



The Wisconsin Climate Action Navigators

The Office of Sustainability and Clean Energy leads the State of Wisconsin in addressing the effects of climate change through programs and policies that support the use of clean energy resources and technology. In 2023, OSCE received \$3 million in planning funding from the US Environmental Protection Agency's Climate Pollution Reduction Grants (CPRG) program to develop a Priority Climate Action Plan by March 2024, a Comprehensive Climate Action Plan by Summer 2025 and a Status Report by summer 2027. CPRG's authentic community engagement requirement led to the creation of the WI Climate Action Navigators.

Who are the WI Climate Action Navigators?

Wisconsin Climate Action Navigators (WI CAN) is a collective action initiative supported by the State of Wisconsin's Office of Sustainability and Clean Energy (OSCE) from CPRG funding. The network is aimed at creating a network of change leaders who foster authentic community engagement to rapidly advance transformative climate action. Using a collective impact approach, WI CAN employs a hub and spoke network that can support all GHG reduction strategies and advances transformative climate action. Since launching in December 2023, WI CAN has gained strong state-wide participation that includes representatives of community-based organizations, LIDACs, academic institutions, local government, Native Nations, environmental nonprofits, labor partners, and state agencies. Key elements of WI CAN include the Navigators Network, an Innovation Incubator supported by SEED funding opportunities, a series of authentic community engagement efforts, climate action planning, and a continuous communication platform.

The Wisconsin Climate Action Navigators (WI CAN) work to:

- Empower local communities, provide opportunities for communities to set and work towards their climate goals, and facilitate cross-sector collaboration.
- Help develop, coordinate, and promote robust climate action and outreach efforts across the state.
- Provide additional capacity and technical assistance, particularly to low-income and disadvantaged communities.
- Establish continuous communication and feedback loops to engage Wisconsinites in a shared just transition by collecting input and sharing progress transparently.

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