

A CHANGING CLIMATE IN KANSAS

Last fall, the International Panel on Climate Change issued an ultimatum: we must achieve net zero CO2 emissions in under 12 years to avoid the worst effects of global warming. In the past year, we have seen more rapid progress on climate action in Kansas than ever before. At the same time, we're combatting the most organized opposition against clean energy that we've ever seen. This is a transformative time in Kansas for climate and energy issues, and a critical time for action.



CLIMATE CHANGE IS A PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS.

In 2019, the Climate + Energy Project and our WEALTH (Water, Energy, Air, Land, Transportation & Health) Partners released the Kansas Climate + Health Declaration to catalyze grassroots climate action.

The Kansas Climate + Health Declaration aims to increase awareness of the impacts of climate change on public health, increase civic engagement on climate action in Kansas, advance policies that build community resilience and safeguard the future of our state.



Four Tenets of the Climate + Health Declaration

- Climate disruption impacts the lives, health, and economic well-being of Kansans.
- Climate change is a major public health concern in Kansas.
- Those least responsible will be the most impacted and least able to adapt.
- Solutions exist at all levels to build resilience, economic opportunities, and healthy communities.

History tells us that with only 3.5% of active participants, nonviolent movements can change the world. Help secure 100,000 Kansas signatures to demand climate action.

Sign the Kansas Climate + Health Declaration at ResilientKansas.org.

ENERGY PLAYS A KEY ROLE IN CLIMATE SOLUTIONS.

Kansas needs a state energy plan that engages stakeholders in a comprehensive effort to establish a clear vision, guiding principles, realistic objectives, and actionable strategies to guide the state's energy decision making for the next ten years. In the last decade, electricity rates have skyrocketed while the cost of solar installations has decreased, electric vehicles are rapidly entering the market, and energy efficiency technologies continue to improve, but Kansas hasn't planned for the integration of these tools or identified how to fully implement a plan that takes advantage of clean energy technologies. Recognizing that Kansas lacks any comprehensive planning for our energy future, CEP's Clean Energy Business Council began advocating for a State Energy Plan in 2018.

Our advocacy works. Governor Laura Kelly announced that the process to develop a comprehensive Kansas Energy Plan will begin in 2020. This process will be enhanced by data from the rate study we advocated for and the resulting legislation that passed in 2019. It is important to continue elevating the need for sound energy policies that promise the clean air, clear water, and healthy living we all value.

A State Energy Plan is a critical step to identify and design a pathway for a prosperous energy future. A statewide Climate Action Plan is the obvious next step in the progression towards a healthy and resilient Kansas. As we work with Governor Kelly to develop the Kansas Energy Plan, CEP and our WEALTH partners will also advocate for the development of a Kansas Climate Action Plan.

TOGETHER, WE CAN LEAD THE WAY TO A CLEAN ENERGY FUTURE.

Kansas produces almost 40% of our electricity from clean energy, thanks to our robust wind development and the growing solar industry. While Kansans have supported wind development in the past, in 2019 we confronted an organized anti-wind campaign that thrived on misinformation and fear. For 12 years, the Climate + Energy Project has successfully brought together diverse individuals, organizations, and ideas to find practical, common ground solutions. **We are committed to finding solutions that work for Kansas.**

Our 2020 statewide education campaigns will engage the public on clean energy solutions and the public health impacts of climate change. We invite you to our annual WEALTH Day of Advocacy and Education at the Capitol on February 10, 2020.

RSVP today! bit.ly/2020WEALTHDay

Public engagement leads to effective policy.

Public policy that fosters growth in renewables and energy efficiency has dynamic impacts on the Kansas economy, public health, and climate solutions. Outreach and education generate and sustain the public support that drives policy change.

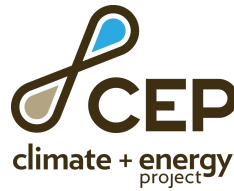
**WITH YOUR HELP
we can witness the power of people
to secure clean energy policies and
climate action in Kansas.**

**Your financial contributions,
time, and dedication create a
healthy and resilient Kansas.**

**PLEASE DONATE TO THE
CLIMATE + ENERGY PROJECT.**

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THANK YOU.
The Climate + Energy Project Team



2019 IMPACTS

- 65** • Policymakers & business leaders attended the CEBC Policy Summit
- 315** • Kansans advocated for Water, Energy, Air, Land, Transportation, & Health at WEALTH Day at the Capitol
- 100** • Kansans rallied at the Capitol to SAVE KANSAS SOLAR
- 45** • Kansans from 24 organizations attended our Climate Advocacy Lab Campaign Planning workshop
- 20K** • CEP staff joined 20,000 global Climate Reality Project Leaders
- 90** • Attendees explored new clean energy technologies and potential at the 1st CEBC Power Forward Summit
- 41** • Kansans received CEP scholarships to the Kansas Leadership Center
- 200** • Public Comments on SB 124 - the Energy Fairness Bill
- 500** • Signatures on the Kansas Climate + Health Declaration
- 40** • Organizational signers of the Climate + Health Declaration
- 3K** • Kansans attended CEP presentations on climate, clean energy, & resilience