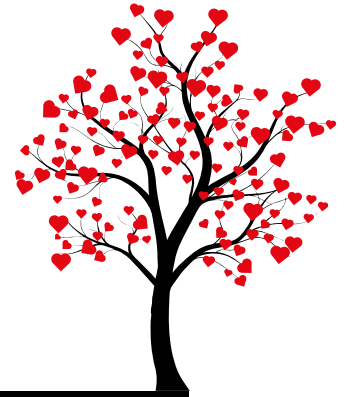


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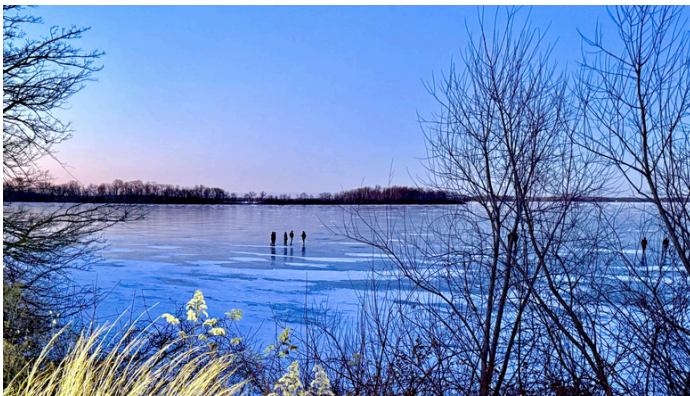


IMAGE: SKATERS ON LAKE MENDOTA

FROM THE WCT COORDINATOR

SUSAN GAEDDERT, 1000 FRIENDS OF WISCONSIN

The last few weeks have been extraordinarily unsettling. DEI is a core value of our work. Federal funding has moved us forward. This mental whiplash is only the beginning, and it's hard to maintain a sense of equilibrium in the deluge of bad news.

We all have different ways of responding to chaos, tumult, and difficulty. Some of us check out, some of us jump into action, and some of us take the time to regroup and strategize. I am not here to tell you what to do or how to respond, but I do know that music, art, and creativity are at the heart of what makes us human. These things keep us tethered to each other, and to humanity. That's why I share a poem at the end of every WCT newsletter. It's what keeps me from giving in to cynicism and despair.

Keep fighting the good fight, everyone. Please reach out if you need anything.

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ABBY CORSO, ELEVATE

ROBIN LISOWSKI, SLIPSTREAM

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CLIMATE WISCONSIN

JOANNA SALINAS, WAUKESHA
COUNTY GREEN TEAM

CONTACT THE COORDINATOR:
SUSAN@1KFRIENDS.ORG

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

It's **membership renewal** season! You should have gotten an email with renewal information for 2025. Please contact the Coordinator at susan@1kfriends.org if you have any questions.

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RE-AMP NETWORK

RE-AMP membership isn't a requirement for Climate Table members, but sometimes people have questions when they join the Climate Table. Who are they? What do they do? Check out this snapshot of the RE-AMP network to the right for some answers to your FAQs →

More questions? Contact Sarah Ann Shanahan, sarah@reamp.org

FUN FACTS!


RE-AMP funds the lion's share of Wisconsin Climate Table operations through the **state collaboration grant** program.






Andrew Butts (Green Neighbor Challenge) serves on the RE-AMP Steering Committee.

Like some Climate Table member organizations, the RE-AMP footprint includes **many states** in the Midwest outside of Wisconsin.

RE-AMP Network

THINK SYSTEMICALLY,
ACT COLLABORATIVELY



<h3>Who</h3> <p>A network of non-profits, working in the upper Midwest to set collective strategy and enable collaboration on climate.</p>	<h3>Goal</h3> <p>To equitably eliminate greenhouse gas emissions in the Midwest by 2050.</p>			
<h3>Priorities</h3> <p>We are currently concentrating our time, energy and resources in the follow ways</p> <div> Agriculture  Energy  Transportation  Power Building</div>				
<p>The RE-AMP footprint includes: Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota and Wisconsin.</p>				
<h3>The Three C's</h3> <table><tr><td>Connections</td><td>Co-Create Strategy</td><td>Capacity Building</td></tr></table> <p>We support our members developing relationships in and across states, create space for the co-creation of strategy, and help individuals thrive through capacity building opportunities.</p>		Connections	Co-Create Strategy	Capacity Building
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<p>Find out more at www.reamp.org</p>				

WTC VIRTUAL WATER COOLER

We're trying something kind of new in 2025, a **WCT Virtual "Water Cooler"**! Every few weeks, the Coordinator will set up a Zoom meeting open to anyone from the Table who wants to show up and shoot the breeze.

