

*Preserving Our Planet  
for the Grandchildren  
and All Life*



# Who We Are

Elders Climate Action mobilizes elders throughout the United States to address climate change while there is still time to protect the wellbeing of our grandchildren, future generations and all life.

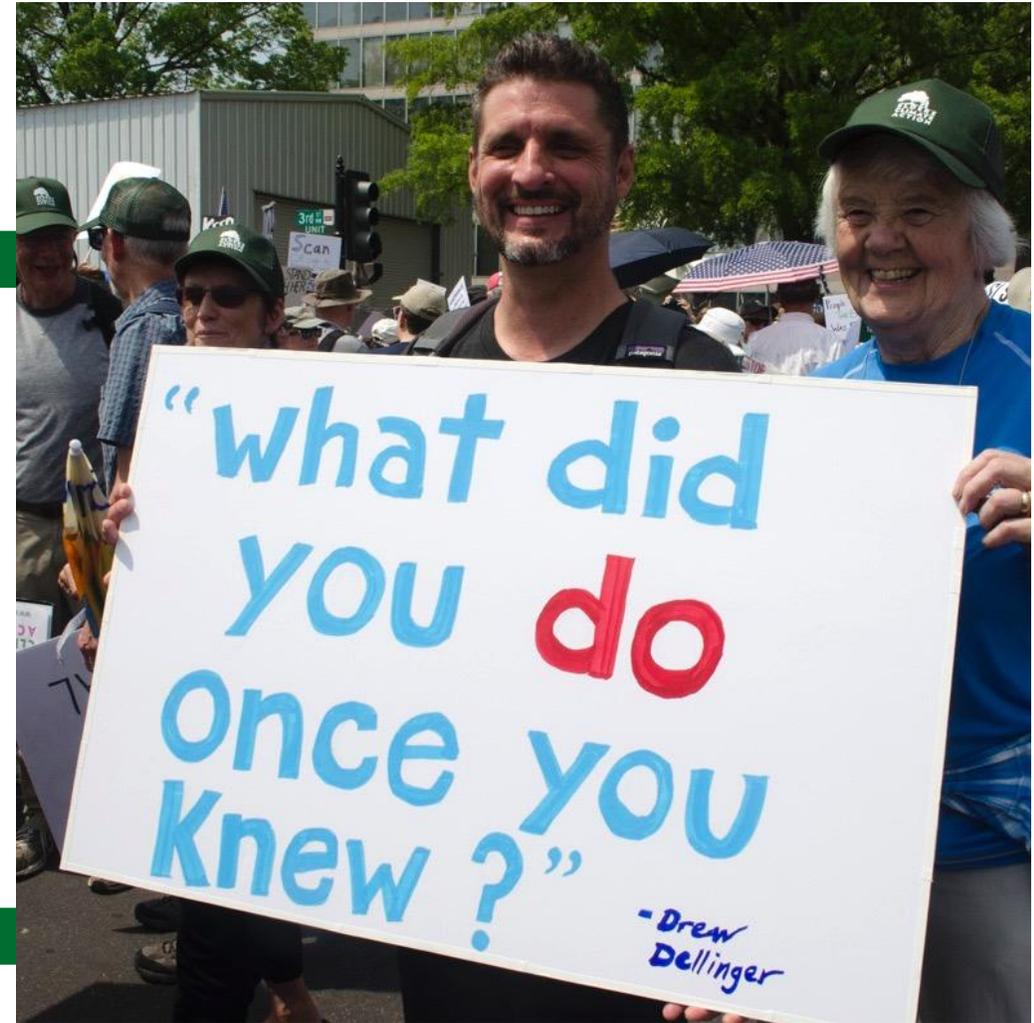
# Our Mission

We are dedicated to using the power of our caring, our wisdom and our numbers to push for strong policies that will reduce greenhouse gases in our atmosphere to a level consistent with life thriving on our planet.



# Did You Know?

Baby Boomers are the largest voting bloc in the United States. Making up 34% of registered voters, an estimated 80 million elders!



# **We Follow the Jemez Principles of Organizational Leadership**

- ★ Be Inclusive
- ★ Emphasis on Bottom-Up Organizing
- ★ Let People Speak for Themselves
- ★ Work Together In Solidarity and Mutuality
- ★ Build Just Relationships Among Ourselves
- ★ Commitment to Self Transformation

# Our Core Values

ECA is an organization of volunteers who come together in a culture of learning, collaboration, member empowerment, and leadership development to take action for our grandchildren, future generations and all life.



