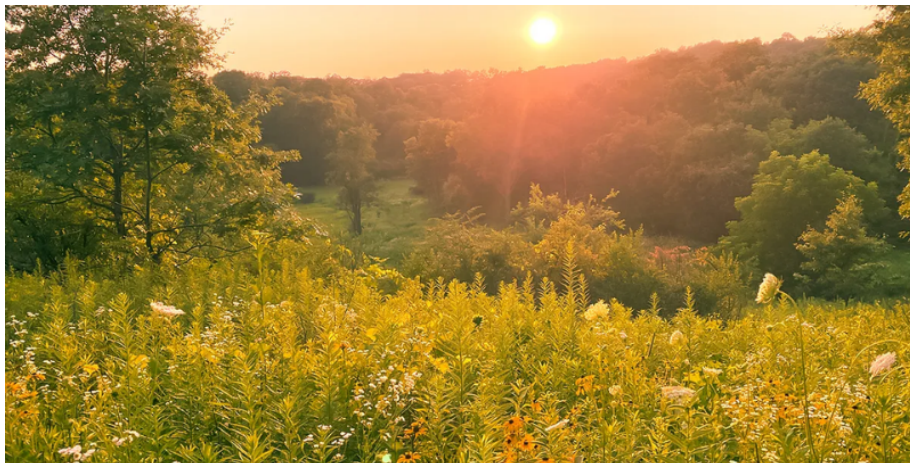


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May 2025 Newsletter

[Sustain Dane](#) is the sustainability organization of Dane County. [Join us](#) and get involved in accelerating community well-being.



Walking All Around Dane County

Walking All Around Dane County, Cross Plains - Wed 6/18

Join us for our next Sustain Dane Walking [All Around Dane County](#) (AADC) network gathering along the Ice Age Trail in Cross Plains.

AADC provides a free opportunity to come together with individuals who care about the environment and community, learn from local success stories, and share ideas on sustainability. This program builds off the 2024 Sustain Dane Summit [keynote presentation](#) with Ice Age Trail Executive Director, Luke Klobberdanz. Video of his keynote available [here](#).

Where: Table Bluff Segment of the Ice Age National Scenic Trail, parking lot coordinates: 43°07'18.8"N 89°40'17.8"W. We will meet at the picnic shelter atop the bluff above the parking lot off Scheele Rd., Cross Plains.

When: Wednesday, June 18 from 5:30—7:00 PM

What: Networking, brief sustainability stories from local Cross Plains organizations, and a short, guided hike by Ice Age Trail. The program is also in partnership with Dane Buy Local.

[RSVP here](#)



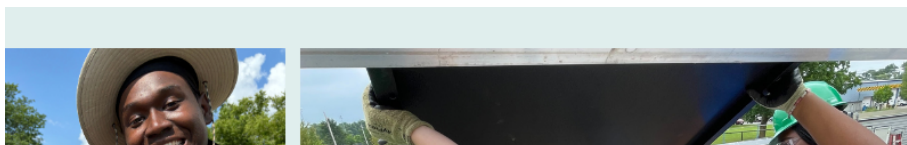
New Member Recognition

Sustain Dane recognizes the businesses, organizations, and individuals who value sustainability and are a part of our membership.

Sustain Dane membership offers inspiring education and professional development, powerful connections through networking and volunteering, and customized support to help you accelerate sustainability actions for community well-being.

[Membership](#) is rolling throughout the year and we welcome all to join. New members this month include:

- Attic Angels
- Christ Presbyterian Church
- Wisconsin Clean Cities
- Sun Vault Roofing
- 1 new individual member





Powerful Teen Leaders

Powerful Teen Leaders Program

[Powerful Teen Leaders](#) is Sustain Dane's youth workforce development program. In its third year, the program focused on youth participants from the Northside of Madison gaining professional and social development, while learning about different opportunities to have a career in the green economy.

