WE HAVE MOMENTUM.

NOW WE FAST FORWARD

Reflections on the mounting challenges and opportunities we all face as we hasten the transition to a cleaner, more efficient, more equitable economy.

IN THIS REPORT

inspiring accomplishments, amazing insights, powerful partnerships, unflagging commitments

FIND OUT:
Who stepped forward as the sole champion of Climate Solutions’ mostly annual competition
We need to advance solutions faster and on a larger scale as we face the demands and counter the losses of the climate crisis. We set out this past year of 2022 aiming to instill momentum into our work and hearts. This past year we have seen incredible progress representing real momentum. We have in place four major pillars to form the foundation of climate action in the U.S. at a meaningful scale:

- massive federal investments in clean energy;
- ongoing state and local action;
- an ever-growing, vibrant and expansive climate movement; and
- increased corporate climate action.

This foundation provides us with the opportunity—not the guarantee—to turn the promise of massive investments from the public and private sector and strong state and local policies to build real progress in our communities.

Now, we fast forward. One critical path forward is leadership from places—like the Pacific Northwest—that are best positioned to demonstrate how we can move our economy to be more just and driven by clean, efficient energy.

Our region is positioned to turn the promise of policies into progress that provides meaningful benefits to people’s lives. We have laws in both states requiring us to transition to 100% clean energy while creating good paying jobs. We have a commitment in Washington to invest billions of dollars into climate

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solutions prioritizing Black, Indigenous, and communities of color.

Now, we need to transition from fossil fuels to power our buildings to clean and efficient heat pumps, providing relief to people in a region with an increasing number of extreme heat days while also cutting pollution. To move from trucks and vans that pollute the air in our most vulnerable communities to cleaner options, especially all-electric.

Our Northwest political leaders, and the people in state and local agencies charged with implementing our laws and investing money, now have many of the tools that they need to succeed that can make a real difference and build for scaled change around the nation and the world.

We built Climate Solutions’ theory of change upon a few key concepts, and our progress has demonstrated that our theory is working:

- **The Pacific Northwest is a leadership region** where we can put in place cutting-edge policies, programs, and partnerships that not only make our corner of the world a healthier and more beautiful place, but in combination with actions with other states—especially our neighbors—adds up to globally significant impact.

- **Strong public policy is central to climate progress**—especially policies that other jurisdictions can replicate—not just in our region but also elsewhere.

- **Public policy and private sector innovation partner in progress** to create scalable climate solutions, creating an ever-growing positive loop, increasing the ambitions of what is possible for policymakers and everyone to have in their lives.

- **Leading with racial justice is central** to all of this work on policies, private sector innovation, partnerships, storytelling and to how we intentionally develop as an organization.
Despite this progress, huge challenges remain. The world is far off track in meeting its climate goals. In the Northwest, we rubbed our eyes and stayed indoors through incredibly bad air pollution due to wildfires this Fall, joining others around the globe with having some of the worst air quality in the entire world.

Climate Solutions is committed to doing everything that we can to continue to accelerate progress. We are thoughtfully growing, so our team can support our region’s leadership opportunity. We are launching new programs, like the Breaking Barriers Collaborative, to help businesses that want to cut their climate pollution but need help figuring out how to make it happen. That is just one of many ways we want to innovate and collaborate.

I have been working on public policy issues for nearly 30 years. I have never been more hopeful that we can succeed, or more daunted by the many new challenges that these successes will soon unearth. Let’s fast forward to a clean energy future for all.

We hope you join in perusing these “pages” to check out some of what happened this past year. We have had some incredible success all together. Thanks for taking a few minutes to check it out.

Gregg Small
Executive Director
Breathe deeply - you’re following a Zero Emission Vehicle.
Cleaning up our transportation system—cars, buses, trucks, and more—is critical for a stable climate and cleaner air for all. In both Washington and Oregon, the transportation sector is responsible for the largest share of climate pollution. Both states have taken major, often coordinated, steps to cut this pollution. In 2021, the Washington State Legislature passed the Clean Fuel Standard, a culmination of years of effort from Climate Solutions and a wide variety of advocates. In 2022, we have continued engaging with supporters from the health, environmental, environmental justice, and business communities to ensure the program will be the strongest possible when it launches. As a result of this advocacy, 62 entities submitted comments calling for the strongest reduction in carbon intensity possible under the law.

