



Tribal Energy Symposium

October 28, 2025

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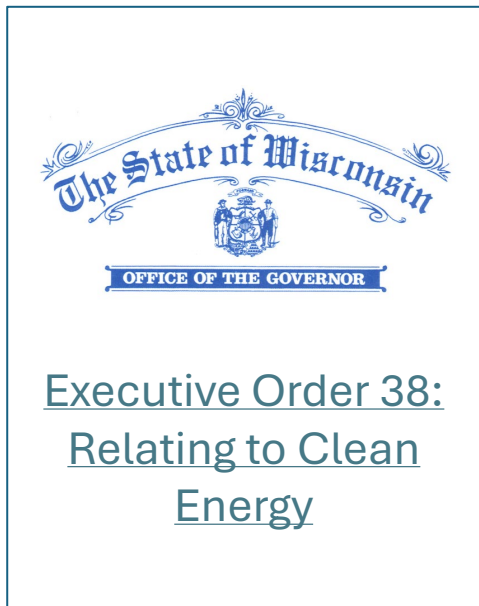


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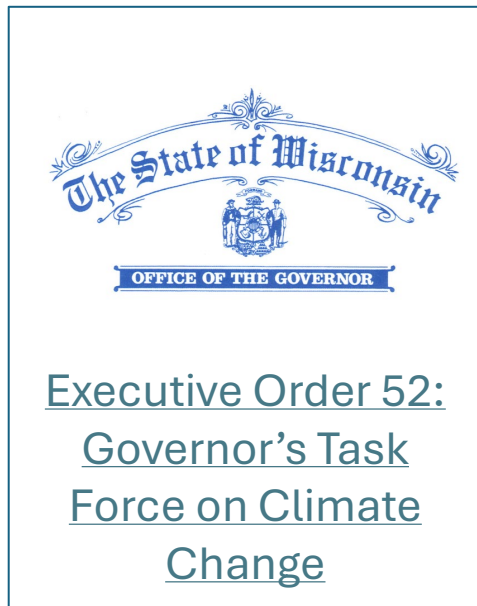
- **Established in 2019** by the Governor via **Executive Order #38**
- **Mission:** leads the State of Wisconsin in addressing the effects of climate change through programs and policies that support the use of clean energy resources and technology.
 - Lead Wisconsin's transition to **100% carbon-free electricity by 2050**
 - Achieve the carbon reduction goals outlined in **the 2015 Paris Climate Accord**
- **Key Functions:**
 - Energy programs & policy leadership in Wisconsin
 - Cross-agency coordination for sustainability initiatives
