



John Muir Chapter

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2007 Annual Report – Charitable Activities in Wisconsin

Clean Air and Water, Clean Energy, Healthy Neighborhoods



Wisconsin is shifting from our traditional reliance on polluting fossil fuels to clean, socially-responsible energy production.

*Sierra Club's priority conservation campaign is
Solve Global Warming in Wisconsin.*

Sierra Club understands that local action can have wide-reaching results. We are working to promote energy efficiency and supporting projects that tap Wisconsin's abundant wind, solar and biomass resources.

The Sierra Club is devoting legal and technical efforts to **clean up dirty old coal-fired power plants**. We insist that old plants either shut down or install available modern pollution controls to reduce asthma-causing air emissions and to eliminate our dependence on coal and other dirty fossil fuels that produce soot, smog, mercury-laden toxic rain, and global warming gases.

Sierra Club Takes the Lead in Citizen Enforcement of Clean Air Act – and Wins!

During 2007, after years of working to persuade the State of Wisconsin to abide by the Clean Air Act and clean up or shut down its coal-fired Charter Street Power Plant on the University of Wisconsin campus, Sierra Club's Midwest Clean Energy Campaign, led by Campaign staffers Bruce Nilles and Jennifer Feyerherm, took the case to court, and won.

The ground-breaking case and resulting settlement builds on our ongoing work, focused on replacing Madison coal-fired power plants with more-efficient, cleaner-fueled co-generation.

The settlement set precedent by requiring the University to reduce the amount of coal burned at Charter Street almost immediately and produce a plan to shut down or replace the plant within seven months. It also required that 12 other state-owned coal-fired power plants throughout Wisconsin are in compliance. This settlement was the first to require system-wide disclosure of other violations and a commitment to shut down or install modern pollution controls at every other violating coal-fired boiler.

Creating a Clean Energy Future

The Sierra Club promotes Clean Energy policy that puts our families and our future first.

- Invest in better technology to lower energy bills and create new industry, jobs and economic activity.
- Invest in renewable energy and energy efficiency, our largest, cheapest and quickest sources of electricity and natural gas.
- Produce clean, homegrown energy while creating jobs, bolstering farm income, providing environmental protection and improving economic and energy security.
- Raise fuel economy standards to save more oil than the United States currently imports from the entire Persian Gulf or could ever take out of the Arctic Refuge, combined.

The Sierra Club's success relies on proven grassroots organizing steps – raise public awareness, build neighborhood pressure for change, educate public health professionals and local decision-makers, and involve citizens and the media at public events.

Think Globally, Act Locally

Cities, counties and states all over America are taking grassroots action to help solve one of our country's most pressing problems: global warming. Frustrated by stalling at the federal level, local leaders are moving forward with innovative energy solutions that cut our dependence on oil, benefit public health and save taxpayer dollars. Seventeen Wisconsin mayors are solving global warming one city at a time by signing on to Sierra Club's Cool Cities Program. As of 2007, 840 mayors from all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico, representing a population of over 79,799,985 persons, had signed the U.S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement.

We applaud the following Wisconsin mayors who have taken up the challenge: Ashland-Frederich Schnook, Bayfield-Larry MacDonald, Greenfield-Michael Neitzke, Kenosha-John Antaramian, LaCrosse-Mark Johnsrud, Madison-Dave Cieslewicz, Milwaukee-Tom Barrett, New Berlin-Jack Chiovatero, Oshkosh-Frank Tower, Racine-Gary Becker, River Falls-Don Richards, Stevens Point-Andrew Halverson, Superior-Dave Ross, Washburn-Irene Blakely, Waukesha-Larry Nelson, Wauwatosa-Theresa Estness, West Allis-Jeannete Bell.



Local Sierra Club Groups are encouraging other mayors to join the Cool Cities Campaign. Educational materials on what local governments can do, both Wisconsin-specific and from the national Sierra Club, are found online at <http://coolcities.us>. Members continue to talk one-to-one with others in their communities to promote wind, solar and biomass as home-grown Wisconsin energy sources.

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Income and Expenditure of Community Shares of Wisconsin and Community Shares of Greater Milwaukee Funds

Balance as of 12/31/06:	\$45,657.25
Income:	\$26,472.68
Sierra Club Expenditures:	\$25,635.36
Balance as of 12/31/07	\$46,494.57