Whether you need to vent, talk through a conundrum, or just get to know others in the Climate Table, you are welcome to join! There will be no agenda or calls to action, just an open space for people to gather informally and get to know each other.

The next **WTC Virtual Water Cooler** is **Friday, February 7 at 11:30am**. Check the email list for a Zoom link, or email the Coordinator if you want to be added to the calendar hold: susan@1kfriends.org



My name is Patrice [Sappington](#) and I am a senior researcher with [Ethos Research](#). Ethos is a strategic research consulting firm dedicated to supporting equitable solutions to the climate crisis. We specialize in actionable insight. We navigate the noise to bring our clients the facts they need to support strategic decision-making. Whether your goal is to drive policy change, support frontline communities, raise awareness, or win an election, we'll arm you and your team with the facts you need to form a winning strategy.

We are interested in building relationships with local and regional organizations in Wisconsin and appreciate the opportunity to introduce our firm in case we can assist you with future research needs.

We've partnered extensively with nonprofits and foundations with goals similar to those of the WCT network and its member organizations. For example, we recently worked with a nonprofit that is driving legislation to streamline residential solar permitting in multiple states – for this project, we collaborated on reports exploring obstacles to permitting in three of those states.

We've worked with a national foundation to produce corporate research on the oil and gas industry in California and New Mexico, and on the utility company Northwest Natural for an electrification campaign in Oregon. We have also partnered with the Climate and Clean Energy Equity Fund for the last several years to build and maintain a database tracking funding opportunities in the Infrastructure Bill and the Inflation Reduction Act.

I'm based in Fond du Lac and I would love to be connected - to hear more about what you are doing at your organization, and to tell you more about what we do. I'm free for a phone or zoom call at your convenience. If you are nearby, let's have coffee! You can reach me at patrice@ethosresearchteam.com.

WCT MEMBER UPDATES

Deadline approaching soon: Submit a public comment to oppose the Paris gas plant (in Union Grove) and a gas plant expansion in Beloit

Enough is enough. Wisconsin utilities are openly boasting about record profits and dividends for shareholders while proposing new, expensive gas infrastructure that customers will have to pay for with higher utility bills, their health, and continued destruction to our shared planet. Right now, locations for new gas plants and plant expansions are located in several priority environmental justice areas of our state, according to the EPA's EJ Screen tool. Those include: Union Grove, Beloit, and Oak Creek.