 - Stakeholder support (funding & technical)
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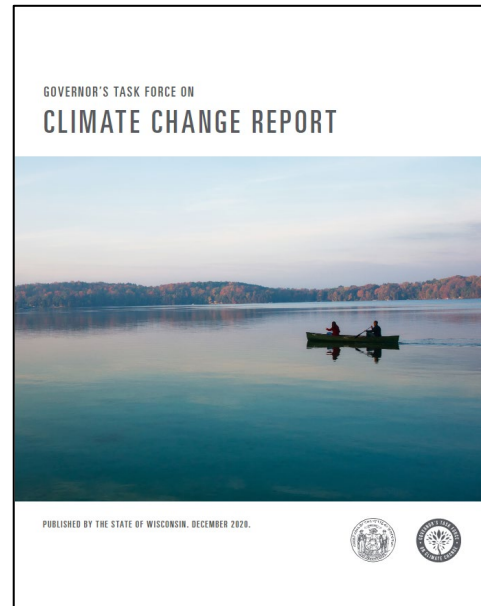
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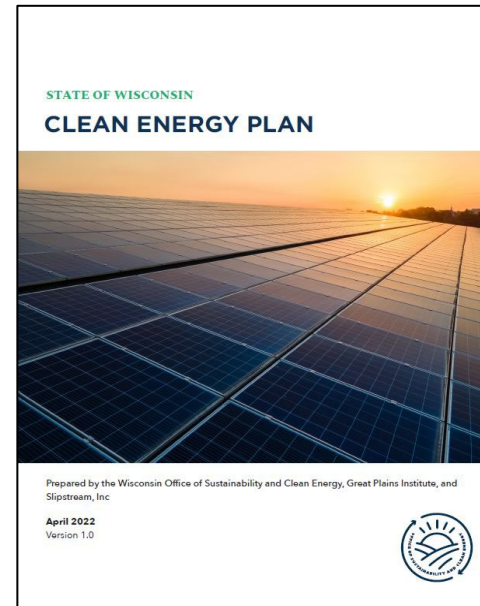
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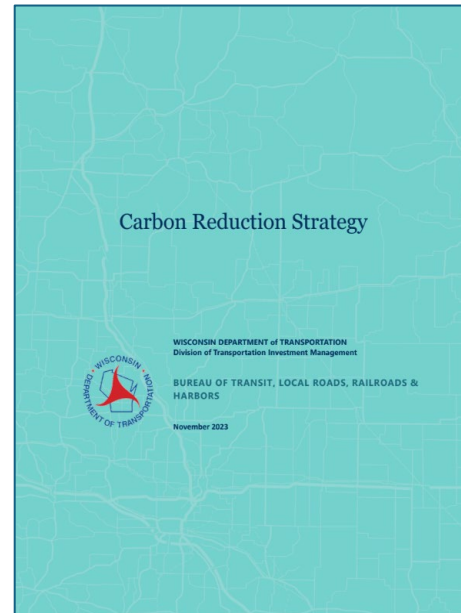
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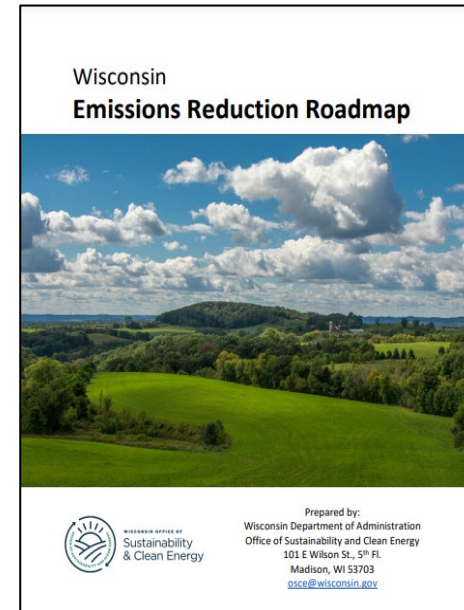
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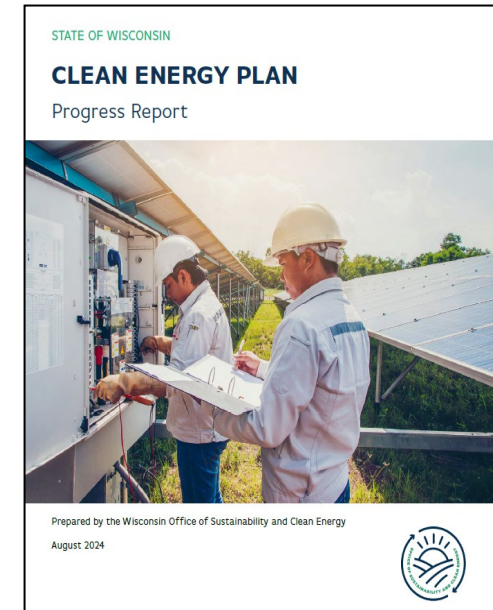
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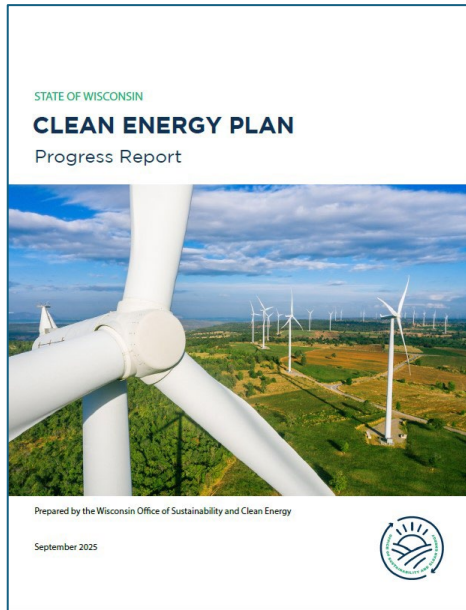
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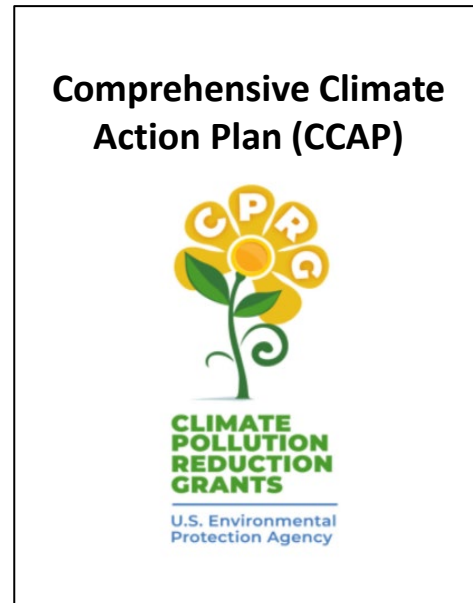
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Sep 2025



