

CLIMATE SOLUTIONS ARE HEALTH SOLUTIONS

5 KEY FACTS YOU SHOULD KNOW

IT'S REAL



SCIENTISTS KNOW IT

99% of scientists agree that climate change is happening.¹

WISCONSIN KNOWS IT

2 out of 3 of Wisconsinites agree, and that means voters are watching.^{2,3}

YOU CAN SEE IT

We are already seeing warming and its health harms.⁴

IT'S US



FOSSIL FUELS

Climate change is mainly caused by burning fossil fuels.¹

MAKE US SICK

Air pollution from fossil fuels hurts our patients from the moment of conception to their last breath.

LET'S BREATHE EASY

A clean energy economy in Wisconsin would save 1,900 lives per year.⁵

IT'S BAD



DIRTY AIR & WATER

Fossil fuel pollution contributes to preterm and still births, delayed development, asthma, heart attacks, strokes, cancer, and dementia.⁶

UNSTABLE CLIMATE

Warming and extreme weather disrupt farming conditions and make our patients sick from flooding, wildfire smoke, Lyme disease, and more.⁷

UNFAIR BURDEN

Children, the poor, and people of color unfairly suffer the most harm as a result of bad public policies.

DOCTORS CARE



OUR VALUES

Physicians believe all Wisconsinites deserve clean air and water, a stable climate, and the freedom to thrive.

CLEAR EVIDENCE

New England Journal of Medicine and over 200 medical journals cite harms of fossil fuels and climate change, urging emergency action.⁸

DOCS IN ACTION

Over 150 medical societies, including AMA and WMS, have called for climate policy to protect health.^{9,10,11}

THERE'S HOPE



WE HAVE THE TOOLS

We can power our homes, businesses, transportation, and industry with renewable energy.⁵ See the policy agenda for more.

THEY'RE CHEAP & IMPROVE LIVES

Clean electrification and system change will save lives, while saving consumers and businesses money.

LET'S USE THEM

See current bills in Wisconsin with the QR code below.

SCAN THE QR CODE TO SEE THE FULL POLICY AGENDA, CITATIONS, AND LEARN MORE >>





PROTECTING HEALTH THROUGH CLIMATE ACTION

Doctors Day, 2025



**HEALTHY
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Our Mission

Healthy Climate Wisconsin is a partnership of healthcare professionals and community leaders working to protect public health by advancing equitable, climate solutions. We believe all Wisconsinites deserve clean air and water, a stable climate, and safe communities. By aligning climate and health policies, we can create a sustainable, thriving Wisconsin for current and future generations.

Clean Transportation and Healthy Communities

Invest in walkable, bikeable, and transit-connected communities. Support transit-oriented housing to reduce pollution and increase affordable access. Policy Ask: Allow the creation of Regional Transit Authorities; reinstate a statewide Complete Streets Policy; and require the Wisconsin Department of Transportation to decrease Vehicle Miles Traveled for new infrastructure projects.

Energy Efficient Housing, Electrification, and Affordable Utilities

Prioritize retrofits and renewable upgrades in low-income homes to reduce indoor air pollution and energy burden. Support the electrification of vehicles, buildings, and industry to reduce health-harming pollutants and fossil fuel dependence. Policy Ask: Expand the Focus on Energy Program; modernize outdated 2009 building codes; support performance-based ratemaking at the Public Service Commission; pass indoor air safety standards for schools and daycares, attached to funding for facilities with dangerous air quality; and limit new incentives for data centers until a proactive plan is put in place to protect customers from associated rising utility bills, to fully assess their health and environmental impacts, and to power the centers safely.

100% Carbon-Free Electricity by 2040

Oppose new fossil fuel plants, invest in local wind and solar projects, and equip agencies to analyze health harms. Policy Ask: Support community solar, integrated resource planning, the Climate Accountability Act, a strong clean energy standard, require the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources to implement federal recommendations surrounding cumulative health impacts in air permitting, and prevent utilities from using ratepayer money to fund political activities.

Resilient Healthcare and Public Health Systems

Expand climate-health education for clinicians, public health workers, and equip agencies to monitor emerging diseases, plan for emergencies, and create public awareness campaigns. Support healthcare systems to: Cut emissions 50% by 2030 and reach net-zero by 2050, build resilience to extreme weather, and train providers. Policy Ask: Legalize third-party solar; replace federal funding gaps for health care services; and provide increased support to the Department of Health Services.

Community Climate Resilience

Fund local projects (cooling centers, green spaces, flood prevention) that improve health and resilience in underserved communities. Consider a climate superfund to make polluters pay for extreme weather damages, and expand utility shut-off moratoriums to include summer months with extreme heat.

Clean Energy Economy and Jobs

Train and support workers in clean energy fields. Promote equitable access to high-wage, local jobs in a growing renewable sector. Protect outdoor workers from heat and air pollution events through new workplace safety standards. Policy Ask: Repeal Act 10 and Right to Work.

Land, Food, and Water

Support regenerative farming, forest and wetland preservation, plant-based foods, and local food systems to boost health and resilience. Policy Ask: Support increased bonding authority for nitrate contamination statewide.