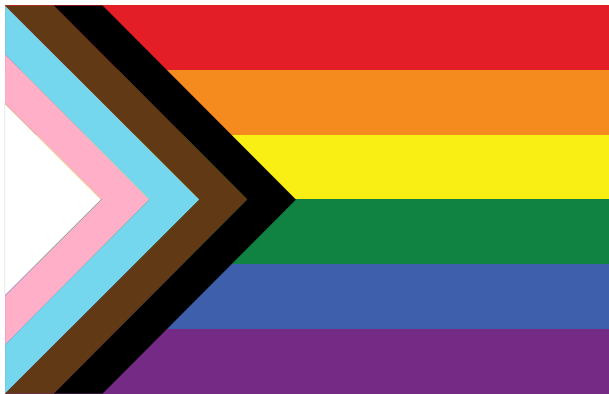


# WISCONSIN CLIMATE TABLE

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*HAPPY PRIDE MONTH! AND REMEMBER TO SUPPORT  
AND CELEBRATE LGBTQ+ COMMUNITIES ALL YEAR LONG*

## FROM THE WCT COORDINATOR

SUSAN GAEDDERT, 1000 FRIENDS OF WISCONSIN

We had our annual **in-person meeting** on Friday, May 3 at Slipstream HQ in Madison. About 20 people attended, including representatives from the RE-AMP network, the Wisconsin Office of Sustainability, and more than a dozen Climate Table organizations. Recipients of the CEP Campaign regrant presented on their projects; **350 WI** is developing a tool kit for engagement with the Public Service Commission, and **Green Neighbor Challenge** is developing an online scorecard for rural electric coops. Special guests included **Sarah Ann Shanahan** from the RE-AMP Network, and **Katelynn Samuelson** and **Christine Kelly** from OSCE.

I am gearing up for the release of the state collaboration grant RFP from RE-AMP, which should drop any day now. Keep your eyes open for more information coming soon!

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ANDREW BUTTS, GREEN  
NEIGHBOR CHALLENGE

LIZZIE CONDON, WISCONSIN  
ACADEMY OF ARTS, LETTERS &  
SCIENCES

ROBIN LISOWSKI, SLIPSTREAM

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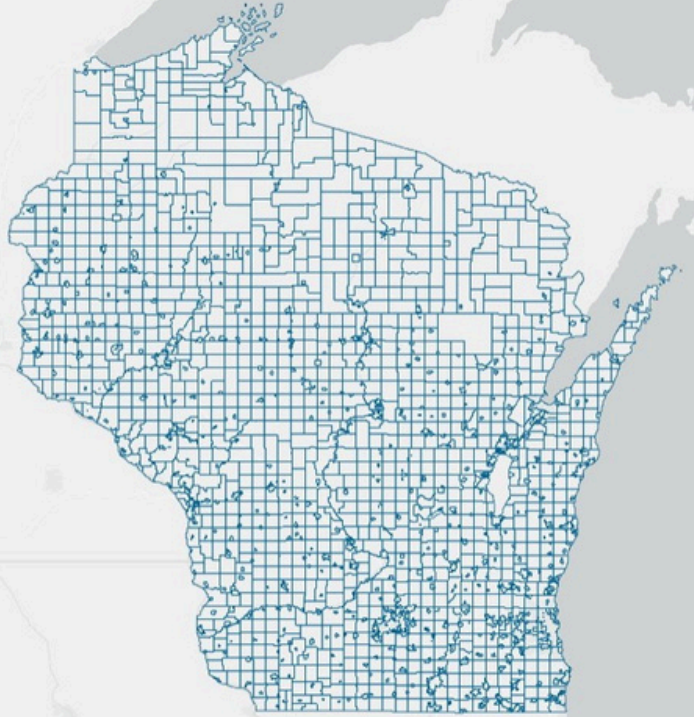
## **WELCOME NEW LEADERSHIP TEAM MEMBERS!**

For the first time since I started as WCT Coordinator in May 2022, we had a competitive race for the Leadership Team. 3 nominees were running to fill 2 open spots.

The candidates were all excellent and had a strong showing on the ballot. In the end, the top two vote-getters were **Abby Novinska-Lois** of Healthy Climate Wisconsin and **Joana Salinas** of Waukesha County Green Team.

They join current members **Andrew Butts** (Green Neighbor Challenge), **Lizzie Condon** (Wisconsin Academy), and **Robin Lisowski** (Slipstream, Inc.)

The Leadership Team is comprised of 5 people representing full member organizations of the Climate Table. They work with the Coordinator (me) to run operations and write the annual state collaboration grant that funds our work.



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## **CAMPAIGN UPDATES**

### **Community Commitments**

(Co) Chair: Susan Gaeddert

**I have some VERY exciting news to share!** We won a two-year grant from the Ben and Jerry's Foundation to fund our grassroots work in Milwaukee. Come to the next Community Commitments Campaign meeting on Thursday, June 13, at 1pm to learn more and discuss the shape of our work in the year to come.