Dec 2025



Spring 2026



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Executive Order #18

Governor Tony Evers affirmed the intergovernmental relationship between the State of Wisconsin, ensuring that each state agency consults with Tribal governments on matters that may indirectly impact their members. [Link to EO](#)



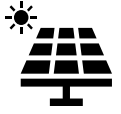
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Relating to an Affirmation of the Intergovernmental Relationships Among the State of Wisconsin and Tribal Nations Located Within the State

WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin reaffirms that Tribal Nations have sovereign authority over their members and territory:

The OSCE ensures we support Tribal Nations and communities in their independent development and oversight of clean energy planning and projects on their lands.





Clean Energy Plan - Strategy Highlights

- Develop, coordinate, and promote robust clean energy education and outreach efforts across the state
- **Create an Office of Environmental Justice ([Katie Rosenberg](#), Director, (608) 516-7804)**
- Launch a Tribal Relations Pilot Project, Department of Natural Resources
- Increase Tribal representation and consultation on any state or regional commission or board, and multi-year energy planning efforts
- Establish Carbon-Free by 2050 Technical Assistance Grant Program
- [Summary](#), [Full Report](#)



Tribal Visits

Environmental Justice, Clean Energy, and Climate Action

In-person visits and tours – OSCE, OEJ (other agencies, if interested)

Opportunity to:

- Align initiatives
 - Optimize the resources available for your communities
 - Create a trusted network to enable local community members to advocate for and access funding
 - Create and fill those green job opportunities with community members
 - Effective channels for participation in decision-making
- **Request sent to Tribal Leaders, 6 of 12 Tribal Nations**



Technical Support



- **Office of Sustainability and Clean Energy - One-on-one Meetings** - gather specific information pertaining to projects and help identify needs/ gaps, followed by providing timely information on incentives, resources, or connections to other organizations to help them move their projects forward.
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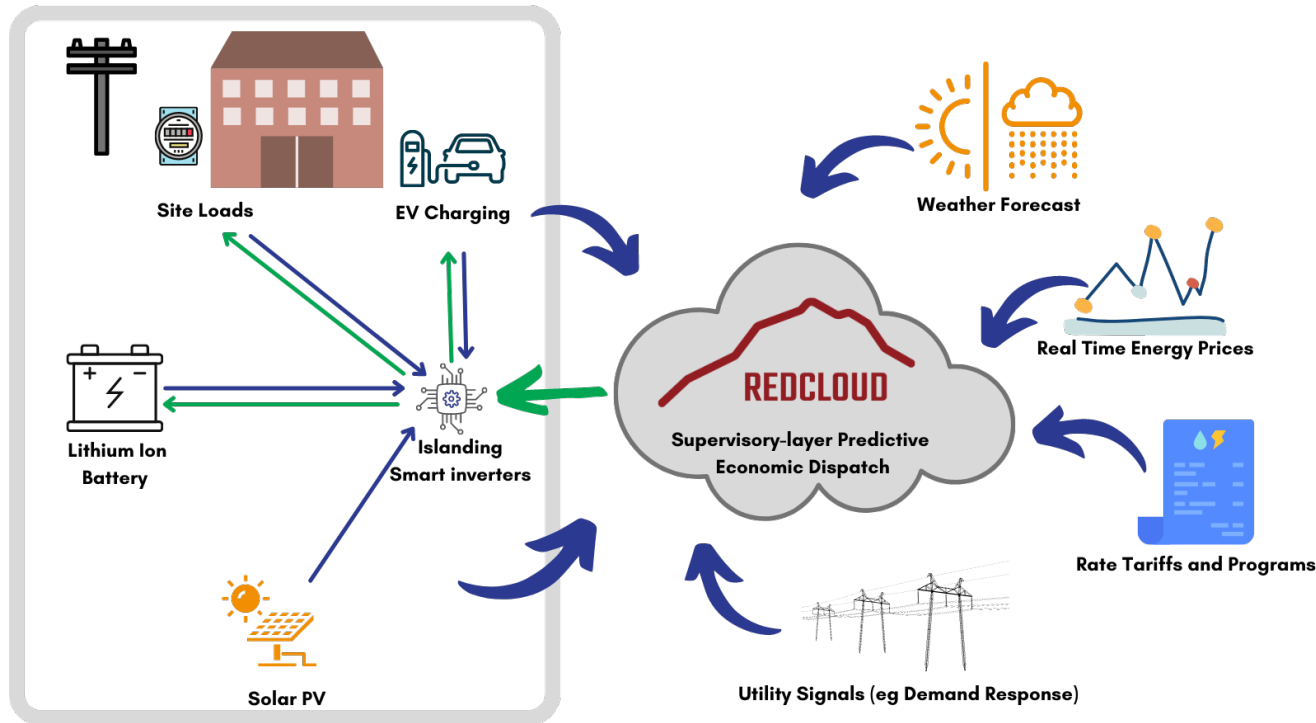