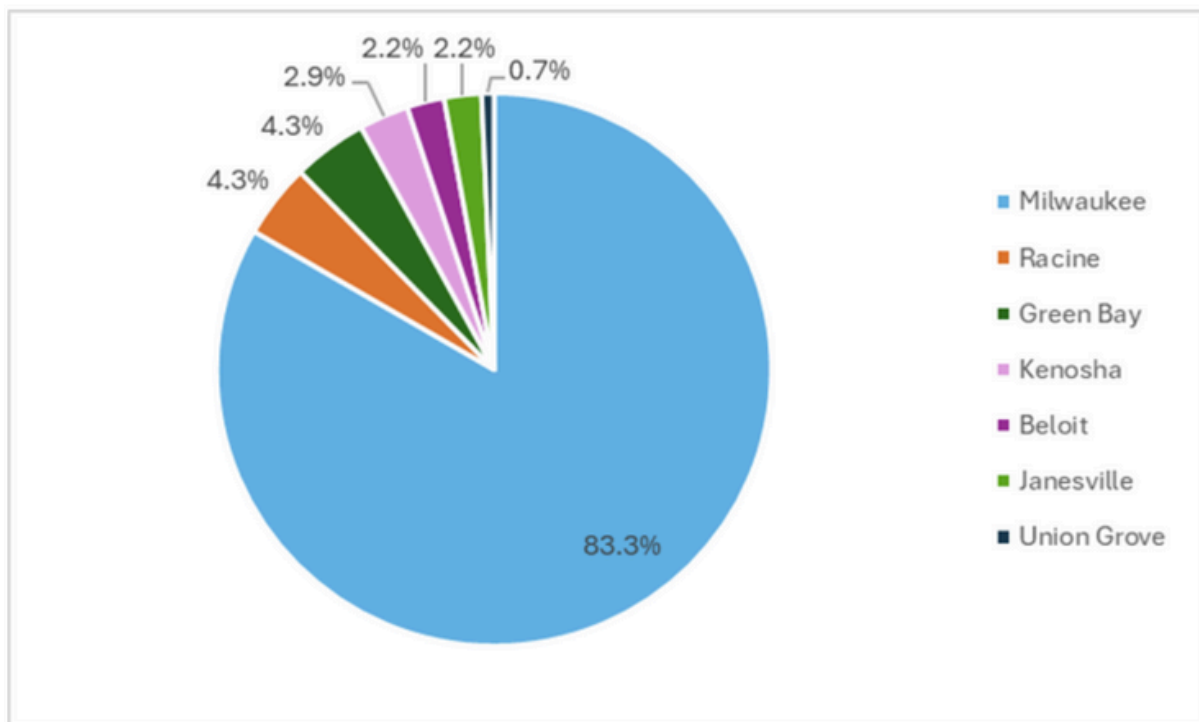


Figure 1 demonstrates how urban areas in southeastern Wisconsin bear the greatest environmental burden, particularly in minority communities, underscoring the urgent need for targeted interventions.

Paris Gas Plant (Paris township near Union Grove in Kenosha County):

- Comment Deadline: February 17, 2025
- [Talking points and comment tool](#)

Beloit Gas Plant Expansion:

- Deadline February 12
- [Comment tool and talking points](#)

Oak Creek Gas Plant, LNG Facility, and Pipeline:

- Save the date for the public hearing (Zoom or in-person) on March 25th at 1 PM and 6 PM.

WCT MEMBER UPDATES

Climate Action Day

March 11, 2025



Join us for a powerful day of action! Advocate for sustainable energy, environmental justice, and faith-based engagement. Meet with legislators, participate in advocacy training, and rally for change.



2025 WISCONSIN ADVOCACY DAY
CLIMATE ACTION DAY AT THE CAPITOL

SAVE THE DATE!

Join Faith in Place at the 2025 Wisconsin Advocacy Day! We will be advocating for a cleaner and healthier tomorrow! All are welcome!

More details and the agenda to come!

 **11 March 2025**

 **Wisconsin State Capitol**
2 E Main St, Madison, WI 53702

Transportation Opportunities will be provided



 **FREE REGISTRATION:** [BIT.LY/WI-ADVOCACY-DAY2025](https://bit.ly/wi-advocacy-day2025)

Green Ramadan Campaign 2025

“Earth Care is Gratitude of Allah’s (SWT) Gift”

February 23, 2025
4:00PM - 5:00PM (EST)



Nana Firman MSUD, MAIS
Co-Founder, Global Muslim Climate Network
Masters Islamic Studies



Huda Alkaff MA, MS
Founder/Director
Wisconsin Green Muslims
Michigan Green Muslims



Uzma Mirza AIA, NCARB, LEED AP, MA
Registered Architect/US Green Building Council
Founder AYN Architect Studio/Pen and Inkpot Foundation
Environmental Philanthropy/Green Masjid Design

ISNA Green Initiative Team requests your Mosque/Islamic Center participation in the 11th annual ‘Greening our Ramadan Campaign’. Awareness of our harmful actions on our environment, we must seek to implement practices, policies and earth care that are environmentally friendly, caring for the rights of all Allah’s (God’s) communities. So, let us be the solution and live up to our role as Khulafa or Stewards of earth and reduce our carbon footprint in our Masajid and homes and make this as part of our ibadah! Insha’Allah. Trees shall be planted by the Pen and Inkpot Foundation as a sadaqa jariya of your participation.

[Join on YouTube](#)

[Join on Facebook](#)

WCT MEMBER UPDATES

1000 FRIENDS OF WISCONSIN



Comparing Vulnerable Road User Safety Assessments in the Midwest

January 2025

1000 Friends of Wisconsin is thrilled to announce the release of the Vulnerable Road User Safety Assessment (VRUSA) Report, created through a collaborative effort by Midwest nonprofits in the RE-AMP Network! This report dives into how state Departments of Transportation in the Midwest are evaluating their efforts to address the safety of people who walk, bike, and roll on our streets.