- ECA encourages and supports leadership development in central committees, task forces, chapters, action teams and amongst our members.
- ECA empowers members to be active participants in the fulfillment of our mission
- ECA embraces a culture of learning so that skills and experience are shared to further ECA initiatives
- ECA embraces a culture of collaboration with organizations which share aspects of our mission
- Elders Climate Action is an inclusive organization, encouraging membership by all elders, striving to include elders from all segments of American society, and seeking involvement of members in all aspects of decision-making for the organization.
- ECA encourages member driven initiatives.



# A Closer Look

- We are a young organization – launched in 2014
- A campaign of Elders Action Network, a not for profit and non partisan organization
- We are an all-volunteer organization
- Over 10,000 members spread across all 50 states as well as internationally
- Local ECA Climate Action Teams organized as chapters
- Partnered with 69 climate related organizations

# Elders Action Network

## Holding Actions

- Conducting campaigns in defense of all Life via **Activism**
  - Climate Action (Flagship project)
    - *One Earth*
  - Social Justice
    - *One Humanity*

## Life-Sustaining Systems & Practices

- Developing new economic and social structures by **Innovation**
  - Regenerative, Sustainable Living
    - *One Future*

We the Elders  
and  
Our Communities

## Expansion in Consciousness

- Changing our perception, attitudes, thinking, values, and functioning through **Education**
  - Evolving curriculum includes four courses and a book study group



# What Can a Non-Profit Do

- We can educate policy makers and legislators
- We can advocate for policies that are consistent with the ECA mission and vision
- As a non profit we must remain non partisan
  - We cannot support any candidate for office
  - We cannot contribute to any candidate for office
- We cannot lobby for specific legislation
- We cannot engage in Civil Disobedience
- If ECA members wish to participate in these actions they may do so personally but not representing ECA



# We advocate for policies that will:



Discourage and eventually halt any further extraction of fossil fuels from the Earth.

Eliminate current levels of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by 40% by 2030 and by 100% by 2050. (In line with the IPCC 1.5 report)

Seek and encourage means to draw down carbon from the atmosphere into carbon sinks.

Promote forms of clean energy, including new and emerging technologies.

Build relationships and collaborations with like-minded groups to promote our goals.

