



←350 TACOMA



2021



WHO WE ARE

ABOUT

350 Tacoma is a local independent group of 350.org, an international grassroots movement working in collaboration with others to solve the climate crisis. Our group launched publicly in August 2017 and, still powered entirely by volunteers, works to bring the climate crisis to the forefront of public consciousness and decision making. We are a 501(c)(3) non-profit.

MISSION STATEMENT

We work collaboratively with others to grow an effective local movement for climate justice by mobilizing ordinary people through creative action and advocacy. We recognize that climate justice is racial justice and seek to center the voices of those most impacted by the climate crisis. Aiming to embody the values we seek in a transformed world, we work for a sustainable future for all living beings.

➔ **MANIFESTO AND PRINCIPLES** - <https://bit.ly/350TMP>

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We gratefully honor and acknowledge that we rest on the traditional lands of the Puyallup People. The Puyallup people have lived on this land since the beginning of time. They are still here today. They live, work, raise their children, take care of their community, practice their traditional ways and speak the Twulshootseed language – just as their ancestors did.

We recognize that this land acknowledgement is one small step toward true allyship and we commit to uplifting the voices, experiences, and histories of the Indigenous people of this land and beyond.

COMMUNITY SPACE

Knowing that we have precious little time to address the climate crisis, our little group took a leap of faith in May of 2019 by signing a lease on a storefront near downtown Tacoma, at 311 Puyallup Ave. It has brought our activity to another level, enabling meetings, art builds, coalition gatherings and more. And it has all been made possible by the generous support of our community.

MISSION



A fast and just transition to 100% renewable energy for all

Accelerate the transition to a new, just clean energy economy by supporting community-led energy solutions

No new fossil fuel projects anywhere

Stop and ban all oil, coal and gas projects from being built through local resolutions and community resistance.



Not a penny more for dirty energy

Cut off the social license and financing for fossil fuel companies — divest, desponsor and defund.

STRATEGY

In the United States, 350 fights for a just and equitable world by stopping the fossil fuel industry from continuing to destroy our climate. We do this by building a powerful multiracial movement to confront and isolate the fossil fuel industry, opening up the political space for transformative climate action.



Build a multiracial organization to organize and mobilize a multiracial base



Build and deepen the grassroots climate justice movement



Build political opposition to the fossil fuel industry and support for a just transition



Build widespread public blame of climate impacts and project impacts on fossil fuel industry

TACOMA LIGHT TRAIL

We were delighted to take part in the first annual Light Trail organized by Rosemary of Oceanfest. For our display we incorporated the luminary insects we had made to draw attention to the rapid decline of insect populations and had them hanging over a parachute banner, painted like the Earth, from our Tacoma Climate Solidarity event. Behind it all our banners expressing solidarity with the Puyallup Tribe hung from the rafters.



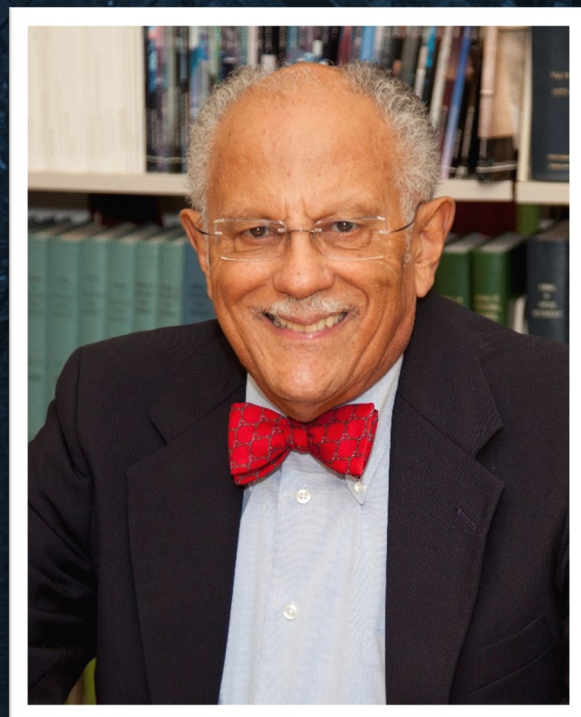
BLACK HISTORY MONTH



At the beginning of the year we wanted to do something to mark Black History Month. We decided to honor pioneering Black climate scientist Dr. Warren Washington (who was touched by our project) by commissioning a local Black artist to make a sculpture about him. It would then travel around Tacoma.

