

Engaging in Public Policy



Think globally, act locally

We can take many small actions to reduce our climate impact and build more sustainable communities. We create collective impact through policy solutions that scale our actions across local or state institutions.

The impact of a climate story

Climate stories are often more memorable and moving than graphs and factsheets. Learn about the impacts of climate change on our communities. Connect with elected officials through your stories and shared values to recommend climate solutions they can take action on.

Find out who represents you

At the local level, you can promote actions to your school board, city council and mayor, parks and local planning agencies, or your county Commissioners. Most meetings by law are open to the public, or you can find their contact information online or at your local library or public office to reach out directly.

Minnesota's **District Finder** will list your State Senator, State Representative, U.S. Senator, and Congressperson for your address. Learn more about them to find how climate change connects with issues they focus on.

→ www.gis.leg.mn/iMaps/districts

Get involved, stay involved

Tell your climate story as a way to build a relationship with decision makers. The more time you invest in sharing your story, the greater impact you will have. You can become someone they turn to!



Do it yourself

Elevate your own influence in climate solutions by learning more and participating in the decision making process:

- Testify at a public hearing
- Join a group of influencers (union, PTA, board of directors, etc.)
- Apply for appointment to a public advisory [board or commission](#)
- Run for office



Multiply your impact

Talk to your family, friends, neighbors, coworkers about climate change and policy solutions. Encourage them to join you in raising your voices and make climate change a priority when you vote.

“The most common way people give up their power is by thinking they don’t have any.” ~Alice Walker