## ECA supports the following actions by our members, chapters and partners:

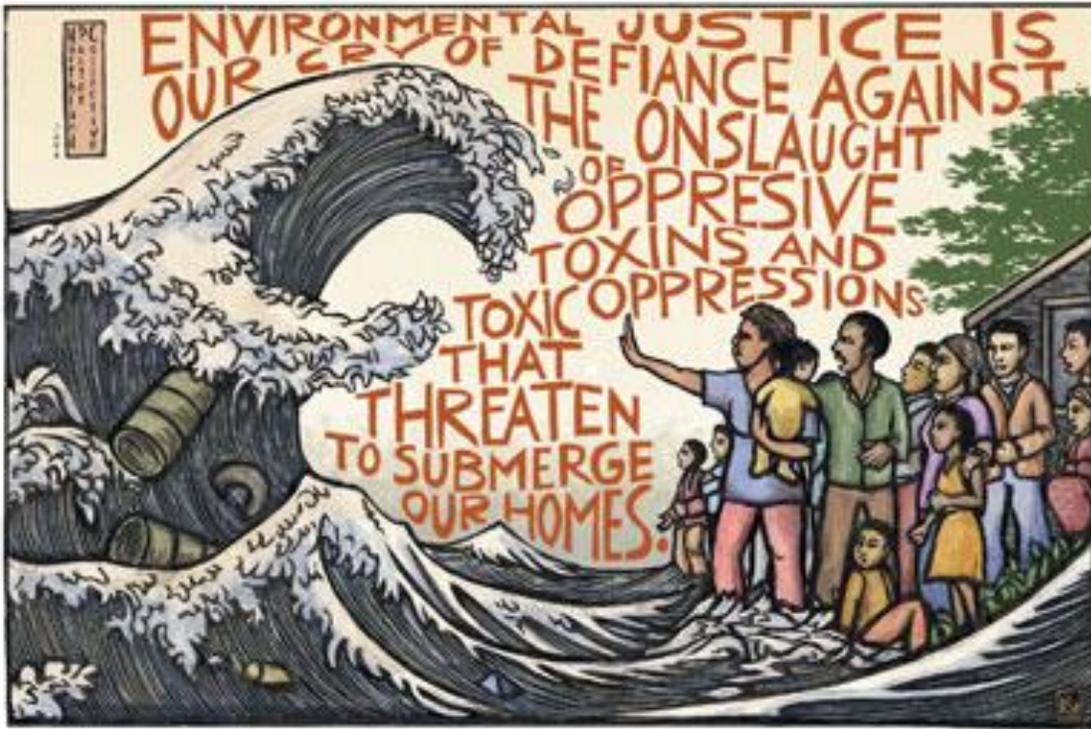


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- ★ Divestment of fossil fuel stocks from portfolios held by private institutions and pension funds.
- ★ Opposition to further extraction of fossil fuels from the ground
- ★ Support of environmental justice for low-income and minority communities who may suffer more from the impacts of pollution of their air, ground and water as a result of extracting and/or burning fossil fuels.
- ★ Support of certain lawsuits such as Our Children's Trust, a lawsuit against the federal government for violating the younger generations' constitutional rights through its ill-advised actions in causing climate change.

# Ongoing ACTION Projects



Elders Climate Action has partnered with our friends at the Environmental Voter Project to make climate change a priority voting issue.

By showing up to the polls for EVERY election, elders can help to ensure a safe climate future for our grandchildren, future generations and all life. No matter who you vote for, we need politicians at every level to know that we care about the climate and WE VOTE.



Elders Climate Action & DearTomorrow have partnered together to collect Letters to Loved Ones in 2050. This is an opportunity to take a moment and write a letter to your loved one, grandchildren or great grandchildren and let them know what you did when you realized the significance of climate change.

**We Hope YOU Will PARTICIPATE in These Important Projects!**

# 2019 Spring & Fall Webinar Series



## Spring into Action 2019

ECA Spring Webinar Series





**May 2**  
**Crystal Chissell**  
Vice President of Operations and Engagement at Project Drawdown.



**May 16**  
**Robbie Orvis**  
Co-Author of Designing Climate Solutions: A Policy Guide for Low-Carbon Energy



**May 30**  
**Youth Climate Activists Panel Discussion**  
With iMatter, The Climate Reporter, the Sunrise Movement, Our Children's Trust and Zero Hour

**6:00 PM (ET) | 3:00 PM (PT)**  
**REGISTER TODAY**  
[www.eldersclimateaction.org/webinars2019](http://www.eldersclimateaction.org/webinars2019)

Get Inspired.  
Get Informed.  
Get Engaged.

## ECA FALL WEBINAR SERIES

# WE RISE TO FACE THE CLIMATE EMERGENCY

[www.eldersclimateaction.org/fallwebinar2019](http://www.eldersclimateaction.org/fallwebinar2019)



Register Now for the Two-Part Webinar Series

## October 10 7:00 PM (ET)

### Elders Declare a Climate Emergency

With Guest Speakers Margaret Klein Salamon, Ezra Silk and Rebecca Harris from Climate Mobilization



Join The Climate Mobilization for an interactive presentation about the Climate Emergency, and what you can do about it. In this webinar, you will learn from climate psychologist Margaret Klein Salamon's groundbreaking work on moving society into "emergency mode" to tackle the climate crisis. You will also hear about the Climate Emergency Campaign, which has engaged hundreds of people in pushing their cities and counties to declare a Climate Emergency. You will also receive additional resources from The Climate Mobilization to explore launching your own local Climate Emergency push.

## October 22 7:00 PM (ET)

### Reverend Michael Malcom



Reverend Malcom will join us to discuss environmental injustice in the Southeast and the African-American environmental justice warriors who are responding to it. We will share in "Real Talk" and celebration.