We are excited to share that Marcus Johnson will be the PTL Program Manager, leading the program for a second year. Through his work with Operation Fresh Start and Dane County Parks, Marcus is a great steward of Dane County youth and sustainability. In addition, Marcus is a water treatment operator at the Army Reserves. In his free time, he enjoys caring for his four cats and honing his skills in plant identification

Programming this summer will include experiences such as a solar lab with hands-on experience learning about photovoltaics, a tour of hydroponic farming and lab spaces, Geographic Information Systems (GIS) certification, land management and conservation work and more.

PTL is made possible with support from Madison's Community Development Division, Bloomberg Philanthropies Youth Climate Action Fund, Capitol Kids Fund, Virent, and Park Bank.



Food Scrap Drop-Off Program

Food Scraps Drop Off - Expanded Options

After four weeks of operations at the East and West Farmers' Markets, the [Food Scraps Drop-Off](#) sites have received over 650 drop offs and collected 4,000 lbs. of food scraps. Food is brought to [Neighborhood Food Solutions](#) to be converted into compost. The South Farmers' Market location will start collecting scraps on Tuesday, June 3.

Launching June 1, Dane County Waste & Renewables will install Scrap Stop containers in Madison, Middleton, & McFarland. Scrap Stops are available 24/7 to Dane County residents and accept the same materials as at the farmers' market sites. Complete the [Resident Registration](#) form in order to receive the combination lock code for a Scrap Stop location. [Learn more about Scrap Stops here.](#)

[East Madison Market:](#)

- When: Tuesdays, 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM
- Where: McPike Park (202 S. Ingersoll St. Madison)

[Westside Community Market:](#)

- When: Saturdays, 7:00 AM – 12:30 PM
- Where: McPike Park (202 S. Ingersoll St. Madison)

[South Madison Market:](#)

- When: Tuesdays, 2:00 PM – 6:00 PM (starting June 3)
- Where: Madison Labor Temple (1602 S Park St. Madison)





Sun Prairie Climate Action Plan: Input Meetings & Survey

Join us at one of two workshops to discuss the components and progress of the Sun Prairie Climate Action Plan. Share your thoughts on Sun Prairie's ongoing sustainability and climate initiatives, explore new strategy ideas, and work through anticipated challenges and obstacles.

These meetings will be facilitated by consultant group Blue Strike Environmental with support from local nonprofits Sustain Dane and Sunshine Place.

Community Meeting #1

- Thursday, June 5
- 6 PM - 7:30 PM
- Hybrid: online & in-person (Council Chambers, City Hall 2nd floor 300 E Main St., Sun Prairie)
- [RSVP here](#)

Community Meeting #2

- Thursday, June 26
- 6 PM - 7:30 PM
- Childcare available
- In-person: Sunshine Supper (1632 W Main Street, Sun Prairie, WI 53590)
- [RSVP here](#)

You can also take the [Climate Action Plan survey here](#) to provide your input. Your feedback is valuable in creating the plan.



EV Charge Up Dane County – Host Site RFPs

Electric Vehicle Charge Up Dane County – Host Site Request for Proposals

Dane County is seeking EV charging station site hosts for the [Charge Up Dane County program](#). Selected hosts receive free charging infrastructure in exchange for offering affordable EV charging for at least five years.

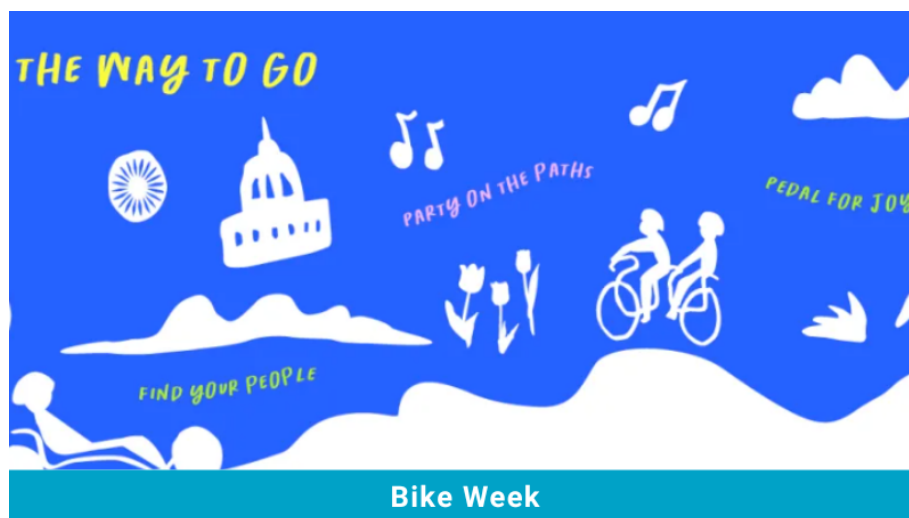
Applications are due Friday, June 13 at 2 PM – [learn more and apply here](#).

