



Preserving Our Planet for the Grandchildren, Future Generations and All Life

Policies and Actions We Support

Elders Climate Action champions policies and actions that will bring the climate crisis to an end.

Our Objectives

In collaboration with our climate allies, we advocate for federal, state, and local governments, private institutions and businesses to take the actions needed to:

- Limit harm to our grandchildren, future generations and all life from the consequences of climate change
- Enact and implement just, equitable, and effective policies at scale to stop greenhouse gas emissions and build a sustainable future
- End carbon extraction and emissions and build a green economy while overcoming the systemic injustices wrought by the fossil fuel economy
- Address and reduce the negative health effects of fossil fuels and climate change, which are most damaging to environmental justice communities

Our 2024 Priorities Include

Immediate phase out of fossil fuels
Reduction of greenhouse gas emissions
Protection and implementation of the IRA (which includes the Farm Bill)
Mobilization of voters for this and every election
Influencing Public Utility Commissions (PUCs)

We Are Committed to

Supporting all just efforts to accelerate the achievement of official U.S. climate goals, including reducing CO₂ emissions to 50–52% below 2005 levels by 2030 and to zero emissions by 2050

Grounding all efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and all climate policy in principles of equity and racial, environmental and climate justice supported by:

- The development and refinement of intersectional climate solutions such as those passed in the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) and Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), and additional legislative action proposed in the Green New

Deal, [Vision for Equitable Climate Action \(VECA\)](#) and the THRIVE Agendas. (See an explanation of [VECA/GND/THRIVE](#).)

- Efforts to ensure environmental/climate justice for low-income, indigenous, minority, immigrant, and frontline communities. They are least responsible for and most vulnerable to the impacts of air, ground and water pollution caused by extracting and burning fossil fuels and to environmental and severe weather events caused by climate change
- Efforts to ensure a [just transition](#) to an economy free of greenhouse gasses by supporting solutions that protect all those most affected, including displaced fossil fuel industry workers and their communities

Identifying and collaborating with allies in the global effort to end the Climate Crisis

- With special attention to groups that serve elders, youth, and *justice communities*; and elevating and amplifying their messages and actions
- Developing intergenerational efforts by taking every opportunity to support and collaborate with youth

We Advocate for

The development and implementation of fossil-free energy, transportation, and building solutions

➤ **Examples of Actions:**

- Federal, state, and local incentives, investments, regulations and other means of accelerating the adoption of
 - Solar and wind energy
 - Zero-emission vehicles (cars, trucks, buses, and trains)
 - Energy-efficient envelopes and zero-emission heating for buildings
- Investing in research and development of climate-friendly technologies for reducing and controlling emissions\
- Supporting the development of all forms of fossil-free energy, including new and emerging technologies based on
 - Each technology's cost-effectiveness
 - Its impact on the environment, the economy, health, and public safety
 - Its potential to contribute to rapid near-term emissions reductions and zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050
- Exacting a price on carbon emissions
 - Through well-designed, equitable policies
 - Only as a supplement to other policies we support

The swift reduction of emissions of methane and other short-lived climate pollutants

➤ **Examples of Actions:**

- Reducing methane emissions by at least by 30% by 2030 (consistent with the [Global Methane Pledge](#))
- Cutting methane emissions from livestock

- Plugging leaks from gas wells and pipelines
- Cutting methane emissions from landfills

An end to the extraction of fossil fuels

➤ **Examples of Actions:**

- Banning offshore drilling
- Phasing out hydraulic fracturing for natural gas
- Phasing out coal mining
- Ending government subsidies of fossil fuels
- Implementing a carbon price on fossil fuel extraction and importation
- Stopping the construction of pipelines carrying fossil fuels into or through the U.S.
- Limiting contributions to political campaigns from fossil-fuel industries
- Accelerating divestment from fossil-fuel stocks
- Urging banks and insurance companies to stop investing in new fossil-fuel infrastructure and extraction
- Phasing out and limiting use of plastics

The implementation of climate-friendly land-use policies that reduce emissions and increase carbon sequestration through natural processes

➤ **Examples of Actions:**

- Setting aside and protecting 30% of land by 2030
- Ending deforestation
- Promoting pro-forestation and reforestation
- Supporting regenerative farming
- Promoting composting of food waste.

The protection and restoration of biodiversity

➤ **Examples of Actions:**

- Preserving and restoring natural habitats on land, in oceans, and where they meet, as in salt marshes and wetlands
- Identifying and protecting endangered species
- Rewilding, creating the conditions for regeneration of degraded land, and renewing biodiversity
- Promoting local policies that ensure shade trees and parks are present in all neighborhoods

The promotion of lifestyle changes that reduce carbon emissions

➤ **Examples of Actions:**

- Promoting decarbonizing homes and transportation
- Educating, motivating, and incentivizing the adoption of climate-friendly diets; composting food waste; recycling and reducing the use of plastic; green consumption; and emission free travel
- Promoting local policies to encourage walking, biking, and the use of e-bikes and scooters