In 2022 we also saw clean fuels success in Oregon, when the Environmental Quality Commission voted to adopt the strongest Clean Fuels Standard in the country, expanding the Oregon Clean Fuels Program to achieve carbon emissions reductions from transportation fuels beyond 20% below 2015 levels by 2030 and 37% below 2015 levels by 2035. This critical program will continue to help reduce near-term emissions in the deciding decade for climate action, as we continue to push for systems-wide change within the transportation sector.

Climate Solutions has been an active member of an informal coalition focused on supporting and improving the Advanced Clean Cars II regulations in Washington. These rules will require that all new passenger vehicles sold in model year 2035 and beyond are zero-emissions, alongside rules...
Vice President Kamala Harris and US EPA Administrator Michael Regan visited Seattle October 6 promoting electric school buses that will protect the climate as well as kids’ respiratory health. “We owe it to our children to, right now, take these issues very seriously. The clock is ticking loudly,” VP Harris said.

Reducing NOx pollution from heavy vehicles and a fleet reporting requirement that will collect useful information on fleet operations. Together, these clean cars and trucks rules will provide billions in health benefits in the region over the next few decades. Climate Solutions is working to ensure that Oregon, like Washington, is on track to pass the Advanced Clean Cars II regulation. This means that if passed, the entire west coast will be on track to be a clean cars coast by 2035!

Washington is also beginning to invest more in clean transportation using funding from the federal Climate Commitment Act. The Legislature passed Move Ahead WA in 2022, which allocates significant funding to transit and building safe active mobility options. This package also included funds to support vehicle decarbonization. As the Legislature decides exactly how to allocate these investments, we will be asking that they fund projects in this sector that align with our state’s climate goals,
"When we think about transportation, we often think about how we personally get around — but cleaning up how goods are moved will have an outsized impact on our health and our climate."

**Electrify diesel trucks serving the ports to build a cleaner supply chain**

**WA Rep. David Hackey, The Seattle Times, March 7, 2022**

with a focus on cleaning up medium- and heavy-duty transportation. **Climate pollution from this subset of vehicles has doubled since 1990,** so we must make rapid progress in decarbonizing semi trucks, school buses, garbage trucks, transit buses, delivery vans, and other large vehicles for both climate stability and for our health. We have been engaging with a wide variety of partners—community groups, labor, businesseses, health organizations, advocates for first-generation immigrants, and more—to grow and shape this important advocacy.

**WA State Reps. Fey and Hackney at the Green Transportation Summit & Expo, Tacoma, WA 8/22**
Fossil-fueled garbage trucks, buses, semis and cargo haulers are extreme polluters on wheels; their exhaust harms our lungs and heats the planet. This year we helped organize several events in key Northwest communities featuring big clean vehicles and showing why our legislatures and local leaders need to invest in cleaning them up. For example, in both August and October we co-hosted “clean vehicle showcases” in both Tacoma, WA and Wenatchee, WA. The events featured electric transit buses operated by the local transit agency, electric school buses, hydrogen fuel cell semi trucks, a hydrogen refueling trailer, electric garbage trucks, and electric passenger trucks. Elected officials and local businesses were excited to learn about the opportunities that clean transportation provides to the local economy.
STARTING TO ROLL OUT LARGE ELECTRIC VEHICLES

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CATCH A RIDE TO A CLEAN FUTURE
CREATING CLEAN BUILDINGS
Climate pollution from buildings is growing fast in both Oregon and Washington, and is the Northwest’s second largest source—primarily due to the use of gas for heating, cooling, and water heating. Combusting methane gas in homes and buildings also creates harmful indoor and outdoor air pollution, posing significant health concerns for our communities, children, and other vulnerable populations, and also puts us at greater risk of gas leaks, fires, and explosions.

Both states are already committed to a pathway to 100% clean electricity, which means it’s time to transition from gas use to clean, efficient electric appliances in our homes and buildings to cut pollution from this sector quickly. Shifting to electric appliances like heat pumps lowers the cost of new construction, creates resilience in the face of heat waves and smoke since heat pumps also provide cooling, and creates clean energy jobs.

In the past year, we’ve made progress on cleaning up our “built environment” in our region in several ways.

