

WISCONSIN CLIMATE TABLE



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FROM THE WCT COORDINATOR

SUSAN GAEDDERT, 1000 FRIENDS OF WISCONSIN

Signs of fall: the days are getting shorter, there's a refreshing chill in the air, and the kids are back in school. Are you team PSL (pumpkin spice latte)? Personally, I can do without, but I don't begrudge anyone their cozy beverage of choice.

Of course, fall isn't all pretty leaves and tasty drinks. The relentless stories of floods, fires, heat waves, and hurricanes demolishing communities around the globe gives me a heavy feeling, a lump of existential dread in my middle. I'm sure many of you feel the same way. How can we right the ship when it has gone so far off course? I suppose we have no choice but to try.

But I want to end on a high note! We've got good news to share, along with exciting plans for the year to come. Keep on keepin' on.

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Project Coordinator Update

For the past several months, **Keviea Guiden** has been working with a core leadership team of ten individuals in Milwaukee. Under her guidance, they have collected signatures, distributed energy efficiency kits, and engaged in outreach and organizing related to energy burden in their community. In early September, she presented each volunteer with a certificate of achievement and gift card as a gesture of gratitude for their commitment.

Keviea continues to collect stories of impact in Milwaukee, where frontline communities are feeling the brunt of climate change every day. The heat waves in August and early September highlight the need to address energy burden and utility rate hikes.

SOME GOOD NEWS!!



In mid-September, we were informed that the **Wisconsin Climate Table** was awarded the full amount requested for the **2023-2024 State Collaboration Grant, \$55,000!** This grant from the RE-AMP network funds Table operations and supports our campaigns. Many thanks to all who have participated on the Leadership Team and the campaigns over the last year.



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CAMPAIGN UPDATES

Community Commitments



Co-chair: Susan Gaeddert

The **Community Commitments Campaign** is gearing up for an exciting year of work ahead! Stephanie Robinson, Susan Gaeddert, and Keviea Guiden are sharing the Equity Tool Kit at the American Planning Association conference in Milwaukee. Join us at the next CCC meeting on October 26 from 1-2pm.

If you are interested in joining Susan Gaeddert as CCC co-chair, send an email to susan@1kfriends.org

Clean Energy Plan Campaign

Co-chairs: Montre Moore & Ted Kraig

Members of the Clean Energy Plan Campaign met with WisDOT officials in August, who shared details of federal funding requirements and the plan to build EV charging infrastructure in Wisconsin. More information will be shared out at the next CEP meeting, date TBA.

If you would like to be included on the CEP Campaign email list, contact Ted Kraig: kraigt@weac.org.

OPPORTUNITIES AND RESOURCES

RE-AMP ANNUAL MEETING



Registration is now open for the **2023 Annual Meeting!** The agenda includes opportunities for virtual and in-person participation during the week of October 9th. The in-person portion will take place October 11-13 at the Outdoor Adventure Center in Detroit, MI.

Some sessions are open to all members of the Network, regardless of whether they are attending the meeting. Visit the [Annual Meeting page on the Commons](#) for more information and to register for any of the events open to everyone in the Network. Members send their first attendee for free and additional attendees are welcome at a discounted rate. Registration will be open until the end of September.

..... URBAN WATERS LEARNING NETWORK

Building Water Equity and Climate Resilient Communities for ALL

In this 6-part series, hosted by the Urban Waters Learning Network, we will highlight a variety of strategies that community-based organizations can use to help their communities anticipate, prepare for and respond to climate risks such as flooding, coastal storms and drought, with a focus on protecting community members who are most vulnerable to climate threats.



[Learn more here.](#)

At the end of this learning series, participants will:

- Understand the historical context of climate inequities and be able to initiate local conversations to help residents and stakeholders understand the relationship between historic land use/housing policies and predicted impacts of climate change, in particular with regards to water.
- Understand and describe how climate change impacts are felt through water: riverine, urban and coastal flooding, drought and water scarcity, water pollution and more, and how restoration initiatives improve community resilience.
- Identify key practices of community-driven climate resilience and gain tools for organizing community members and communicating local priorities to decision-makers more effectively.

