



100% Clean Energy: advancing solutions for a prosperous and sustainable future

Climate Solutions laid the groundwork this year for a new strategic focus based on our core vision: that we can have a thriving, equitable Northwest, powered by clean energy; and that we can inspire the transition to sustainable prosperity across the nation and beyond. Our **100% Clean Energy** call to action:

- We can transition our electrical grid to 100% clean and efficient energy, faster than anywhere else in the nation.
- We can leverage our clean energy grid to electrify as many uses for the built environment, industry, and transportation as we can.
- We can do it in a way that benefits all communities, the workers reliant on the current fossil fuel economy, and improves our public health and economy.

Already this year, we have celebrated and amplified several exciting local resolutions on 100% clean energy, strong commitments which we are presenting as a model for other jurisdictions in the Northwest.

On June 1, Portland, OR and Multnomah County became the first city and county in the Northwest to commit to 100% renewable energy, passing the most ambitious clean energy resolutions in the country, and establishing commitments to 100% clean electricity by 2035 and 100% clean community-wide energy by 2050. Climate Solutions played a key role of working with several partners on developing the policy, participating in the advocacy, and communicating the victory widely, gaining state and national press coverage. Other cities, including Edmonds WA, are now following their lead.

Leading the Northwest to achieve climate and clean energy policies

Climate Solutions continues at the forefront of statewide climate and clean energy campaigns in Oregon and Washington, providing strategic and policy leadership, field organizing, business engagement, communications outreach, administration, and fundraising support for **Renew Oregon** and the **Alliance for Jobs and Clean Energy**.

OREGON LEADERSHIP

Stopping fracked gas - Working with coalition partners, we successfully stopped Portland General Electric's plans to build a new fracked gas plant in Oregon. The Oregon Public Utility Commission (OPUC) ultimately rejected PGE's proposal and PGE is now proposing to expand renewable energy instead.

Protecting access to clean fuels - together with our partners in the Renew Oregon coalition, we protected the Clean Fuels Program from a legislative attack by the fossil-fuel industry. This program decarbonizes our fuels, secures more choices at the pump and increases access to electric vehicles, while supporting our local clean fuel industries.

Electrifying transportation - We pushed for strong, innovative investments by our utilities in electric vehicles, buses, and charging infrastructure as the OPUC implemented this critical part of the Coal to Clean legislation passed in 2016. With partners, we also successfully advocated for a new incentive for electric vehicles and hybrids, which includes a larger rebate for low- and moderate-income purchasers of new or used EVs.

Advocating for Clean Energy Jobs - With the Renew Oregon coalition, we developed the strategy and built support for a Clean Energy Jobs bill that would limit climate pollution and invest in our Oregon clean energy economy. While the bill did not pass this year, momentum is strong heading into 2018.

Saving energy where it counts - We helped secure an executive order that will greatly increase energy efficiency by moving toward zero energy buildings in new homes and commercial buildings. We're continuing this advocacy effort as part of the Oregon Zero Energy Buildings Coalition.

WASHINGTON LEADERSHIP

Leading in electrifying public transit - Climate Solutions worked with the King County Council and key staff from King County Metro, the Department of Transportation, and the Executive Office to make a strong case for electrifying the county's bus fleet. Now, King County plans to purchase 120 electric buses and phase out all fossil fuel vehicle purchases, the largest such commitment to electric buses in the country. The county agreed to run these buses in areas where the clean vehicles will have the greatest air quality benefit for disadvantaged communities.

Promoting statewide electric vehicle incentives - Climate Solutions partnered with auto manufacturers and others to expand Washington's electric vehicle incentive program to include freight trucks, passenger shuttles and commercial service trucks.

Building a regulatory agenda - Climate Solutions expanded our advocacy role before the Utilities and Transportation Commission, making a strong case for distributed energy resources and transportation electrification strategies that cut pollution, control electric rates, and build a more resilient grid. We weighed in on critical policy areas, advocating for increasing utility investment in clean renewables, for transportation electrification, and for expanded investment in energy storage.

We continued work with our partners in the **Alliance for Jobs and Clean Energy**, growing a movement that can win meaningful victories on carbon reduction. Activities included helping the coalition develop strong policy options, build a network of climate justice stewards, and promote a series of kickoff events around the state.

Halting new investment in polluting energy

A million voices strong - On May 11, our Power Past Coal and Stand Up to Oil coalitions achieved an enormous new landmark in public opposition to proposed oil and coal terminals. We generated over one million statements of opposition in an all-out effort to protect the Northwest from the threats of fossil fuels, and we hand delivered these 1,000,000+ collective statements to Governor Inslee's office in Olympia.

No coal export in Longview - On September 26, the Washington Department of Ecology denied a key permit for the proposed Millennium Bulk Terminals coal export facility in Longview, WA, citing the project's negative impacts on climate, clean air, and water. The decision effectively killed what would have been the largest coal export facility in North America. Climate Solutions was one of four groups

to challenge the initial permit issued by Cowlitz County for the Millennium Bulk Terminal proposal seven years ago. Since then, Climate Solutions worked with more than 115 groups, fellow members of the Power Past Coal coalition, to submit over 500,000 comments and present thousands of in-person testimonials asking that project permits be denied.

Powering past coal, standing up to oil, and transitioning to clean energy - In January, we convened a planning retreat bringing together 28 field organizers with our Power Past Coal and Stand Up to Oil coalitions, to discuss leveraging the success of our coal and oil campaigns into real wins on clean energy and climate policy across the region. We surveyed some 1,000 coal and oil activists to assess their interest in climate and solutions-oriented work; their response was nearly unanimous in favor, providing early support for our new 100% clean energy campaign.

Raising our profile and building organizational strength

Strategic planning - our board and staff completed work on a comprehensive Strategic Plan and revising our vision and mission to guide our work through 2020.

Focusing on equity - Our Strategic Plan incorporates a strong focus on equity. We also created and approved a new statement of our organizational values, including justice, respect, perseverance, integrity, determination, and collaboration. In 2017, we committed to adapting our staffing, board, and program planning to align with our newly refined strategic focus and values.

At our **19th Annual Reception** in Olympia (April 19th), we honored Barb Scavezze with our Sam Garst Climate Champion Award for her tireless work as a climate advocate in Thurston County, WA. More than 170 guests attended remarks from Governor Jay Inslee, Congressman Denny Heck, and Representatives Jessyn Farrell and Beth Doglio. The event raised a record amount from sponsorships and donations.

Our **9th Annual Breakfast** in Seattle (May 15th) featured a keynote from Majora Carter with a powerful message of her leadership at the nexus of climate and equity. Majora shared inspiring stories from her critical work to revitalize her community in the South Bronx and advocate for jobs in the clean energy sector.

Board and staff - We reconfigured our senior management structure this year, hiring Duncan Marsh as our first Director of Programs. Meredith Connolly was promoted to fill the position of Oregon Director. We also welcomed six new board members: Nitin Baliga, Annika Berman, Jackie Dingfelder, Dune Ives, Ross Macfarlane, and Phil Jones.