
Returning to the Light

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Dear Selena,



There's no doubt. 2020 has been hard. But people everywhere are waking up. Finally. To the climate emergency. To white supremacy. To authoritarianism. With people of the global majority leading the way, we're building an unstoppable movement to create a multi-racial democracy and just energy transition! There's just no time to lose.

2021 is the year of the Green New Deal and we have lots of plans for local grassroots climate action! **We don't need a lot of money, but we do need some.** For starters, we couldn't live without our paid Communications Coordinator, Selena Blick. With her social media smarts and energy, we have figured out how to keep getting our climate message out there. Together with our new light projection equipment, newspaper ads and community education / art projects, we can continue the work, but we need your financial support.

This year's goal is \$20,000.

We didn't mail a fundraising letter to all our supporters (too many trees), but we did write one. To get inspired about what we accomplished in 2020 and see what we're planning in 2021 (and of course learn why it's super important for you to consider a gift to our work this season), read the letter [here](#) and enjoy a [pictorial year-in-review](#) (credits: Peter Dragovich & Joanie Kleban.)

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What's New in 350 Eugene?

Last spring the pandemic really caused us to consider how to be our most strategic. As a result, 350 Eugene assembled a new seven-member Steering Committee, which meets twice a month to coordinate overall campaign strategy and make key operational decisions. Their work makes decision-making more horizontal and sustainable. We want you to get to know a few of them:



From Carolyn Partridge: "Once I realized how absolutely dire our climate situation is, I knew that working on the problem would be the most important contribution that I could make for creating a better world. Reasoning that two heads are better than one, I teamed up with the Eugene chapter of 350. It is an active grassroots organization of local people who welcomed me aboard. We work with a collaborative and upbeat approach to tackling the many underlying causes of the climate crisis. It is said that activism is the antidote to despair and that is certainly true in my case. I believe that together we can still save much of this amazing planet which happens to be the only home we have."



From Jim Neu: "350 Eug has always been a resilient organization composed of dedicated volunteers stepping up to satisfy needs and campaign demands. 2020 proved to be such a year with leadership adjustments that never diminished capacity, intensity, or the goals of the organization. I am humbled by the quality of grassroots organizers who make fighting climate change a part of my life."



From Linda: "We are at a pivotal moment in our work towards a livable future. Working together with a group of dedicated, skilled and cooperative people who also like to have fun while pushing for important changes with the city, the county and the state has been inspiring and kept me grounded through this tough year. We are on the edge of major change, and it is an exciting time if we keep our eye on the prize and stay active and engaged!"



From Betzi Hitz: "What keeps me in climate rescue mode for the long haul is my strong desire to stay true to my moral convictions, wanting to be a good ancestor, and the joy I experience from working with my heartfelt and scrappy activist community. In our eleventh hour there is a groundswell of knowing that in order to survive we must make bold and rapid changes in how we live individually and collectively on our finite planet."

Working Towards a Just Recovery

As decision-makers take steps to ensure immediate relief and long-term recovery, it is imperative that they consider the interrelated crises of wealth inequality, racism, and ecological decline – notably the climate crisis, which were in place long before COVID-19, and now risk being intensified.

At 350 Eugene, we join 350.org in calling for a global response to COVID-19 to contribute to a just recovery. Responses at every level must uphold these five principles:

- 1. Put people's health first, no exceptions.**
- 2. Provide economic relief directly to the people.**
- 3. Help workers and communities, not corporate executives.**
- 4. Create resilience for future crises.**
- 5. Build solidarity and community across borders – don't empower authoritarians.**

You can read more and sign 350.org's open letter [here](#)

Stop the Money Pipeline



In March, Enbridge Energy, the corporation behind Line 3, has a \$2.1 billion loan that is **due for renewal**. Banks like Chase, Citi, and Bank of America could easily walk away from Line 3 then. So, this **Friday, December 11th**, activists around the country are participating in a COVID-safe national day of action to put the funders of the toxic Line 3 pipeline on notice. People in more than a dozen states will be delivering this [Indigenous Women's Tar Sands letter](#) to banks like JPMorgan Chase and insurance companies like Liberty Mutual demanding that they **walk away from Line 3**. Find out more [here](#).

Take Action Now!

- **Support our coalition against NW Natural**
 - Join us at the upcoming [Eugene City Council meeting](#) this Monday, December 14th at 7:30pm and make a public comment! Check out our website for [more info and talking points](#).
- **Protect Kalama and our climate!**
 - By the end of December, we expect the Washington Department of Ecology to release the final decision on the shorelines permit for the world's largest fracked gas-to-methanol refinery, proposed in Kalama, Washington.
 - [Send an email](#) to Washington leaders to reject permits for this project.
 - Make a phone call to Governor Inslee's office at 360-902-4111 and Press "2" to leave a comment. Leave a message telling him that you are counting on his administration to deny the Kalama methanol refinery and its feeder pipeline, a project that would use more fracked gas than all of Washington's power plants, combined. (A quick tip - it's important to press "2" after dialing 360-902-4111 for Governor Inslee's office. Otherwise you have to listen to a long phone menu!)
- **Demand bold climate action!**
 - [Sign on to 350's list of 10 Executive Actions](#) that Biden can take on day one to combat the climate crisis!
- **Tell Biden: Stop Line 3**

- o Minnesota just granted some of the final permits needed for the Line 3 tar sands pipeline that would carry heavy Canadian oil across 340 miles in North Dakota, northern Minnesota, and Wisconsin.
 - o Biden must listen to the vocal majority across the country who oppose this dirty pipeline and reject tar sands altogether!
- **Show your support for a Just Recovery from COVID-19**
 - o [350.org](https://www.350.org) is calling for a united global response to this COVID-19 pandemic that ensures a just recovery and transition to a better future for those most in need in the wake of this crisis.
- **Feeling inspired to write?**
 - o Check out our new [Letters to the Editor page](#) for some inspiration!

Find your place in the movement. Join a campaign and action team!

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Oregon Climate Action Plan (OCAP)	capthegases@350eugene.org
Climate Revolutions by Bike (monthly bike rides and activism)	climaterevolutions@350eugene.org
Drawdown Eugene	drawdown@350eugene.org
Electric Transportation Action Group	e-tag@350eugene.org
Fracked Gas Resistance (FGR)	frackedgasresistance@350eugene.org
Resilience and Regeneration Work Group	resilience@350eugene.org

350 Eugene Calendar

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