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EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM WCT MEMBERS

WISCONSIN ACADEMY OF SCIENCES, ARTS & LETTERS



Join the **Wisconsin Academy of Sciences, Arts & Letters** and the **Wisconsin Farmers Union** at the [Agriculture & Rural Resilience Summit](#) on October 21, 2023, in Eau Claire, WI. This one-day event is a transformative platform for stakeholders to address pressing climate challenges. Drawing from the success of [Climate Fast Forward](#) 2022, attendees will engage with inspiring speakers, participate in facilitated sessions, and utilize unstructured networking time to forge valuable connections.

This Summit seeks to bring people together from:

- Organizations working with farmers and rural communities on natural climate solutions issues in rural areas
- Farmers advancing climate smart agricultural solutions
- Rural coalitions that have been left out of the climate change resiliency conversation
- Tribal Nations staff and members working on climate change mitigation and impacts within Tribal communities
- Businesses, universities, colleges, and other organizations working on creating job opportunities in rural communities in Wisconsin
- Government leaders looking to connect with rural communities

Learn more and see the agenda on the website page [here](#) or contact Jessica James, Climate and Energy Program Manager at jjames@wisconsinacademy.org.

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RENEW: CLEAN RIDES, HEALTHY KIDS!

On Wednesday, September 20 from 4-6pm, **RENEW** is hosting **Clean Rides, Healthy Kids** event at Forest Edge Elementary. As RENEW continues to prioritize sustainable and decarbonized transportation solutions, this tour will be an opportunity to showcase the health and cost benefits of electric school buses. With unprecedented federal grants and rebates available to Wisconsin to electric school buses, now is the time to build awareness and support for this electrification transition.

During the tour, you will have a chance to explore this state-of-the-art electric bus that will serve as a real example of how Wisconsin communities can reduce emissions, lower school district fuel and maintenance costs, and improve air quality for all our students. We hope this event will highlight the benefits of electric transportation, and inspire meaningful actions about the need for clean transportation for Wisconsin's schools and communities.

ELEVATE



The Efficiency Navigator program helps small to medium-size multi-family housing become more efficient and resilient while reducing operating costs to remain affordable. In early September, Elevate hosted a press event celebrating the IRA and the Efficiency Navigator Program. Several media outlets reported on the event, including [Channel 3000](#), the [Wisconsin Examiner](#), and others.

WISCONSIN GREEN MUSLIMS

Huda Aklaff et. al. published two articles recently:

[Global Hunger and Food Waste](#)

Islamic Horizons, July/August 2023

[Extreme Heat Waves Impact on Climate Change](#)

Islamic Horizons, September/October 2023



“The severe heat wave enforces upon all of us the necessity to do our share.”

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CLEAN WISCONSIN: CLEAN BUILDINGS MANAGER

Clean Wisconsin will be adding a **Clean Buildings Manager** to our team of passionate environmental advocates and experts. The Manager will work to develop and execute a strategy to advance building decarbonization, efficiency, indoor air quality and electrification across the state. Most urgently, the Manager will work with a team of experts to build a strong foundation for Wisconsin building code adoption, compliance, and local support.

Applicants should submit a cover letter and resume by Sept. 27 for best consideration. More details on the job opportunity and how to apply are here: <https://www.cleanwisconsin.org/clean-buildings-manager/>. P

SIERRA CLUB: VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR

Sierra Club is hiring a **Volunteer Coordinator**.
This position:

- Is based in Madison, WI
- Scope: Organizes and implements a volunteer development program and supports administrative tasks for the organization. More info in description.
- Salary range: \$56,500 - \$58,000
- Great benefits (medical, dental, and vision coverage, and a retirement savings 401(k) plan)
- Represented by Progressive Workers Union

[Click here to learn more.](#)

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CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS!

Items for the September WCT newsletter should be submitted by end of day **Monday, October 9.**

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

*I didn't come here
purposefully, you know -
I wandered here, I
wandered there at all
because the tiny flowers
I so love grow
beneath tall trees in
woodlands deep and still
But now I'm here, I'll
readily concede
that I've arrived, yes, I
am here indeed.*



-Pierre Kemp

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