In Washington, we had not just one but two opportunities to pass tough new statewide building code standards, and not through the Legislature! The Climate Solutions team co-led a statewide coalition of advocates to push the State Building Code Council to pass the strongest energy codes for new construction in the country, which, beginning in July 2023, will require heat pumps in all new commercial and residential buildings. Our coalition included over 20 environmental and justice organizations, as well as a statewide faith group, and the health professionals of Washington Physi-
Oregon legislators tour an all-electric affordable housing unit (Mamook Tokatee) in Portland’s Cully neighborhood

Photo by Jason Quigley

cians for Social Responsibility, who all worked together most of the year to ensure that both rounds of energy code updates (commercial buildings in April and then residential codes in November). Our coalition delivered at each key moment in the process with nearly 10,000 comments in support from Washingtonians and more than 200 people testifying in person or on Zoom, countless organizational letters, letters to the editor, and social posts. It was a complex process with many twists and turns that required some creativity on behalf of all of our partners, and it paid off. We celebrated the dual-pronged victory together with much laughter, gratitude and mutual appreciation.

We also successfully worked in several Washington cities and counties like Shoreline, Olympia, Bellingham, and King County to disallow most uses of gas in new commercial and large
We’re working at the city, county and state level to accelerate action to reduce emissions from buildings.

(over three stories) multifamily buildings. We continue to advocate in cities like Seattle as they begin work on carbon-based building performance standards that will, once passed, regulate emissions from existing large buildings.

In Oregon, we successfully advocated for the Legislature to form a Resilient, Efficient Buildings (RE-Building) task force. As a participating member of the task force, we are helping to identify and analyze policies that will reduce carbon emissions from new and existing buildings while maximizing public health and community benefits. Our expectation is to see the Legislature propose bold new bills in the 2023 session building off this REBuilding task force process to

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drive down climate and air pollution in the built environment.

We helped support local climate and energy justice advocates encouraging local cities and counties across Oregon, getting cities to pass equitable electrification policies for new, existing, and public buildings. These policy wins set the stage for future legislative, regional, and local action to ensure an equitable transition off of fossil fuels for new and existing homes and buildings in every community.

Together with other advocates, we’re shifting public perceptions about fossil fuels and their threat to public health as well as our climate.
We need to accelerate the transition away from not-so-natural methane gas. For over a year Climate Solutions has helped lead a statewide coalition of climate, environmental justice, and energy justice organizations to engage with the Oregon Public Utility Commission in the state’s “Future of Gas” and other related gas utility proceedings. We also entered into a rate case against the utility NW Natural, where we collectively advocated for gas line extension allowance subsidies to be reduced by more than half and for a reduction in ratepayer dollars spent on the company’s misleading and inappropriate advertising and political spending—including creating a children’s coloring book distributed in Oregon’s schools.

“Marketing fossil fuels to children is wrong, period. Asking Oregon utility customers to foot the bill for this greenwashing school curriculum is even more unconscionable.”

— Greer Ryan, Climate Solutions, Oregon Regulators Protect Utility Customers and Climate in Paring Down NW Natural Rate Request. Earthjustice, Oct. 26, 2022
Washington State made history in 2021 by passing the strongest bill in the country to cap carbon pollution statewide, the Climate Commitment Act (CCA). **Washington is now the second state to implement an economy-wide cap on climate pollution, and the very first to commit to cutting those emissions by 95%—one of the most ambitious binding targets in the world.** Investments resulting from the CCA will go directly to communities who need it most; will make clean energy and clean transportation more affordable and accessible; and will create new jobs in sectors like transportation electrification, clean buildings, and more.

**This year, our work shifted from helping pass that policy to making sure that Washington’s Department of Ecology implements the rule in the strongest possible way**—so that polluters comply with the law’s cap on carbon emissions, and the state directs investments to significant improvements in air quality of overburdened communities, especially Black, Indigenous and communities of color. This summer, we worked with partner organizations including The Nature Conservancy, WA Build Back Black Alliance and Clean and Prosperous Washington to solicit public comments on the draft rule; more than 137 Climate Solutions supporters