- **Office of Rural Prosperity**
 - <https://ruralwi.com/>
 - [Thrive Rural WI](#) - provides project management, an exclusive opportunity to apply for a WEDC Capacity Building Grant, and technical assistance



- **Office of Energy Innovation**
 - <https://psc.wi.gov/Pages/ServiceType/OEI/TechnicalAssistance.aspx>

Energy Improvement in Rural and Remote Areas



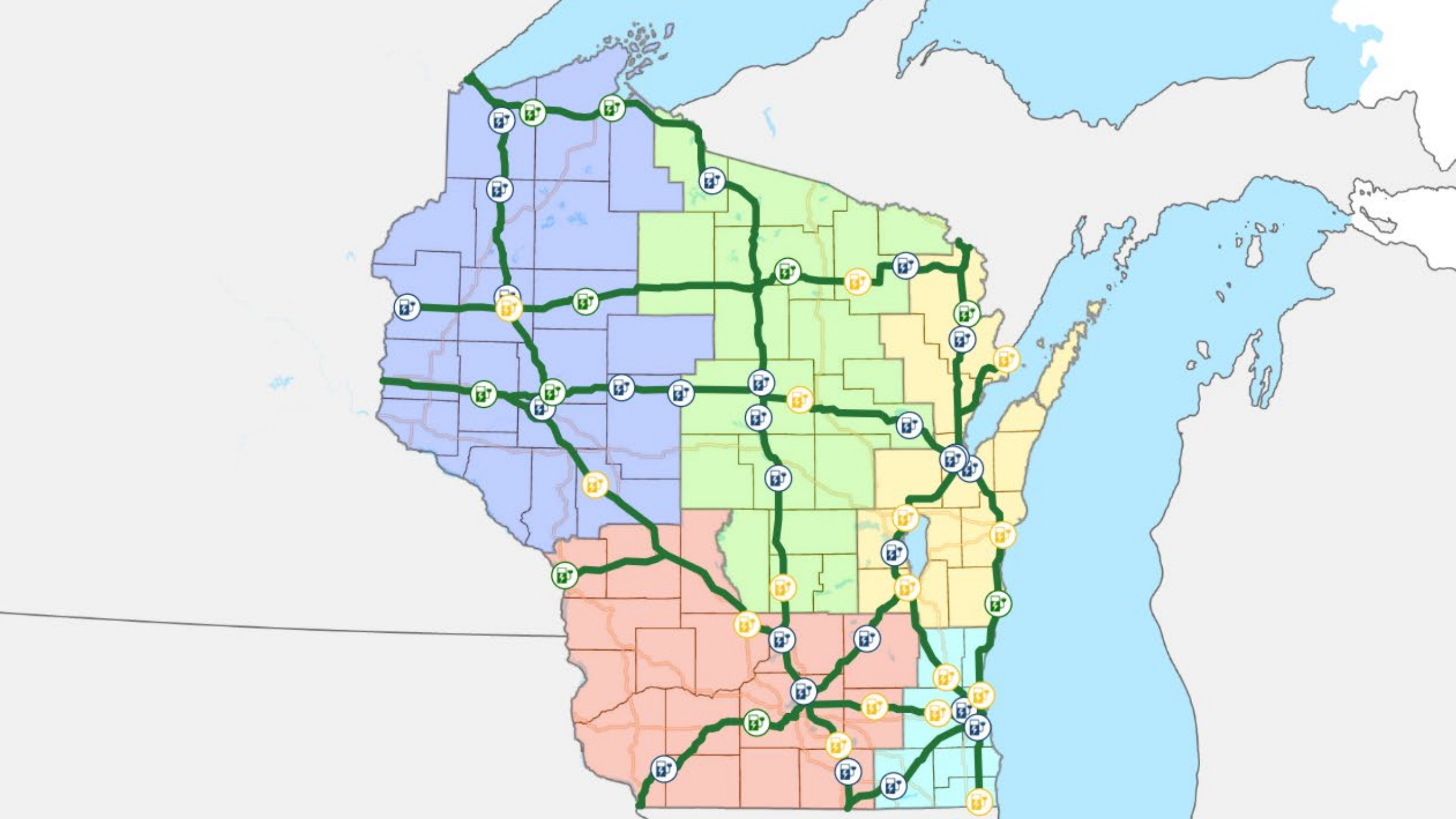
- **\$9.7 million federal grant supporting microgrids for Bayfield County and the Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa**
- **Funds for:**
 - **Solar Arrays**
 - **Battery Storage**
 - **EV Chargers**

