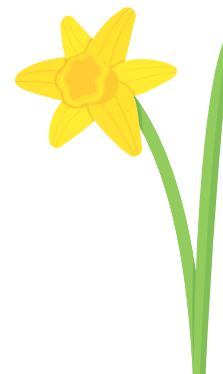


WISCONSIN CLIMATE TABLE



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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IMAGE: SPRING EPHEMERALS EMERGING

FROM THE WCT COORDINATOR

SUSAN GAEDDERT, 1000 FRIENDS OF WISCONSIN

it's been a whirlwind of a week, hasn't it? This Tuesday, Wisconsin obliterated records for holding the most expensive state Supreme Court race in history, not to mention historic voter turnout for a spring election. Senator Cory Booker held forth for more than 25 hours on the floor of the U.S. Senate without so much as a bathroom break (I do hope he's all right).

And the mind reels as we witness the economic fallout of severe tariffs and even more layoffs at the federal government.

Yet, we persist. What choice do we have?

The Leadership Team and I are planning our **annual spring meeting**, which will be on Friday, May 9 at the Olbrich Botanical Gardens in Madison. I hope you'll join us. [You can RSVP here.](#)

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CURRENT LEADERSHIP TEAM:

ANDREW BUTTS, GREEN
NEIGHBOR CHALLENGE

ABBY CORSO, ELEVATE

ROBIN LISOWSKI, SLIPSTREAM

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OPEN LEADERSHIP TEAM POSITIONS

We are seeking nominations for the Climate Table Leadership Team. There are two open seats, a 1-year position ending May 2026 currently held by Abby Novinska-Lois (Healthy Climate Wisconsin) and a 2-year position ending May 2027 currently held by Robin Lisowski (Slipstream Inc). Thank you, Abby and Robin!

Nominations close Monday, April 21, with the election held immediately after. Results will be announced by May 1.

Please email me directly asap if you want to nominate yourself or someone else.

Keep reading for answers to common questions!

Leadership team FAQs!

What is the role of the Leadership Team?

The LT supports the Coordinator in running Table operations like planning meetings, keeping track of the budget, communicating with membership, and helping write grants to keep the Table funded. The main responsibilities over the next six months are planning Q3 and Q4 full table meetings and prepare the state collaboration grant application to fund Table operations.

Who is eligible to be on the Leadership Team?

Any full member organization in good standing! In fact, every full member organization is expected to serve one term.

But I'm so busy. What time commitment is required from Leadership Team members?

We get it. Everyone is busy! The good news is, the LT meets once or twice per month on Zoom as needed for an hour or less at a time. Only on very rare occasions does the Coordinator request any more from the LT.

Will I be compensated for my time?

Yes. We include LT stipends in the operating budget. Each member organization receives \$500 for every 6 months of service.

I'm not sure I know enough about the Climate Table to be in a leadership position.

Actually, that's a good reason to run! One of our current LT members just joined the Climate Table recently, and they've found it to be a great way to get to know other members and understand the work we're doing together.

Can I nominate myself?

Yes! Self-nominations are welcome and very common.

OK, you've convinced me. How do I get my name on the ballot?

Send an email to Susan Gaeddert, the WCT Coordinator: susan@1kfriends.org. She can also answer any other questions you have.

ANNUAL SPRING MEETING MAY 9 IN MADISON



MAY 9, 2024 | 10am-3PM

OLBRICH BOTANICAL GARDENS
3330 ATWOOD AVE
MADISON, WI 53704

Breakfast and lunch provided
Travel stipends available

RSVP here by April 25, 2025

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 **Thursday, April 17 from 1-2pm**. 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

JOINT FINANCE COMMITTEE HEARINGS ON BUDGET BILLS



The **Joint Finance Committee of the Wisconsin Legislature** is holding public hearings on the budget bills during the month of April. The remaining hearing dates are:

- April 28 | 10:00am | Hayward High School auditorium in Hayward, WI
- April 29 | 10:00am | Northcentral Technical College Center for Health Sciences

Visit the [Wisconsin State Legislature website](#) and search for “Joint Finance” in the Committee tab for more information.

WCT MEMBER UPDATES

SLIPSTREAM

Help shape the future of construction practices! **Slipstream** is conducting the first ever [comprehensive field study](#) examining new construction practices in the state of Wisconsin. By joining our study, you can help provide valuable information that will be used to understand how new construction practices align with building energy codes and to identify future training opportunities.



We are currently recruiting new single-family, multifamily, and office and retail buildings to join our study, which includes a review of design and construction documents and a site visit. More details here: <https://www.wienergycodes.org/new-construction-baseline-study/>

WCT MEMBER UPDATES

COUILLARD FOUNDATION

Earth Day Equity: Air Quality and Solar Power in Beloit

April 22, 2025

5-7pm

**Beloit Public Library:
Community Room (North)**



A 2024 international report identified Beloit, WI having the worst air quality in the US for a city of its size. Census data shows that a third of Beloit's roughly 36,500 residents are people of color, while nearly one-fifth fall below the poverty line. We will discuss the factors contributing to the city's air pollution, a citizen science initiative aimed at monitoring it, and how solar could help alleviate this. Light refreshments will be available.