[www.eldersclimateaction.org/fallwebinars2019](http://www.eldersclimateaction.org/fallwebinars2019)

# ECA Ongoing Monthly Events



## *Climate* tea & talk

Make a cup of tea and join other climate minded elders for casual discussion about important climate change issues

### **Climate Tea & Talk**

***Second Tuesday of the Month***

***6:00 PM (Eastern) | 3:00 PM (Pacific)***

Find out more on the EVENTS section of our website

This is an opportunity to connect with other elders and discuss climate issues and actions within your community. Come share stories and success of working for climate action



## ECA Monthly **National Call**

### **ECA Monthly National Call**

***Fourth Tuesday of the Month***

***7:00 PM (Eastern) | 4:00 PM (Pacific)***

Find out more on the EVENTS section of our Website

National calls feature special guest speakers, ECA action information and more!

# Elders Climate Action Day & DC Play-In with Moms Clean Air Force

## 3 days of Intergenerational Climate Action

### July 10 - 12, 2019



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| <b>July 10</b> | 6 PM Lobby Day Training & Dinner Hosted by Moms Clean Air Force   |
| <b>July 11</b> | 9 AM - 11 AM Intergenerational Play-In at the Nation's Capitol with Moms Clean Air Force<br>Afternoon Intergenerational Visits to Members of Congress with Moms Clean Air Force |
| <b>July 12</b> | 10:30 AM - 3:30 PM Elders Climate Action Day  |

[www.eldersclimateaction.org/dc19](http://www.eldersclimateaction.org/dc19)



# Faces of Climate Action Town Hall Meetings Across Arizona

## 5 Climate Town Hall Events Across Arizona:

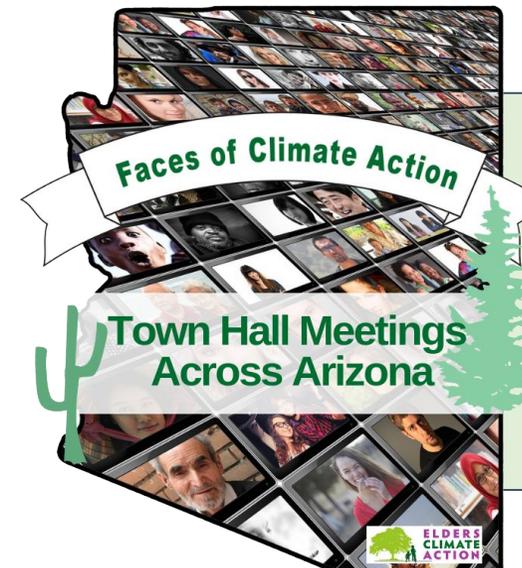
East Valley (Phx)  
West Valley (Phx)  
Flagstaff  
Tucson  
Central Phoenix

## Over 20 Co-sponsor Organizations

Tucson was entirely youth led

Panels included elected officials, climate advocates & experts, youth advocates, community members

Representing intergenerational, multicultural and interfaith perspectives.



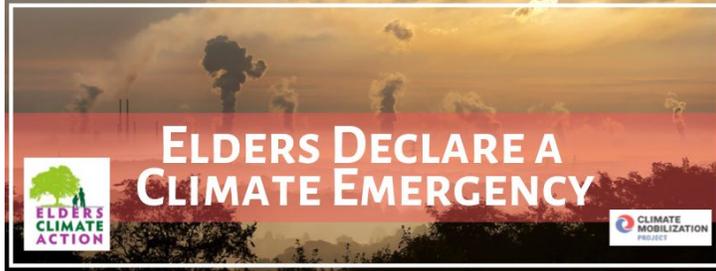
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# ECA Previous ACTION Highlights

- ECA Annual Webinar Series
- San Francisco, CA Gathering 2018 & Berkeley, CA Gathering 2019
- Elders Vote for the Climate Pledge
- Letters to Loved Ones, Dear Tomorrow
- Elders Climate Action Day, Washington, D.C. 2017
- Grandparents Climate Action Day, Washington, D.C. 2015



# Collaborative Action Projects in 2019-2020



## Climate Mobilization Project

We are working with the Climate Mobilization Project to engage elders in helping to declare a climate emergency in their communities.



**CLIMATE STRIKE**  
**SEPT20**

## Climate Strike - Future Coalition & Zero Hour

We are proud to be a movement partner of the climate strike and are planning additional actions with Zero Hour &



## Environmental Voter Project

We are working together on the *Elders Promote the Vote* project, building teams of volunteers working to engage the 16 million environmentalists who don't VOTE.