**Even without specific climate measures on the ballot this year, we reminded our community that in these times, every election is a climate election.**
provided comments. In September we worked with partner groups to brief reporters and editors, generating news coverage about the upcoming law and how it will work; we also urged the Department of Ecology to collaborate with the state’s new Environmental Justice Council and overburdened communities, in determining details of CCA implementation. As the new year approaches with the state implementing the landmark law, we are focused on ensuring the Legislature spends CCA dollars wisely to accelerate our transition to a 100% clean future—including critical investments in medium- and heavy-duty electrification and heat pumps for low-income households—as well as continuing press outreach and engagement.
The 2022 Oregon Legislature acted to provide historic levels of investments in clean energy solutions and electric vehicles and appliances, as well as significant progress for environmental and social justice in our state, setting up 2023 to be a banner year for state legislative progress. Along with establishing the REBuilding Task Force, Oregon legislators added an ambitious set of budget items and program funding that will address climate action and bolster community resilience throughout the state. **The first-of-its-kind $100 million Climate Resilience Budget** invests in solar energy + storage and zero-emission vehicle rebate programs, charging stations for electric trucks and buses, home retrofits for low income Oregonians, emergency heat relief programs for vulnerable communities (including electric heat pumps), and additional drought relief and recovery funds. In Oregon, we also supported the Emergency Heat Relief and Farmworker Protection bills, providing essential workers relief from the hazards of extreme weather.

In 2021, Oregon passed the most ambitious 100% Clean law in the country, putting the state’s electric sector on track to 100% carbon-free power by 2040 with strong labor and environmental justice provisions. Climate Solutions is now over a year into enacting this policy, working closely with ratepayer and community advocates, utilities, and other key stakeholders to implement this critical climate win equitably and sustainably. **We are advocating for clean energy resources to be built at the necessary scale while ensuring low-income bill protection and other community-led priorities are met.** We are engaging with many partners, stakeholders and agency regulators to address utility transmission and siting regulations, support exploration of offshore wind and distributed energy including small-scale renewables and microgrids, and generally to make sure that the transition to 100% clean energy benefits every corner of Oregon, especially our BIPOC and rural communities. We have also continued our implementation effort of the Climate Protection Program, regulating major fossil fuel sources within the state’s transportation and gas sectors.
COMMUNICATING ABOUT CLIMATE SOLUTIONS
We are honored to work with many partners, collaborators, leaders and experts when it comes to news coverage about needed solutions to the climate crisis. At times, news outlets quote Climate Solutions staff experts. Here is a sampling along with some of our tweets this year.

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“In Oregon, fossil gas is the next big focus of attention for the climate community. It is a growing source of climate pollution and there is more and more coming out about its significant health harms.”
— Meredith Connolly

Gas Under Pressure
Portland Business Journal, Mar. 4, 2022
“Moving faster than California’s timeline is a statement of how dire climate change is. The intent with the 2030 goal is to say, ‘hey this is a crisis.’”
—Leah Missik

**WA sets 2030 goal to phase out gas cars**
Seattle Times, April 1, 2022

“This transition from fossil fuels to clean energy is technologically feasible and affordable, but entrenched interests are getting in the way.”
—Meredith Connolly

**UN report calls for urgent climate action as Oregon advocates push for state to do more**
Oregonian, April 10, 2022

On Friday, WA’s State Building Code Council issued the nation’s strongest building codes for getting fossil fuels out of new large buildings. Clean electricity is SO MUCH BETTER than fossil fuel pollution in our homes and buildings!
@climatesolution
April 25, 2022

We’re at Sea-Tac Airport this AM with the @PortofSeattle as @MTRWestern shows off its all-electric long-haul buses. Electric heavy vehicles reduce climate and health impacts from transportation emissions. They are the future of transportation—and they’re here now!
@climatesolution
May 4, 2022
“While transitioning the power grid to 100 percent clean electricity is a critical step, Oregon’s lesson is that state climate action can still fall short if that isn’t coupled with rapid electrification.” — Meredith Connolly

Oregon must take action to stay in the race to cut emissions
Energy News Network, May 17, 2022

“We need to hit the accelerator on transitioning large trucks from dirty diesel to all electric. It’s one of the most important steps that we can take to cut climate and air pollution. And we generate good-paying jobs manufacturing those clean solutions right here in Washington state.” — Gregg Small

King County rolls out the state’s first battery-electric heavy-duty truck built in Renton
King County News, June 9, 2022

@GovInslee signs #cleanbuildings legislation alongside much-celebrated transportation package, emphasizing efforts to reduce carbon emissions from both of the sectors most responsible for climate damage @climatesolution
May 25, 2022
“This is a very, very big deal. [The Inflation Reduction Act] will unquestionably be the most important climate law ever passed at the federal level.”