We request attendees pre-register:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf1pxj5Gr14tiyHe44C7ksn_6fy5HPJ5bY4N8HNQ_4EcS-yzxc/viewform?usp=sharing



RENEW Wisconsin is sharing IRA case studies! Visit us online to learn how nonprofits can use clean energy tax credits to power community-focused missions. [Please reach out with any story leads!](#)

1000 FRIENDS OF WISCONSIN

April webinar: ADUs

Join [1000 Friends of Wisconsin](#) and guest speakers from the [Wisconsin Housing Alliance](#) on Thursday, April 17 for a webinar about the role of accessory dwelling units (ADUs) in meeting affordable housing needs.

Date: Thursday, April 17, 2025

Time: 12-1pm CDT

Presenters: Amy Bliss & Angie Deidrich, Wisconsin Housing Alliance

[Zoom Registration Link](#)



WCT MEMBER UPDATES

WISCONSIN ECOLATINOS



DIA DE LA TIERRA: Wisconsin EcoLatinos
BILINGUAL ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION FAIR

APRIL 26
11:00 AM - 3:00 PM

ELVER PARK,
1250 MCKENNA BLVD,
MADISON, WI 53719

SUSTAINABILITY,
SOLAR ENERGY
EVS!

NATURAL
RESOURCES

CLIMATE CHANGE
CARBON FOOTPRINT

HEALTH AND POLLUTION
¡FAMILY EVENT!

100 FREE TREES
¡RAFFLES!

DJ
GAMES AND
KITES!

Logos for: IA, WCV, focus on energy, rpc, and Wisconsin EcoLatinos.

Bilingual Environmental Conservation Fair, ¡El Día de la Tierra!

Location: Elver Park 1250 McKenna Blvd, Madison, WI 53719
Date and time: April 26th, 2025 from 11:00 to 3:00 pm
Website: www.wisconsinecolatinos.org

Join us for a family-friendly bilingual event at Elver Park on April 26, 2025, from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

Learn how to make a difference and connect with valuable resources on environmental conservation, sustainability, renewable energy, EVs, and the health impacts of pollution. Enjoy a fun-filled day with music, free tree saplings, and raffles for water filters and kites! A greener planet starts with us!

WISCONSIN'S GREEN FIRE

Join us for an upcoming casual virtual program series: **Green Fire Cafe!**

We begin on April 9th at 3pm CT via Zoom.

[Register here](#)



WGF WELCOMES YOU TO:

GREEN FIRE CAFE

This month's theme: Belonging

New in 2025! Join us for our monthly virtual "coffee klatch" to share stories, ask questions, and make connections.

Logos for: Wisconsin's Greenfire (Voices for Conservation), WCV, focus on energy, and rpc.

- Wednesday, April 9, 2025
- 3:00-4:00pm
- Monthly via Zoom
- Come as you are
- All are welcome!

wigreenfire.org/events

Mark your calendars for May 7, Jun 4, Jul 2, Aug 6, and Sep 3, 2025 too.

Part coffee klatsch, part happy hour, all welcoming, the Green Fire Cafe brings free casual opportunities for the WGF community and beyond to share stories, ask questions, and build connections.

Our theme for April is "Belonging."

Liar, liar, the world's on fire
What you gonna do when it
all burns down?
Fire, fire, burnin' higher
Still got time to turn it all
around

— Dolly Parton, *World on Fire*



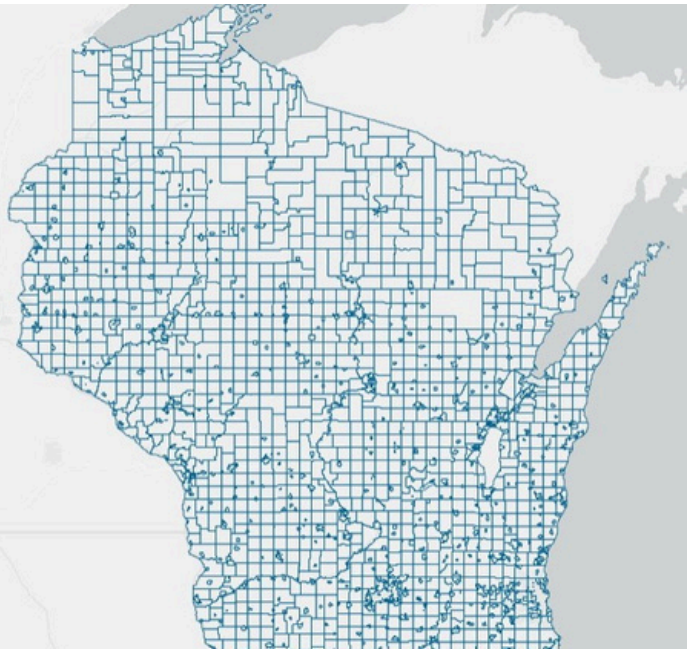
CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS!

Items for the next WCT
newsletter should be submitted
by May 2, 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>