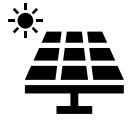
13 Communities will host 27 microgrids incorporating solar, battery energy storage, and ECH charging for highway and maintenance fleet, transit fleets, and public charging.



Workforce Development and Transportation

- Department of Workforce Development
 - Wisconsin Fast Forward (WFF) program - support clean energy training and reemployment <https://wisconsinfastforward.com/>
 - Technical Education Equipment Grant - Applications Due Nov 19, 2025
 - Apprenticeship Bureau at DWD provides technical assistance with curriculum development to employers creating apprenticeships, including clean energy
- Department of Transportation
 - [Wisconsin Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Program](#) - \$78.5 million to build out electric vehicle infrastructure throughout Wisconsin
 - [WEVI Dashboard](#)





OSCE Programs & Support

US EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) - OSCE received a \$3 million [climate action planning](#) grant

- WI CAN Event Sponsorships – up to \$5,000
- Project Awards – Round I \$448,000, preparing for a Round II



**CLIMATE
POLLUTION
REDUCTION
GRANTS**

U.S. Environmental
Protection Agency





Climate Pollution Reduction Grant



Wisconsin Climate Action Navigators (WI CAN) Initiative

1. Empowering local priorities, providing opportunities for community self-determination, and facilitating cross-sector collaboration.
2. Working with a trusted network to help develop, coordinate, and promote robust climate action and outreach efforts across the state.
3. Providing capacity building and technical assistance, particularly to low-income and disadvantaged communities.
4. Establishing continuous communication and feedback loops to engage Wisconsinites in shared clean energy progress by collecting input and sharing progress transparently.



OSCE Programs & Support

Lead-by-Example Initiatives

- Take Advantage of Direct Pay (Federal Incentives)
- Increase Energy Conservation Projects
- Renew Renewable Energy Contracts
- Empower Employees with Green Office Certification
- Clean Vehicle Purchases
- Develop Environmentally Preferable Procurement

The Work Continues

- Implementing and Measuring Strategies
 - Extensive stakeholder engagement
 - Measurement and verification
 - Ongoing data collection, synthesis, and analysis
- Constant Engagement:
 - [Public Comment](#)
 - [Get involved with WI CAN and the CCAP](#)
 - [One-on-One Assistance](#)
 - Sign up for our New [Newsletter](#)
- Securing resources - financial and technical assistance
- Advise on the status of Wisconsin's energy generation and use, emissions, affordability, and social factors that may influence the pathways



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