A Very Big Deal: New Climate Law Will Impact Every Sector of the Economy, Gregg Small
Post Alley, August 11, 2022

“The current price shock for gas and diesel—driven by Putin’s war in Ukraine—is a wake-up call showing the vulnerability of Oregon’s economy. Imagine if we didn’t even need oil to power how we get around!”
—Tim Miller

Why fueling cleaner businesses makes sense in Oregon
Puget Sound Business Journal, Jul 15 2022

“CETA was only the beginning in Washington... the law now serves as the foundation for other climate policies in the transportation and building sectors that rely on clean electricity to produce the deep emissions reductions we need.”

The Powerful Policy Ripples of Washington State’s Clean Energy Transformation Act, by Leah Missik (Climate Solutions) and Stephanie Celt (WA Dept. of Commerce)
Post Alley, August 11, 2022
“We need zero emission heavy and medium-duty vehicles, from school buses to garbage trucks. That is one of the next big areas.”
— Leah Missik

State’s new Clean Fuel Standard takes aim at climate-changing pollution
Everett Herald, August 21, 2022

“Heat pumps provide an opportunity to transition off of gas, but they’re also a climate resilience measure, cooling and purifying homes in hotter and smokier summers.”
— Kelly Hall

Carbon auctions will bring WA more money than predicted
Seattle Times, October 18, 2022

“Washington is the new gold standard for cap and trade. California went first; Washington had the ability to learn from it and make adjustments so we don’t have the same shortcomings.”
— Kelly Hall

Washington to launch carbon cap-and-trade program in January
Utility Dive, October 6, 2022

BREAKING: More clean fuels means cleaner climate and air for Oregon! Today’s DEQ decision means Oregon now has the strongest cleanfuels standard in the nation
@climatesolution
28 Sep 2022
Our online Climate Leaders Live conversations and Signature Events for fundraising were born out of the early days of the COVID pandemic as we wanted ways to engage with folks across digital space and create moments of continued learning, shared experience, and deeper inspiration with premier climate thinkers, policymakers, and leaders.

This year we were honored to host a number of awesome discussions including U.S. Representative Pramila Jayapal; White House National Climate Advisor (then Deputy) Ali Zaidi; a focus on state solutions and coalitions with Kelly Nordini of Conservation Colorado and Delmar Gillus of Elevate and Illinois’ Clean Energy Jobs Coalition; a play-by-play and highlights of the Inflation Reduction Act with Chesapeake Climate Action Network’s Quentin Scott and League of Conservation Voters’ Matthew Davis; and a lookback field trip to Denmark to hear more on its clean energy and renewable revolution. With hundreds of online attendees throughout the year, we’re looking forward to 2023’s powerful speakers and gathering with others in these and other “anywhere online” spaces.

During our May 2022 Signature Event, U.S. Representative Pramila Jayapal shared a lesson about motivation she learned “from great organizing movements and leaders from the past... Let's remember as organizers: strength comes in moments of crisis; we are growing our progressive movement for climate justice.”
The equation that defines momentum is mass times velocity. As we think about what it means to really grow the momentum here, we need to think about it in the same way. How do we broaden the number of folks coming with us for the journey? If we travel alone, we will not meet the moment. And how do we accelerate the pace of progress?

— White House National Climate Advisor (then Deputy) Ali Zaidi, speaking at Climate Solutions’ Signature Event May 2022

There were only five of us who were in the gallery at that time... **we were the five witnesses for the entire globe for this moment** when the United States finally passed a climate deal out of the Senate.