Initially we were thinking of something quick and easy, perhaps made of papier-mâché, but Olympia artist Aisha Harrison blew us away with her artistry and excitement about this project. The piece she is making is beyond our wildest imagination and we will be debuting it in 2022. We can't wait!

To make this project possible we teamed up with The New Generation 2.0, The Conversation, Lawyers Against Systemic Racism, South Sound Antiracist Project, and BAD. Many people donated to the project as well.



BANNER ACTIONS

Following the lead of 350.org, we did a few banner actions to call on President Biden to #BuildBackFossilFree, not just "better." Unfortunately, despite having control of both the House and Senate, the administration has been unable to pass this legislative package – fossil fuel interests are throwing a spanner in the works via their puppet and profiteer Joe Manchin.



NEW RULES FOR FOSSIL FUELS

At the beginning of the year we were gearing up to support statewide coalition work to support the New Rules for Fossil Fuels campaign, which would have informed the Department of Ecology as to what permitting considerations should be in place for new fossil fuel projects.

A cap and trade bill passed by the legislature derailed that campaign, however.



➞ Watch our
"Public Testimonials"
video:
bit.ly/Testimonials

➞ Watch the New Rules
campaign video:
video: bit.ly/WAFFRules



Campaign art by Saiyare Refaei, commissioned by Sierra Club

FLAGS FOR THE FUTURE

This year the Puyallup Tribe and Earthjustice appealed the air pollution permit that the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency issued to the Puget Sound Energy LNG project. Although the hearing was in April, the verdict wasn't delivered until November, due to COVID delays.

To help keep this issue in the public conversation, we decided to hold an action down at the LNG construction site. In order to create a positive, hopeful feel, we solicited the community for messages to write on strings of colorful flags – what do they want to see here in place of the LNG tank? What do they hope for the future?

We also attended and supported two actions hosted by the Water Warriors – a march at Point Ruston and a prayer vigil with the facility just across the waters of the Hylebos.

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**LNG Trial
video:**

bit.ly/TrialLNG



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**Flag action
video:**

bit.ly/350Flags



INTERIM REGULATIONS

350 Tacoma has been pushing the city council to ban fossil fuel expansion via the interim regulations since we first became a group. This was year four of the effort and in November it concluded when the council voted to allow for 15% expansion to produce “cleaner” fuels.

Not at all what we wanted, and perhaps more frustrating because the Planning Commission had recommended an outright ban, but not even this would have happened if it hadn't been for the collective actions of our coalition and community.

We will continue to oppose each expansion during permitting.

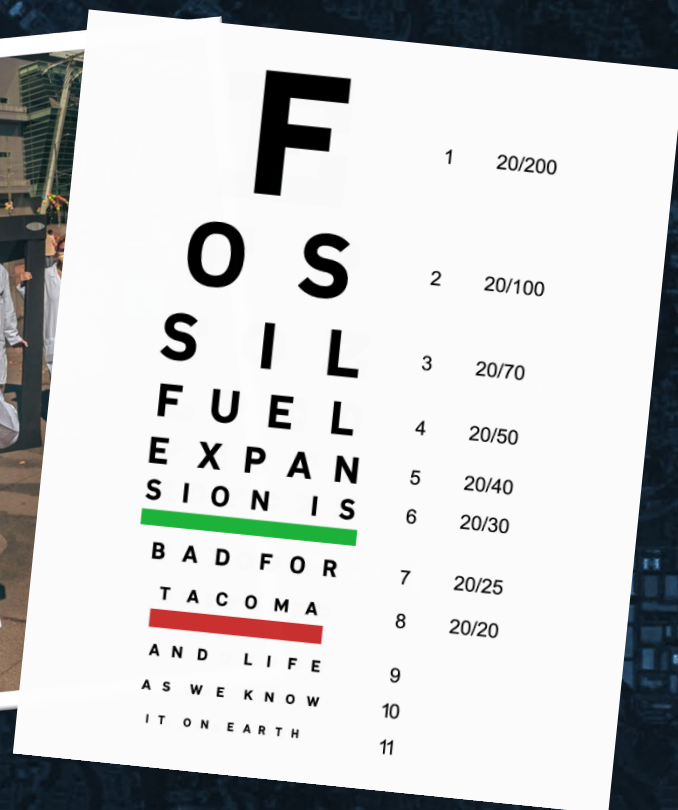


To try and reach the greater public about this issue, we created a fictitious oil company called Petro Eternum WA, or PEW, and built mini storage tanks in parks around Tacoma.

