

Track 5: Governance

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Track Subtopics

- Mobilizing state-level leadership (Governor & Administration)
- Mobilizing state-level leadership (Legislature)
- Elevating state agencies as climate action champions (PSC)
- Elevating state agencies as climate action champions (DNR)
- Supporting local/municipal/county level leadership
- Advancing climate actions through tribal leadership
- Mobilizing the UW System and the educational system as climate leaders
- Mobilizing and empowering non-governmental organizations and the private sector

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A satellite-style map of Wisconsin and its surrounding regions, including parts of Michigan, Illinois, and Minnesota. The map shows the state's outline in dark blue, with green and brown terrain. The text is overlaid in the center-left area.

What governance systems do we need to leverage or change to advance climate solutions in Wisconsin?

A satellite-style map of the United States, showing the continental United States, Alaska, and Hawaii. The map uses a color gradient to represent elevation, with darker blues and greens for lower elevations and browns and tans for higher elevations. The Great Lakes region is prominent in the upper right, and the Gulf of Mexico is visible in the lower right.

Co-leaders/facilitator

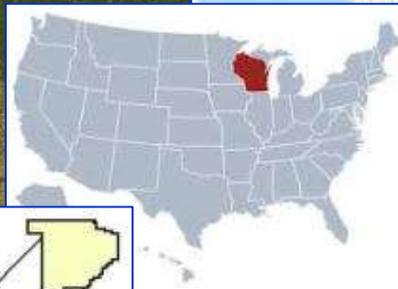
- Lauren Azar
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Recent/Existing governance efforts

- 8/16/2019: Gov. Evers issues Executive Order declaring goal of WI being carbon neutral by 2050; establishing Office of Sustainability and Clean Energy
- 10/17/2019: Gov. Evers issues Executive order establishing Wisconsin Climate Change Task Force
- Spring 2019: GLIFWC releases *Dibaginjigaadeg Anishinaabe Ezhitwaad – Tribal Climate Adaptation Menu*
- Municipal-level initiatives (e.g. Milwaukee, Madison, Green Bay, Monona, Middleton, La Crosse)
- Community Energy Districts (e.g. Winnesheik Co., Iowa)

Recent/Existing governance efforts

- “Eau Claire Wants To Be Carbon Neutral By 2050”
Wisconsin Public Radio, 16 April 2018
- “Milwaukee officials announce local effort to address climate change and economic inequality”
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, 27 June 2019
- “La Crosse Joins List Of Wisconsin Cities Pledging To Be Carbon Neutral By 2050” *Wisconsin Public Radio*, 24 July 2019
- “Dane County collaborative to join forces against climate change” *Capital Times*, 16 August 2019
- “Monroe County Board recognizes climate change, creates task force” *Tomah Journal*, 2 October 2019



Climate Change: An Unprecedented Governance Challenge

- Governance structures exist at *different levels* with differing authorities and jurisdictions
- Governance tends to be reactive, not *proactive*
- Governance at any level reflects *varied forces that work around and within the system*
- Effective responses to climate change involve *all sectors*
- Both “*top-down*” and “*bottom-up*” actions will be needed — and neither alone will suffice
- Leadership throughout *civil society* especially vital and necessary
- *Cost-effectiveness* of mitigation and adaptation measures depends on the scope of impacts included

An aerial photograph of a landscape. On the right side, there is a large, dark blue body of water, possibly a lake or a wide river. The surrounding land is a mix of green and brown, suggesting a forested area with some cleared or agricultural land. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image.

What “Big Hairy Audacious Goal” would make a big difference in the next decade?

Example: *State creates new entity responsible for facilitating and coordinating climate action*

What actions could advance progress toward that goal in the next decade?

Example: *Whitepaper*

A satellite-style map of the United States, showing the continental United States, Alaska, and Hawaii. The map is oriented vertically, with Alaska at the top and Hawaii at the bottom. The colors represent different land uses and terrain, with greens for forested areas, browns for arid or agricultural land, and blues for water bodies. The Great Lakes and the Gulf of Mexico are clearly visible.

Barriers/Challenges to Policy Solutions

- Political
- Economic
- Institutional
- Communications
- Information
- Time

An aerial satellite-style image of a landscape. The top half shows a large, dark blue water body, possibly a lake or reservoir, with some green vegetation along its edges. Below the water, the land is a mix of green and brown, indicating different types of terrain or vegetation. The bottom half of the image is dominated by a large, brown, textured area, likely a field or a large-scale agricultural or industrial site. The overall scene is a mix of natural and human-made elements.

Considerations in Crafting Policy Solutions

- Tradeoffs
- Equity, inclusivity, transparency, accountability and justice
- Economic factors and distribution of costs and benefits
- Communication strategies



Small Group Discussion Considerations

- Actions needed at the **state** level (especially WDNR, PSCW, WI Legislature)
- Actions needed at the **local/municipal/county** level
- Actions involving Wisconsin's **tribal communities**
- Actions involving the **UW System** and the **educational system** more broadly
- Actions involving **non-governmental organizations** and the **private sector**



Small Group Discussion Topics

- Mobilizing state-level leadership (Governor and Legislature)
- Elevating state agencies as climate action champions (PSC)
- Elevating state agencies as climate action champions (DNR)
- Advancing climate actions through tribal leadership
- Supporting county/municipal level leadership

A satellite-style map of the United States, showing terrain, vegetation, and water bodies. The text "Groundrules / Instructions" is overlaid in the center. The map shows the continental United States, with the Gulf of Mexico to the south and the Atlantic Ocean to the east. The terrain is color-coded, with greens for forested areas and browns/tan for arid or semi-arid regions. Major water bodies like the Great Lakes and the Mississippi River are visible.

Groundrules / Instructions

A satellite-style map of the United States, showing the continental United States, Alaska, and Hawaii. The map uses naturalistic colors: green for vegetation, brown for arid/semi-arid regions, and blue for water bodies. The Great Lakes and Mississippi River are prominent features. The text is overlaid on the central part of the map.

Round 1

- The Current State of Governance:
How Are We Doing?
- Identifying Changes
- Developing Solutions

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