— Chesapeake Climate Action Network’s Quentin Scott’s first-hand account on our August Climate Leaders Live of being present for the Senate’s Aug. 2022 vote on the Inflation Reduction Act

Quite simply the experience of visiting Denmark was invaluable. All of us who do policy development work know that **talking about potential solutions is one thing but seeing them in action is another thing entirely.**

— Carmen Rubio, Portland City Commissioner during our September Climate Leaders Live “Dispatches from Denmark’s Clean Energy Revolution”

The sexy thing is the legislation....but **that legislation is only as good as the implementation.**

— Kelly Nordini of Conservation Colorado on how to ‘win the win,’ from our “Solutions in the States” discussion in March
FOSTERING STORYTELLING AND ENGAGEMENT
In our new strategic plan, Climate Solutions committed to dedicate more resources to instilling storytelling throughout our programs and policy campaigns. Halfway through 2022, we expanded our communications and engagement team to add a team member focused on digital storytelling and engagement. This position will allow us to develop rich and thoughtful ways to gather, co-create and share stories of where clean energy and climate solutions are working: improving people’s lives and livelihoods. We’ll have more to report ahead, and welcome input, collaborators and story ideas as we shape our plan to support our programs, policy campaigns and movement building. To support that work, and our growing program and organizational needs, we also expanded our database and engagement technology team by bringing up to full-time the historically part-time database and engagement associate role.

Our super advocates grow
We are always on the lookout for ways people can bring their time and talent to our advocacy campaigns. We communicate with supporters several different ways, and this year we saw our email list grow by 4% and our text alert by 2.5%. And, our special “super advocates” email list, through which we can prompt our most dedicated grassroots activists when there’s a need for fast action on a pressing climate issue, grew by nearly 30%;
that’s super! **You can sign up here:** climatesolutions.org/superadvocate

**ClimateCast**
The ClimateCast, our biweekly email digest of clean energy news, entered its ninth year. Originally a much smaller list of a few hundred subscribers, we now have 13,912 folks receiving ClimateCast in their inboxes. Its high weekly “open rate” (a measure of how many recipients are actually reading our email!) shows that more readers than ever are hungry for the solutions we provide. **If you don’t get it now, or know a friend who might want ClimateCast, check out climatesolutions.org/getclimatecast**
Left to right: Leah Missik; WA Sen. Reuven Carlyle, WA Sen. Rebecca Saldaña; WA Sen. Marko Liias; David Mendoza, the Nature Conservancy; Isaac Kastama, Clean & Prosperous WA

Left to right: Kelly Hall, WA State Rep. Joe Fitzgibbon, Gregg Small
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RACIAL JUSTICE
Recognizing the need for intersectionality in climate activism—that our goals in working for cleaner air, better health, and reduction of fossil fuels cannot be achieved without also addressing racial injustice and inequity—has been a long time coming. We are not the first to recognize the need to lead with a racial equity lens in our work, and we understand the distance we have yet to cover. Climate Solutions’ efforts to deepen and strengthen our organizational commitment to racial justice in the climate movement and beyond are focused both on internal and personal transformation, and to structural changes in our operations and external work.

We know we have a lot of work to do, and especially a lot of listening. We continue to convene internally focused spaces for dialogue about our individual and organizational responses to racism and efforts to undo white supremacy—especially within our organization and with each other. We are hopeful that we can and will embrace a way of seeing and doing our work that creates space for dialogue, growth, and profound shifts in our action within our programs, our policy campaigns, collaborations with others, mission-over-brand led communications and community centric fund-raising. Our commitment to racial justice is a journey, one that is inseparable from our efforts to bring about a climate-stable world.
2023 will be Climate Solutions’ 25\textsuperscript{th} anniversary. It will also be a critical and consequential year to address the climate crisis. There is MOMENTUM and HOPE for truly transformative climate solutions – and at the scale that is needed.

We know that historic pollution is in our atmosphere, and that more impacts in the coming years—and months—are all but inevitable. And though the science and trends are overwhelming, it is not too late.

While the scale of the crisis is huge and the timeline for action is short, many of the solutions and technology already exist and more investments are coming. A rapid transition is not only feasible but also is well underway,
shifting away from fossil fuels and towards building new ways to power our economy with clean energy. As President Biden reminded the world at COP, we know that good climate policy is good economic policy.

We are in a new era.

The core challenge of this new era is to turn our policy wins into progress on the ground. It’s not enough to only pass good laws. We must also make sure that our leaders and agencies implement new policies equitably and inclusively. People of color, and those whose communities have been first and worst impacted by the climate crisis, are the least responsible for causing climate change. These communities must also experience tangible, broadly shared benefits as part of our progress towards our climate goals.