# Collaborative Action Projects in 2019-2020 (continued)



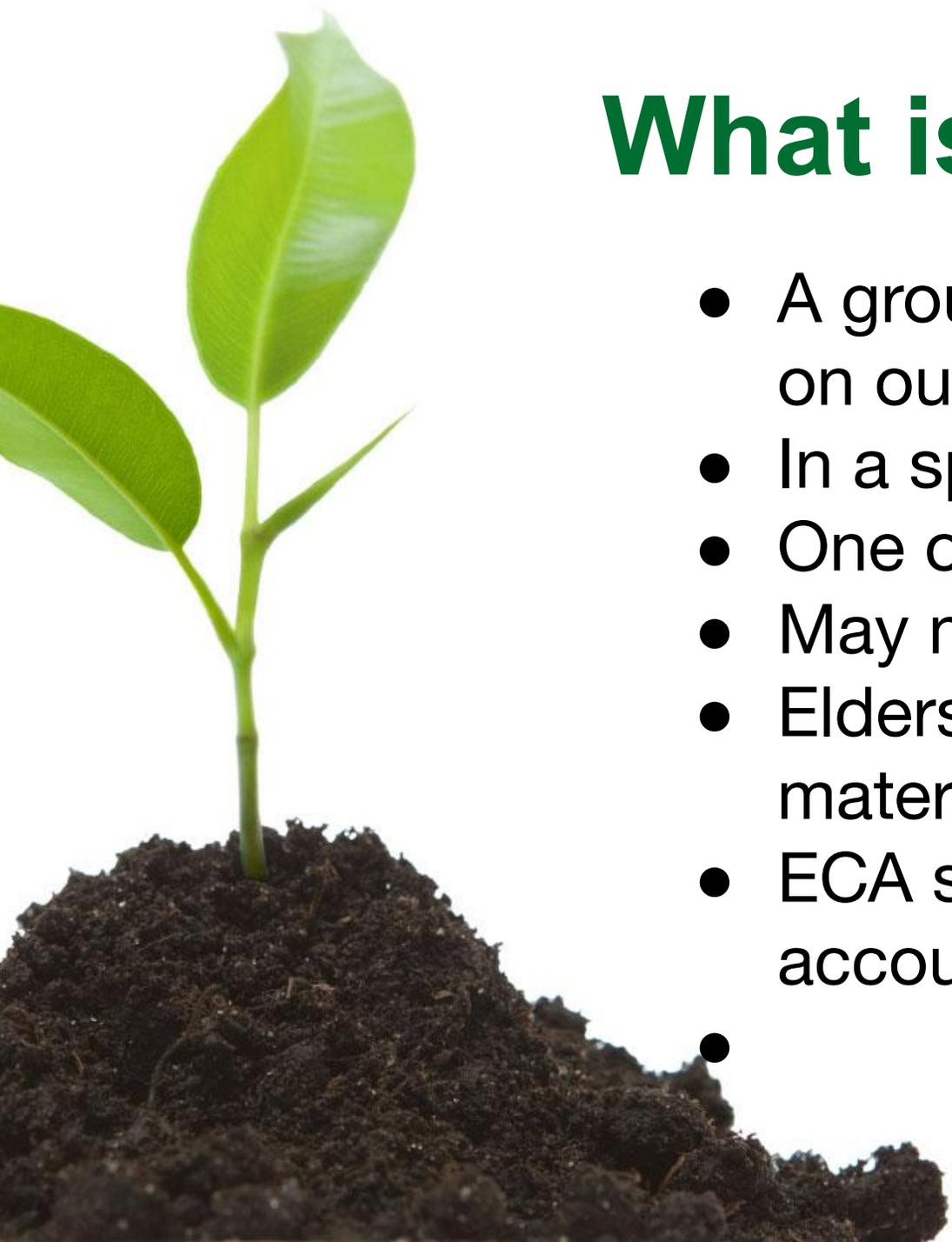
## Moms Clean Air Force

We're working on a number of initiatives with MCAF including protecting EPA regulations and co-sponsoring the Washington, D.C. Play In at the Nation's Capitol.



## US Climate Action Network

ECA is proud to be a member of USCAN, a coalition of over 170 climate related organizations. Our members and leadership teams work on a variety of committees to align our policies, efforts and action with our climate allies.