[Click here to learn more about the report and download a copy of the pdf.](#)

[Click here for an interview on The Brake podcast with Michael Kelley of BikeWalkKC](#), where he explains what the heck “VRUSA” means and why this report was so important to write.

Vernon County Energy District (VCED) is a nonprofit dedicated to helping our community achieve energy independence, reduce costs, and create a more resilient future.



📍 Viroqua, WI | 📁 Full-Time | 📅 Rolling Applications

We seek a [Business and Program Operations Manager](#) to oversee operations, financial management, and programs, ensuring efficiency and impact.

Key Responsibilities:

- Manage budgets, track financial performance, and report to the Board.
- Oversee program evaluation, client data management, and grant compliance.
- Provide customer service and maintain stakeholder relationships.
- Maintain website, CRM systems, and digital presence.
- Support strategic growth and partnerships.

Qualifications:

- 3+ years in nonprofit operations, finance, or program management.
- Strong organizational, communication, and problem-solving skills.
- Proficiency in budgeting, CRM tools, and digital platforms. 💰

Salary: \$60K-\$75K | 🌱

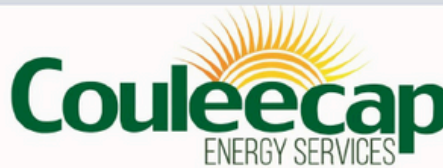
Flexible Schedule & PTO

Apply: Send your resume & cover letter to info@vced.energy with the subject: Business and Program Operations Manager Application.

WCT MEMBER UPDATES



COUILLARD SOLAR SERIES KICK-OFF PRESENTATION **Wisconsin Solar for Homes Project**



Thursday, March 6th

6:30 - 7:30 PM

Westby Community Center

206 N Main St, Westby, WI 54667

RSVP HERE



Homeowner with a high energy burden? Come and learn how solar can reduce your energy bills.

matthew@couillardsolarfoundation.org

BLK History Month

*If Black History Month is not
viable then wind does not
carry the seeds and drop them
on fertile ground
rain does not
dampen the land
and encourage the seeds
to root
sun does not
warm the earth
and kiss the seedlings
and tell them plain:
You're As Good As Anybody Else
You've Got A Place Here, Too*

- Nikki Giovanni

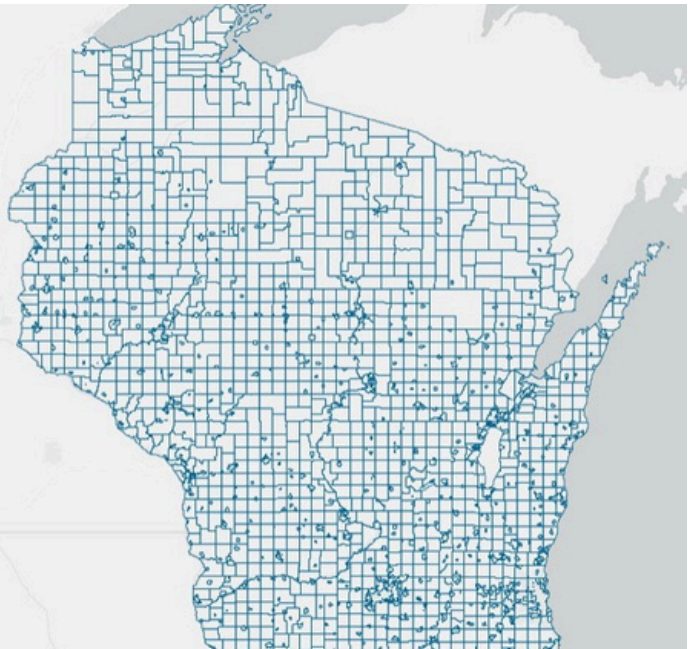
CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS!

*Items for the next WCT
newsletter should be submitted
by March 7, 2025.*

*Submit 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.*

*Use [this form](#) for submissions. If
you have questions, email
susan@1kfriends.org*

*The Wisconsin Climate Table is
a network of more than 30
diverse member organizations
from across Wisconsin working
together for equitable solutions
to the climate crisis. We share
the common goal to equitably
eliminate greenhouse gas
emissions in Wisconsin by the
year 2050.*



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