Fossil fuel pollution is not going to go away without a fight. We need to protect all that we have accomplished. And we need to move further and faster on climate action. In the words of Martin Luther King, Jr: it really is the fierce urgency of now. There is more work to do—AND we could not do it without all of you. Thank you for your support of Climate Solutions and for giving me hope and for facing the climate crisis with us. January marks my 13th year at Climate Solutions and I’m excited to start our 25th anniversary with you all.

A rapid transition away from destructive fossil fuels is not only feasible; it’s well underway.

Savitha Reddy Pathi
Deputy Director

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STRATEGIC PRIORITIES: MOMENTUM FOR TANGIBLE PROCESS
This year board and staff members collaborated to shape our most recent Strategic Plan, which will guide our work through 2026. We entered this year with the momentum of success, climate advocates and government leaders in Oregon and Washington having established two of the strongest suites of climate policies in the nation. We won commitments in both states to transition to 100% clean electricity, and the completion of a clean fuels coast—aligning both states with California to transform our transportation sector.

Carrying this momentum forward will mean translating these commitments into tangible progress that cuts climate pollution, creates good-paying jobs, and addresses equity. Our 2022-2026 Strategic Plan calls for us to do this in several strategic ways:

- We will run campaigns with diverse allies on a wide range of issues including implementing Washington’s Climate Commitment Act; passing the nation’s best clean energy standards for residential homes through the Washington State Building Council; continuing to clean up our transportation sector including the electrification of trucks and other heavy vehicles; making sure that both Washington and Oregon meet the goals of recently passed bills to transition to 100% clean electricity; and more.

We must work every day to make sure that the next four years of climate progress in the Northwest are as successful as the previous four have been.
• Through the new **Breaking Barriers Collaborative** (launched in November 2022), we will support the acceleration of business leadership action on climate in the region. Our partners include the Washington Build Black Black Alliance, Clean & Prosperous Washington, Oregon Business for Climate, and the Wave Foundation.

• We will coordinate a broader network of climate, environmental justice, and labor partners to make sure that **public funds marked for investment in climate solutions** will have maximum impact, accelerating the equitable deployment solutions such as highly efficient heat pumps that provide both heat and cooling, renewable energy, and electric trucks.

• We will **tell the stories** of successful progress in implementing policies and investing in solutions.

• Finally, and throughout, **we will invest in deep learning as a staff and board** on how to continue deepening our commitment to equity, diversity, and inclusion in this work.
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This year we had to say goodbye to several board members who ended their tenure with us; deep gratitude to Don Sampson of the Umatilla Tribe and Steve Sundquist for their time and support of this organization and their continued work in the world, we will miss them. We also welcomed several new board members, noted with a * with their photo.

“Climate Solutions recognizes that we need to fast track solutions to meet the climate crisis. At the same time, it is imperative that we build trust and collaboration among our partners to ensure a resilient and equitable movement. We are ready for that challenge and opportunity.”

— Jackie Dingfelder, PhD, Climate Solutions Board President

“I’m excited to join such a dynamic organization, as we work to make the climate movement an inclusive moment for all.”

— Emiko Atherton, new board member, 2022

“My background is in social work, public health, and rural organizing. But for a decade now, my Eastern Washington community has been ravaged by smoke, folks I organize with talk about immigrating here because of drought and failing crops in their home countries, and water has become one of the most contentious issues across our counties. When I was approached to join the board, it was the first easy “yes” I’ve had to being on a board--the staff and board are doing incredible work, and as the organization turns toward implementation following big policies wins, I’m thrilled that Climate Solutions is thinking about how our rural communities can come into focus and become leaders in this work.”

— Adrienne Moore, new board member, 2022
Climate Solutions’ board and staff would like to express our deep gratitude for the continued commitment and support from the following individuals, foundations, corporations, and organizations whose gifts given between Jan. 1 and Dec. 31, 2021 made our work possible.
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I’m enthused by helping people to face the climate crisis with creative determination!
—Ariana Ylvisaker
I constantly feel in awe that I call the lush, beautiful Pacific Northwest home and am motivated every day to help make sure Oregon is somewhere we can all live and thrive for generations to come. I truly believe our lives are better powered by clean energy and want everyone to get those benefits as soon as possible!

—Meredith Connolly with her daughter
What fuels my climate activism is my love for people and this amazing world we live in. Oh, and I don’t want to be old in a world that is on fire. I’d prefer a peaceful old age.