# What is a Chapter

- A group of elders interested in taking action on our climate crisis
- In a specific geographic area
- One or two people provide leadership
- May meet in person or by video conference
- Elders Climate action provides training, materials and ongoing support
- ECA sets up a FaceBook page and Twitter account for each chapter
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- Building a movement at local, state and national levels
- A non-partisan community of engaged elders
- Developing partnerships with a broad spectrum of other organizations
- Have fun and develop new connections as we work together
- We have many volunteer opportunities waiting for you

**Together We Will Make Our Voices Heard!**

# ***Take Action Now***

***for your grandchildren, future generations and all life.***

## **10 Simple Ways to Participate**

1. Organize a 2-3 member ECA team in your Congressional district or local community and **schedule meetings** with your Representatives
2. **Send a letter** to your Representatives. ***Visit our Website to send a letter today!***
3. ***Join or Start a Local Chapter in your Area***
4. Represent Elders Climate Action at **Local/National Events**
5. Like, Follow, Post and Share ECA on **Facebook & Twitter**



# ***Take Action Now*** *(continued)*

6. Learn more about joining the **ECA Leadership Team**
7. **Contribute a Skill** - write grant proposals, graphic design, produce newsletters, research, writing, administration, political advocacy, video production
8. **Support ECA, Give a Gift Today.** [Make a tax-deductible contribution](#). Help keep our great work going!
9. **Join our National Call and Climate Tea & Talk!** Get informed, inspired & engaged on our monthly call and hear what fellow climate advocates from across the country are doing.
10. Tell Your Friends and Family, and **Help Us GROW!**

**For more info visit [www.eldersclimateaction.org](http://www.eldersclimateaction.org)  
or email us at [info@eldersclimateaction.org](mailto:info@eldersclimateaction.org)**

**The #1 Thing We Can Do About Climate Change?**

**VOTE**

**and VOTE consistently**

# Find Us & Engage on Social Media!

## Elders Climate Action

**Facebook:** @eldersclimateaction

**Twitter:** @eldersclimate

**YouTube:** Elders Climate Action

**Instagram:** EldersClimateAction

## ECA Chapters with Facebook Pages:

[Ann Arbor Facebook Page](#)

[Arizona Facebook Page](#)

[NorCal Facebook Page](#)

[Massachusetts Facebook Page](#)

[South Carolina Facebook Page](#)

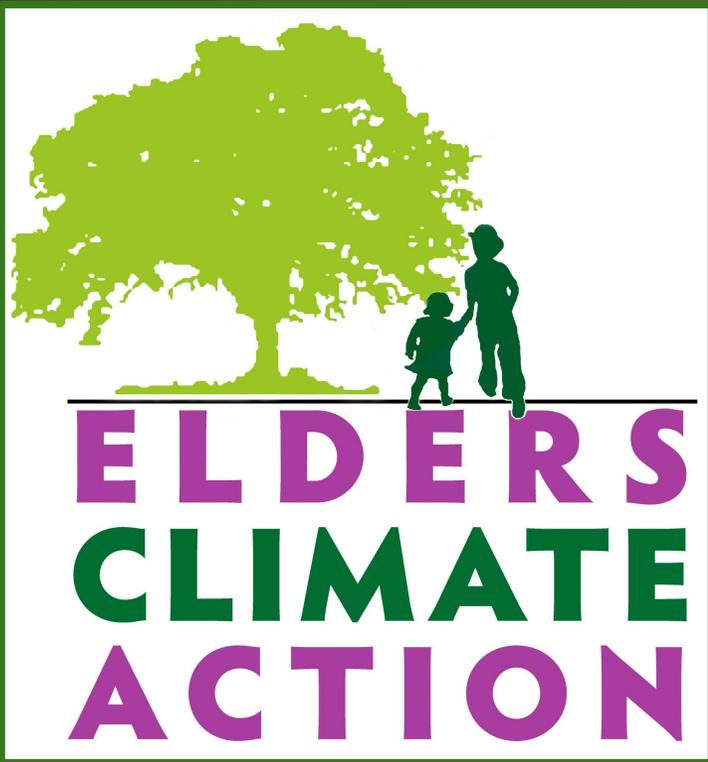
[Florida Facebook Page](#)

[Tennessee Facebook Page](#)

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# What Did You Do Once You Knew?





**Thank You!**

**Together We Can Take Action on  
Climate Change!**