Citizen Resolution # 180222

Avoid All New Fossil Fuel Infrastructure

Fossil fuels pose threats to our waterways. Whether it’s an oil spill from a pipeline, a coal ash spill, or thermal pollution from general operations, there is a risk of permanent water contamination. Additionally, the Wisconsin Task Force on Climate Change report recommended that state agencies implement this suggestion. The Report states that Wisconsin should “avoid new fossil fuel infrastructure” and that it was “consistently and repeatedly requested” in public comments. According to the report, building any new fossil fuel infrastructure will lock Wisconsin into carbon emissions in the future. Not only do fossil fuels contribute to climate change through emissions, but they also put the health and safety of our communities at risk based on the report. Enbridge’s Line 5 pipeline expansion project put Copper Falls State Park, wetlands, and natural resources in the region at additional risk of contamination.

Do you support the Wisconsin Conservation Congress directing the Natural Resources Board and Department of Natural Resources to avoid all new fossil fuel infrastructure?

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