— Conner-Bennett Sharpe with husband Dug
I love working on climate change because it is a multi-faceted problem that requires an equally multi-faceted approach and a diverse set of voices to solve it. I feel lucky to be a small part of this collective to create a just and fossil fuel-free future.

— Altinay Karasapan
What makes me excited about climate activism is solutions! I love to see the speed and scale of progress finally starting to accelerate

— Gregg Small
This guy and all the children of the world motivate me to do this work.
— Joëlle Robinson with son Atticus
Clean energy solutions are no-regret solutions. I’m motivated by knowing that all communities will benefit from cleaner air, cheaper energy, and a healthy climate in a fossil-free future.
— Kelly Hall with son Hunter
Mushroom hunting can be like communicating and organizing on climate: be ready to go off trail to unexpectedly spot joy!
—Kimberly Larson
Working for climate progress is the right thing to do. And even though this is a global crisis, policies we implement here in WA have a real, tangible impact on people’s lives.
— Leah Missik
Traveling brings me joy. I love meeting climate activists all around the world and some have become my dearest, lifelong friends in our collective work on climate action.

— Savitha Reddy Pathi
I fuel my enthusiasm for work on climate by exploring all manner of outdoor spaces, sharing with others outside.
— Juan Muñoz Jiménez
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I'm motivated by the INFINITE reasons to want a clean energy future.
— Stephanie Noren
Why work on climate? Because there's no better mixer for mental pessimism than willful optimism.
—Jonathan Lawson
My climate activism is fueled by my love and respect for our earth. Being near the ocean or among the lush forests of the Pacific Northwest rejuvenates my soul and I hope to sustain the wildness of our earth for future generations.
—Kara Harvin with husband Joey

I love working with my colleagues and bringing people together for our events.
— Teresa Myers with husband Dale
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My enthusiasm for climate advocacy is fueled by the potential of electric vehicles to be more than just transportation.
— Dave Stevens

What gives me enthusiasm for working on climate? Sustaining natural wonder for future generations.
— Neiko Alvarado
financials

**sources of revenue (FY 2021)**

- **Individual Gifts**: $3,726,037 (69.65%)
- **Foundations**: $1,463,250 (27.35%)
- **Corporate & Sponsorships**: $156,005 (2.92%)
- **Interest & Other**: 4,366 (0.08%)

**Total income - $5,349,658**
The financial statements of Climate Solutions as of December 31, 2021 were audited by the independent certified account firm, Jones & Associates, LLC. The above are financial highlights. The audited financial statements are available on our website and by request to info@climatesolutions.org.

**net assets**

Change in Net Assets
$1,373,319

Net Assets at the Beginning of 2021
$2,039,725

Net Assets at the End of 2021
$3,413,044

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**allocation of program funds (FY 2021)**

- **Program Services**
  $2,971,359 (74.73%)
- **Fundraising**
  $521,200 (13.1%)
- **Administration**
  $483,780 (12.17%)

**Total expenses** - $3,976,339
Several years ago, we established the oxy-mornoic sounding Fun Committee wanting to add some more humor and lighten things up. One fun thing that has stuck? A light sport introduced originally by now CS alum field organizer Alex Epstein: Rock Paper Scissors. We have an annual all-staff rock/paper/scissors competition and a Stanley Cup-like tradition of passing a trophy. While COVID set us back, fast forward to now and at a staff picnic at this September, Portland, OR-based Jonathee Lee took the trophy from long-time winner Olympia-based Shannon Sedgwick!
BEHOLD! ROCK/PAPER/SCISSORS
GRAND CHAMPION JONATHAN LEE
“Well, I think the worst thing we could do is throw our hands up and give up. We are seeing Oregonians die from heat waves, from wildfires, losing property. We’re all suffering from worse air quality. But we’re already seeing really great examples of how state and local efforts are working.”

—Geoff Norcross (Oregon Public Broadcasting)
This summer so many Oregonians are receiving high efficiency electric heat pumps for cooling, and that’s thanks in large part to the new Emergency Heat Relief Bill, and to environmental justice organizations that are helping to deploy these systems to people who need it the most. We’re also seeing the Portland Clean Energy Fund ramp up, providing a lot of local community-based solutions to the climate crisis. I think the more of this we see, the more I feel hopeful that Oregon can continue to create more resilient and healthy systems for everyone.”

—Greer Ryan, Climate Solutions