3pm**. The agenda is packed full of Table business, guests from the Office of Sustainable and Clean Energy (OSCE), campaign updates, and perhaps most importantly, a chance to meet with other Table members face to face rather than in a Zoom room. We have secured a space at the **Waukesha County Technical College** and will be providing food and beverages for all attendees. **If you have not filled out the form for the May 5 meeting, you can do so here:** <https://forms.gle/A7rKpKBgwHNZWMem7>.

Organizations can send more than one representative, but please be sure to fill out the form for every individual attending. The catering order must be placed at minimum two weeks in advance, so *please RVSP no later than next Monday, April 17*. There is no fee to attend. If you would like to request a stipend to cover travel expenses, please contact me at [susan@1kfriends.org](mailto:susan@1kfriends.org).

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### IN-PERSON MEETING

WAUKESHA COUNTY  
TECHNICAL COLLEGE

MAY 5, 2023  
9AM-3PM

LUNCH PROVIDED  
FULL AGENDA TBA



## PROFILE: MONTRE J. MOORE



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*-Montré J. Moore*

**Montré J. Moore** represents the Wisconsin NAACP, where he is Chairman of the NAACP Environmental and Climate Justice Committee. He has served on the Climate Table Leadership Team since July 2022, and he co-chairs the Clean Energy Plan campaign along with Ted Kraig of Citizen Action Wisconsin. The NAACP is a great resource for bringing environmental justice issues to Black and brown communities, and their presence on the Wisconsin Climate Table is important for ensuring that representation and grassroots issues are front and center in our work.

A lifelong Milwaukee resident, Montré is passionate about the environment and has served in the climate justice space for over 10 years in various capacities. Currently, Montré holds five different environmental roles across the state of Wisconsin, so it should be no surprise to hear him say, "My current motto as it relates to climate change is that we need to do everything, everywhere, all at once!"

The warmth and energy Montré brings to these leadership roles is evident to anyone sharing space with him. He was recently unanimously elected to the Citizens' Utility Board (CUB) <https://cubwi.org>, which meets quarterly to represent consumer interests and make recommendations to the PSC. Montré is the only African American currently serving on the Board, and he is passionate about bringing a climate justice and green infrastructure focus to the work.

The **Wisconsin NAACP Environmental and Climate Justice Committee** is currently working to develop a statewide environmental and climate justice initiative to ensure that historically underserved communities—especially BIPOC communities (Black, Indigenous, and people of color)—have full participation in the Inflation Reduction Act's (IRA) funding and legislative opportunities. To achieve that goal, the initiative we create will provide a platform that enables environmental justice organizations from Wisconsin, the Midwest, and eventually all of the U.S. to ensure that their communities have equitable access to available environment- and climate- focused information, resources, and tools. The initiative is comprised of three campaigns:

- 1) a **grassroots effort** to educate communities about climate change and current legislation and to disseminate relevant resources and tools;
- 2) a **public-facing website**, coupled with a sophisticated social-media campaign, that provides State- and region-specific climate and environmental resources and information (e.g., weatherization assistance programs, green infrastructure jobs, etc.);
- 3) an **internal organization-facing website** for non-profit environment- and climate-focused organizations to share educational tools, trainings, and best practices, and to collaborate on projects with each other.

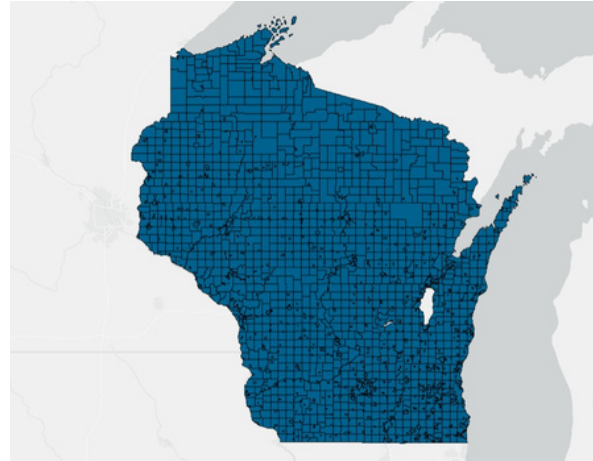


**Have you renewed your Climate Table membership? <https://tinyurl.com/bv5ebs3a>**



## CAMPAIGN UPDATES

The **Community Commitments Campaign** (co-chairs: Stephanie Robinson, 350 Wisconsin & Susan Gaeddert) is inching ever closer to launching the tool we are developing for equity in local climate action planning. The tool is intended for local government planners and elected officials and includes an extensive menu of strategies for centering equity across multiple areas of municipal planning, examples of climate action plans from around the state, and links to federal funding opportunities and other resources. We have contracted with 1000 Friends of Wisconsin to put the tool online in a user-friendly format, and it will be ready for public viewing in the next few weeks.



During a public webinar in March, Susan Gaeddert and Stephanie Robinson introduced the tool, and Keviea Guiden shared stories of her work organizing at the grassroots level and collecting stories of energy burden and climate impact in the Milwaukee area. You can view a recording of the presentation and discussion here: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GxSjvObx\\_PE&t=1s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GxSjvObx_PE&t=1s)

The **Clean Energy Plan (CEP) Campaign** (co-chairs: Ted Kraig, Citizen Action Wisconsin & Montre Moore, NAACP) is meeting next on **Wednesday, April 12 from 12-1pm**. If you would like to join the CEP campaign, please contact one of the co-chairs or the WCT Coordinator.

