

WISCONSIN CLIMATE TABLE



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FROM THE WCT COORDINATOR

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This will be the last newsletter I put together for the Wisconsin Climate Table. In July, I start a new job at UW Madison. I am leaving my position at 1000 Friends of Wisconsin and will be stepping down as WCT Coordinator at the end of June.

It's hard to express how much I've learned and the relationships I've built in the last 3 years. Many of you know that after spending two decades as a working musician, I underwent a massive career pivot in 2018. Urban planning and climate work are still relatively fresh for me. I feel like I've been playing a game of catch-up, and I am grateful to everyone who shared their insight, wisdom, knowledge, and experience with me along the way.

I am working with the current Leadership Team members to make sure a plan is in place for finding a new Coordinator and continuing Climate Table work with as little interruption as possible. More information is coming soon.

I'm still in Madison, so please keep in touch!

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KEVIEA GUIDEN GIVES A POWERFUL SPEECH AT DC RALLY

Kevia Guiden is the Project Coordinator for the Community Commitments Campaign. In early June, she gave a powerful speech at a rally organized by Popular Democracy in Washington D.C. It is transcribed below. [You can watch a video of her speech here.](#)

This is something that we all need. This is a human right. This is a civil right. If they cut Medicaid out, what about our children? What about our veterans, who worked really hard and fought for our country? What about disabled people? What about moderate to low income people?

I am a working class person. Just because I have a decent income, that does not mean that I want to pay We Energies. Who is We Energies? A utility that is a monopoly in the state of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

They were just allotted to build two new data centers for Microsoft. We advocated. We did everything we could do. I worked all across southeastern Wisconsin, me and Miss Geneva and a few other team leaders. Yet and still, they did not care about the people. They did not care about the planet.

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Image: Kevia Guiden speaks into a microphone surrounded by protesters at a rally.

I'm gonna need y'all to understand that fossil fuel and methane gas, which they are now calling natural gas, is still pollutants that they are putting into the planet, into the air.

-Kevia Guiden, June 2025

(cont.)

We have people who are dying, okay? We are seeing more cases of people going into hospitals. We are seeing more people who are having hospital stays. We are also actually seeing death. I am working with health professionals. So this is data that is true.

So I am here to stand as a voice for the people state of Milwaukee, Wisconsin to come to Ron Johnson, Senator Ron Johnson, Republican Ron Johnson, to tell him that this is not what we want to do. And Wisconsin, with the house, if the House is passed to the Senate, would amount to \$5.4 billion and 2732 good paying, clean energy jobs lost.

Image: Geneva speaks into a microphone. Keviea is standing behind her.



Is Senator Ron Johnson willing to say that these 15 economic development projects are worth less to him? Because that's what's going to happen. The ratepayers, we are ratepayers, that is coming from us.

Those Microsoft data centers that they're building, we will be paying for that. In Wisconsin, those rates are rising. Right now, underserved communities, because of redlining, because of historical racism. We are still living in these days. And what's happening is that our houses are not weatherized correctly. With these cuts that affects everything that we've been working for for the past 50 years (unlike me, I have not been working 50 years) but there are folks that have been doing these things before I have.

The climate is all we got. The planet is what we need, and so I am here to say it is planet and people over our pocketbooks. We are not here to give our money to corporate ownership and stakeholders, and let them know and tell them for what? Minimum wage is still \$7.25 in Milwaukee and Wisconsin. We can't afford that. And if these cuts go into place, it's only going to turn into death.

SPRING MEETINGS IN MADISON: WCT MAY 9

The month of May is a beautiful time to be in Madison! On May 9, members of the Wisconsin Climate Table met at Olbrich Garden for the day. We conducted a SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Challenges) analysis and spent time in small groups discussing ways to meet the moment we're in through common ground in climate work.



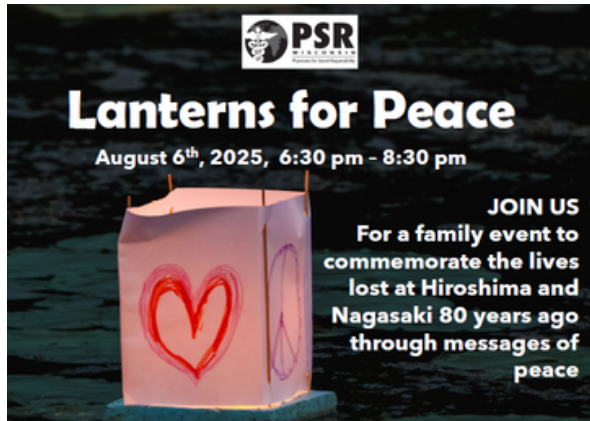
SPRING MEETINGS IN MADISON: ENERGY SUMMIT MAY 20-22

Two weeks later, RE-AMP hosted an Energy Summit in Madison with about 20 people from across the Midwest, including several Climate Table members.



WCT MEMBER UPDATES

PHYSICIANS FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY



Join **Physicians for Social Responsibility Wisconsin** (PSR WI) for Lanterns for Peace, a family-friendly event commemorating the 80th anniversary of the Hiroshima and Nagasaki bombings. Reflect, create, and send off lanterns at dusk in a collective call for peace and a world free of nuclear weapons.

[More information at the link here.](#)

1000 FRIENDS OF WISCONSIN IS HIRING - JOIN OUR TEAM!

If you or someone you know is interested in full or part-time nonprofit work with flex schedule and making an impact on transportation equity, sustainable land use, and climate justice in Wisconsin, we'd love to hear from you!



We're seeking candidates for:

[Community Programs Manager](#) (remote)

[Office Manager](#) (Stevens Point area)

[Transportation Policy Analyst positions](#) (Milwaukee area)

*Please follow the link(s) to learn more and for application info.



“Hope” is the thing with feathers -
That perches in the soul -
And sings the tune without the words -
And never stops - at all -

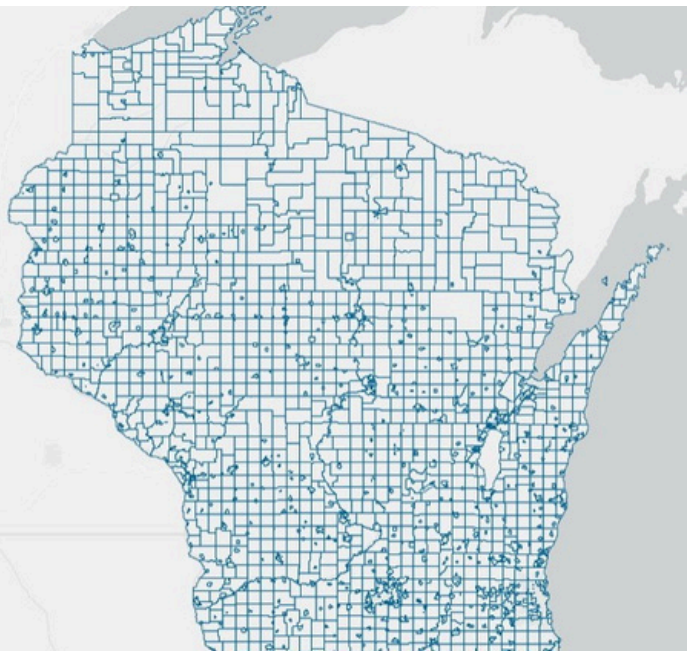
And sweetest - in the Gale - is heard -
And sore must be the storm -
That could abash the little Bird
That kept so many warm -

I’ve heard it in the chilliest land -
And on the strangest Sea -
Yet - never - in Extremity,
It asked a crumb - of me.



— Emily Dickinson

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>