👉 Watch our “Tacoma News Network” segment: bit.ly/PEWAction

CLIMATE SPECTACLE

As a final push to influence the city council in the interim regulations vote, we dressed as optometrists and created a giant pair of glasses and walked them to Tollefson Plaza. The goal: to correct the collective shortsightedness of the city council for not banning fossil fuel expansion despite having declared a climate emergency.



Now our task will be to influence the Subarea Planning Process (the interim regs were meant to "pause" the map of the Tideflats during this multi-year process) so that we stop fossil fuel expansion and further pollution.

BOOK CLUB

We started the 350 Tacoma Book Club again! Nichole is an avid reader and was eager to lead virtual meetings to discuss "All We Can Save" – across four sessions – as well as "Braiding Sweetgrass." We're looking forward to discussing many more important books in 2022.

350 TACOMA BOOK CLUB

FRIDAYS, OCT 15+20 6PM - 7:30PM

350 TACOMA BOOK CLUB

VIA ZOOM TUESDAY, DEC 28 6PM - 7:30PM

SEE "BRAIDING SWEETGRASS" TO REGISTER

ALL WE CAN SAVE
Truth, Courage, and Solutions for the Climate Crisis
Edited by Ayana Elizabeth Johnson & Katharine K. Wilkinson

BRAIDING SWEETGRASS
A Kyme of lives in the world...
Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge, and the Teachings of Plants
ROBIN WALL KIMMERER

VIA ZOOM REGISTER HERE: bit.ly/350TBS

LITTLE MARSH

For almost four years now, 350 Tacoma (with the support of EarthCorps and City of Tacoma Environmental Services) have been working to restore a tiny neglected salt marsh deep in the industrial Port of Tacoma, nestled between an oil terminal and a container shipping yard.

Our goal is to love this little two-acre open space back to health. The salt marsh was initially named for a French chemical company — Rhone Poulenc — that once operated on this site, but in consultation with the Puyallup Tribal Language Program we have officially restored a native Twulshootseed place name: q^wi q^wə lut ("little marsh").

Despite the difficulties posed by COVID, we were still able to hold a eight work parties, including on Green Tacoma Day, which celebrates Tacoma's parks and open spaces (which q^wi q^wə lut is).





311 PUYALLUP AVE

Our space at 311 Puyallup Avenue opened up so many avenues for our little group and was the hub of our activities. And then COVID-19 hit in March 2020.

As the pandemic stretched on we began to question if it was a good use of resources to continue paying rent for a space we could hardly use. With that in mind, we sought input from our community via social media, email and a series of three community conversations on Zoom.

We heard loud and clear the message that this space is an integral part of how we provide support to other local grassroots organizations and provides a vital home for our allies. In light of this, we made the decision to keep our space at 311 Puyallup Ave.

In keeping our space, we are committed to using it as a tool for organizing climate-and-justice-focused art, supporting our allies, and continuing to build a strong, diverse, broad-based local justice movement.

We have a COVID-19 policy in place, that is based on state mandated policies, for using the space safely. We will continue to evaluate whether the space aligns with our missions, values, strategies and the needs of our community.

Thanks to everyone who contributed to this decision and please let us know if you have any questions, thoughts or recommendations.

With gratitude and love for this community,

The 350 Tacoma Leadership Circle

GRATITUDE

A huge thank you to our donors, our volunteers, our funders, and all of those who contributed in so many ways over the past year. Our power is in collective action, and each one of you has been an indispensable part of that People Power. Together we are strong. Onward!

Aside from generous donations from our community, we also received sizeable grants from two coalitions of which we are a part: Stand Up to Oil and Power Past Fracked Gas. Despite the pandemic they still had our backs and for that we are thankful.



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