### **Clean Energy Plan**

Co-Chairs: Ted Kraig & Montre Moore

**The next CEP Campaign meeting is TBA.** In anticipation of the RE-AMP State Collaboration Grant RFP, the co-chairs will lead a discussion about our goals over the next year and how to continue engagement around climate goals for the state.

# WCT MEMBER UPDATES

## COUILLARD SOLAR FOUNDATION & MREA

The [Energy Fair](#) is the nation's longest-running event of its kind. Part trade show, educational event, and grassroots festival, the Fair brings thousands of industry professionals and sustainable living enthusiasts together for workshops, exhibits, demonstrations, networking events, and much more. Join us in the clean energy transition and help make clean energy and sustainable living accessible to all!



## GREEN NEIGHBOR CHALLENGE



**Green Neighbor** wants to help you start conversations about your home energy transition with friends, family, and neighbors! So we've done our very best to source beautiful, comfortable, functional, sustainable, and affordable shirts and tote bags to help you get the word out about home energy programs as you move through the world. [Order Here!](#)



## Clean Wisconsin

[We are hiring a Clean Water Manager!](#) Clean Wisconsin is looking for an experienced and resourceful leader to manage the organization's critical work addressing emerging ground- and surface-water contaminants—especially per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), microplastics and neonicotinoids—as well as all too familiar pollutants like lead and nitrates.

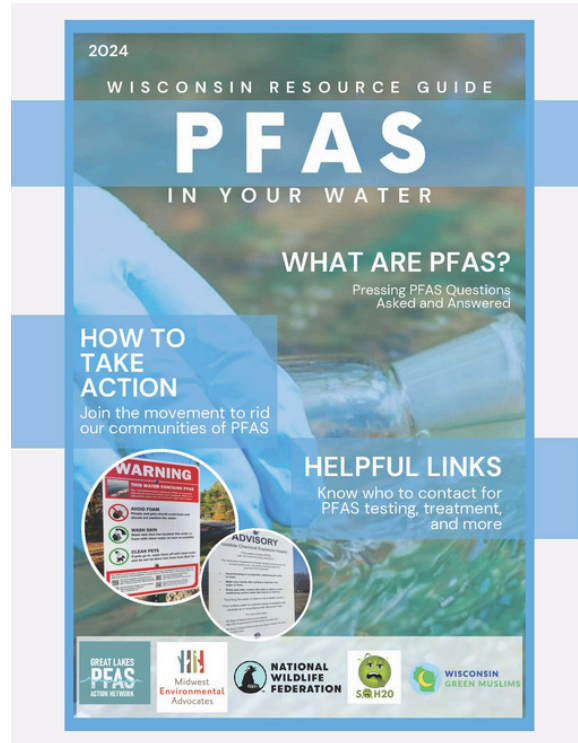
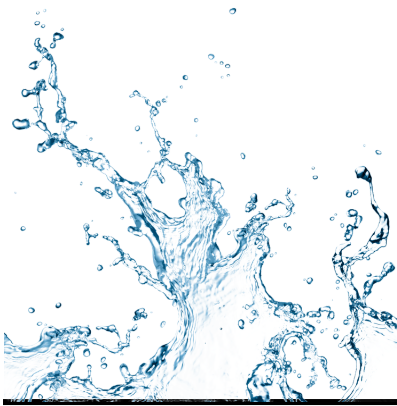


RENEW is hiring for a Renewables Analyst and Policy Manager. [Learn more and apply here.](#)

# WCT MEMBER UPDATES

## WISCONSIN GREEN MUSLIMS

Wisconsin Green Muslims and partners produced the 2024 Wisconsin Resource Guide: PFAS in Your Water as well as the PFAS in Your Municipal Water System? A Quick Guide for Wisconsin Communities. [Click here for more.](#)



Huda Alkaff et al. published the article **Lead in Drinking Water: High Levels of Lead Exposure Can be Life Threatening** (national Islamic Horizons magazine, May/June 2024 edition).

[Click here to read the full article.](#)



*“Low levels of exposure can interfere with thought processes and lower a child’s IQ and cause attention and behavioral problems, all of which affect lifetime learning.”*

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*“A highway is a hard thing to perceive. The physical structure is indisputable - concrete and beams, struts and supports, the persistent rumble...but highways aren't designed to be experienced or absorbed at human scale. On a highway, we ARE our cars...you can't ever see a whole highway.*

*You can only pause above or below and consider some part of it. And once a highway is built, it is almost impossible to imagine it gone.*

*Of course, harm cannot be undone - it can only be repaired. If you remove a highway, what was once there does not magically spring forth from the earth. A thousand homes do not themselves build.*

*Tearing down a highway is just the beginning.”*

*-Megan Kimble, City Limits: Infrastructure, Inequality, and the Future of America's Highways*

## **CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS!**

*Items for the next WCT newsletter should be submitted by July , 2024.*

*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:  
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*Check out the WCT website! <https://wisconsinclimatetable.org>*