Do you know of areas that are lacking EV charging stations? Explore the [current map](#) of charging stations around the county and [suggest additional locations](#).

Dane County is about 10% of Wisconsin's population and is home to about

25% of all EVs registered in Wisconsin. EV charging infrastructure is important to the community. To achieve Dane County's goal of an equitable clean energy future, we need to make sure that everyone has access to EV charging infrastructure so that everyone can access the many benefits of EVs.

[Learn More About Charge Up Dane County](#)



Bike Week - June 1 to 8

Celebrate biking, try out biking to work, and/or get back into biking for the season during Madison Bike Week from June 1 to 8. Bike week features meet ups and events to encourage all things cycling.

Biking is a great alternative transportation option. It reduces CO2 emission from transportation and improves air quality, as well as providing positive benefits from time outside and physical activity for riders. Check out the list of [opportunities to participate](#) across Dane County.



Sustain Dane Around The Community

Sustain Dane in the Community

In May, Sustain Dane enjoyed spending time with sustainability enthusiasts around the community:

- Bodega Series at Breese Stevens Field
- Earth Day Every Day at Middleton Community Church
- The Trails play at the MYArts Building, Children's Theater of Madison's show addressing the climate emergency and intergenerational conflict.
- MGE Customer Forum
- Youth Climate Action Fund Project Showcase at the Catholic Multicultural Center
- Holy Wisdom Monastery's Second Annual Solar Tilt
- Clean Lakes Alliance Breakfast
- DMI Annual Celebration
- Madison Mallards game - Recycled Jersey Night





Efficiency Navigator Work In Action

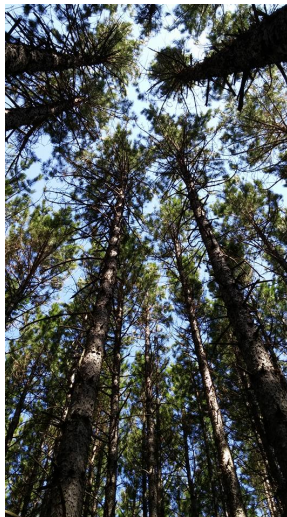
This month, the Efficiency Navigator began work in seven buildings in Fitchburg. The projects focus in Fitchburg's Healthy Neighborhoods which include Verona Road West, Belmar/Renaissance on the Park, North Fish Hatchery Road, and Southdale. A 4-unit building built in 1982 received weatherization improvements that are estimated to reduce resident utility bills by \$230 annually and improve indoor air quality. The efficiency upgrades included air sealing, attic insulation, and ventilation. Additional work is planned to continue through the summer.

The [Efficiency Navigator program](#) supports small to medium-sized affordable apartment housing to become more efficient, affordable, and resilient. Know an eligible apartment building? Learn more or apply on the [Efficiency Navigator page](#).

In the Community

June 1-8 Madison Bike Week

June 1 [Bird & Nature Outing](#) at Cherokee March North Unit



June 1 [Family Nature Walk](#) at Arboretum

June 3 [collABorate Consilience 2025](#): The art of sustainable laboratory design

June 3 [Charge Up Dane County](#) at the Black Business Hub

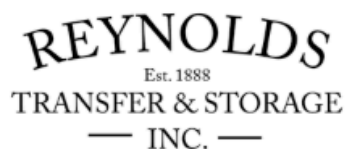
June 5 [Sun Prairie Climate Plan Community Meeting](#)

June 18 [Walking All Around Dane County](#) - Cross Plains Ice Age Trail

June 26 [Sun Prairie Climate Plan Community Meeting](#)

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