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## NEWS FROM KEVIEA GUIDEN, CCC PROJECT COORDINATOR

Keviea was quoted in a WPR story about the end of the moratorium on utility shutoffs, which ends April 15. Citizen Action Wisconsin, Sierra Club, and others are urging WE energies to stop utility shutoffs and reconsider the 11% rate increase. <https://www.wpr.org/wisconsin-utilities-customers-plan-end-disconnection-moratorium-april-15>

*"...if I'm what you call the 'working poor,' how am I (going) to be able to determine which bill I can pay? And that's when it becomes a burden because now, your baby needs Pampers, you need food (and) you most definitely have to pay for shelter."*


*-Keviea Guiden*



*Keviea Guiden & Alderwoman Millele Coggs at Milwaukee City Hall for Girls' Day on March 23.*

## EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM WCT MEMBERS


### WISCONSIN GREEN MUSLIMS



**18**  
Years

## Green Ramadan

<https://WisconsinGreenMuslims.org/Green-Ramadan>



**WISCONSIN  
GREEN MUSLIMS**

*A grassroots environmental justice group formed in 2005.  
Connecting Faith, Environmental Justice, Sustainability,  
and Healing through Education and Service.*

Contact: [Info@WisconsinGreenMuslims.org](mailto:Info@WisconsinGreenMuslims.org) / @WlgreenMuslims



**The Wisconsin Examiner**  
"The Clean Water We All Deserve"  
op-ed by Huda Adklaff

<https://wisconsinexaminer.com/2023/03/29/the-clean-water-we-all-deserve/>



**epicurean  
EVENING**  
A CULINARY EVENT for CLEAN WISCONSIN  
MADISON



**APRIL 27, 2023**  
5:00 PM  
MONONA TERRACE - MADISON

Join us for an evening of local fare, craft cocktails, and great fun to celebrate Wisconsin's natural resources and support our ongoing work to protect them.

Purchase your tickets by 4/19  
[cleanwisconsin.org/epicurean-evening](https://cleanwisconsin.org/epicurean-evening)  
Single tickets \$150 / Table for eight \$1,200

Tickets can also be purchased via checks made out to Clean Wisconsin and mailed to:  
634 W Main St #300, Madison, WI 53703.  
Please include "Epicurean Evening" in the check memo.

## PROTEST FOR AFFORDABLE ENERGY



**FIGHT FOR OUR LIGHTS**  
Tell WE Energies to  
STOP THE SHUTOFFS!

**THURSDAY APRIL 13 @ 4:30PM**  
**PROTEST AT WE ENERGIES BUILDING**  
3100 W North Ave, Milwaukee

Learn more: [bit.ly/me-energies23](https://bit.ly/me-energies23)  
Questions? Contact Keviea Guiden at  
(414) 841-3839



Citizen Action, Sierra Club, Faith in Place, Clean Wisconsin, Hummingbird and other organizations are co-hosting a protest to #FightForOurLights ahead of the end of the winter electric shutoff moratorium ending on April 15. Please join us to elevate the issue of energy burden, high electric rates, and the threat of electric shutoffs.

**WHEN:** Thursday, April 13 at 4:30 pm  
**WHERE:** 3100 W North Ave, Milwaukee, WI 53208  
**MORE INFO:** <https://fb.me/e/2FrdtCGg2>

# WAUKESHA COUNTY GREEN TEAM SUSTAINABILITY FAIR



Exhibitor and Sponsor registration is now open for the 2023 Sustainability Fair!

The fourth Sustainability Fair will be held at Retzer Nature Center in Waukesha County on Saturday, August 26 from 9:30am-3:00pm. The fair is a project of the Waukesha County Green Team and fair partners include Waukesha County, Waukesha County Land Conservancy, and Plowshare Fair Trade.

The Fair is a Zero Waste event and will include interactive exhibits, an EV showcase, expert presentations, planetarium showings, and guided activities for children and adults that celebrate environmental sustainability and show how it can be approachable, economical, and fun!

Bring your organization to over 1,000 ecologically minded visitors of all ages.

Exhibitor and Vendor Sign-up:  
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/sustainability-fair-2023-exhibitor-and-vendor-signup-tickets-495180055877>

Sponsorship Opportunities:  
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/sustainability-fair-2023-sponsorship-opportunities-tickets-495207678497>

Information Packet:  
[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1y179hYWccNT\\_-qDzQuOQkme-xXvzHOXS/view](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1y179hYWccNT_-qDzQuOQkme-xXvzHOXS/view)

## CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS!

Items for the May WCT newsletter should be submitted by Monday, May 8 at noon.

Send a write-up of no more than 200 words plus an image and any links to share. I am also looking for seasonal photos from around Wisconsin to feature on the cover page each month.

Send all information to:  
[susan@1kfriends.org](mailto:susan@1kfriends.org)

*"Our goal is not just an environment of clean air and water and scenic beauty. The objective is an environment of decency, quality, and mutual respect for all other human beings and all other living creatures."*

-Gaylord Nelson