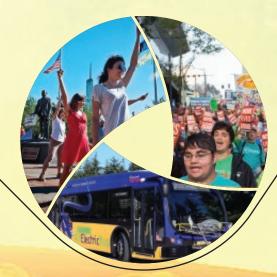
# OUR BRIGHT FUTURE

accelerating the transition to clean energy

2015 annual report









# we can we must we will

Climate Solutions
accelerates practical and
profitable solutions to global
warming by galvanizing
leadership, growing
investment, and
bridging divides.

In 2015 we devoted ourselves more deeply than ever to creating the deep and lasting partnerships that it will take to demand and defend climate action.







# creating a brighter future

At Climate Solutions, we think the future is incredibly bright, and the Northwest continues to be a shining light in the global effort to stop climate change and build a vibrant, equitable, clean energy economy.

The calls for ending our dependence on fossil fuels, and for building an equitable clean energy economy grow ever louder. In the past year, many have engaged together on climate change—business, labor, communities of color, public health experts, grassroots activists, faith leaders, and so many more. While the call for change is still short of deafening, it is getting harder and harder for public officials to turn a blind eye to a blossoming and more diverse climate movement.

Climate Solutions will continue to do what we have been doing for nearly two decades—leading successful initiatives to deliver climate and clean energy policies, models, and partnerships that accelerate the transition from fossil fuels to a clean energy economy.

Most importantly, we will focus on three big goals:

- Passing and implementing cutting-edge policies to reduce climate change and accelerate clean energy solutions in Washington and Oregon.
- 2. Defeating all proposals to build infrastructure that locks in our dependence on fossil fuels, including coal export terminals and oil transport facilities.
- 3. Elevating our newest initiative—Bright
  Future—which demonstrates that the rapid
  transition to clean energy and a low-carbon
  economy is possible, practical, and necessary.
  Indeed, this transition is—to a widely underappreciated degree—already on.

We are deeply grateful for all that you do to support Climate Solutions. We could not do this work without your support.

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Gregg Small, Executive Director

"[The Paris climate summit marked] that the world has committed to taking action on climate change—that's the historic nature of it. What it does not do is solve the problem. That's up to all of us."

Gregg Small, quoted in "Climate change activists are just warming up," Los Angeles Times, December 15, 2015

## climate leaders on Climate Solutions



"Climate Solutions has a fresh and outcomes-based approach to building a resilient and regenerative future. At the core, they are dedicated to mapping out a clean energy future that is beneficial for all: the planet, the economy, human health, and future generations."

Brenna Davis, Sustainability Director, Virginia Mason



"Climate Solutions provides the Northwest with the leadership we need in the fight against global warming. They champion innovative, practical solutions that provide models for action nationally and around the world."

U.S. Senator Jeff Merkley (OR)



"We know the stakes could not be higher to build a clean energy economy—the very health of our planet and the future of our children and future generations is at stake. Climate Solutions commitment to long-lasting diverse partnerships is key to sustainable, scalable success."

Rebecca Saldaña, Executive Director, Puget Sound Sage

"I very much admire Climate Solutions' thoughtful work and its commitment to addressing climate change head-on, while also embracing the rich economic opportunities it offers."

Gina McCarthy, Administrator, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency "Climate Solutions is working every day to bring about the clean energy economy, and to put our region and country on a clean, sustainable, prosperous path. We're all for climate solutions because we are climate solutions. We come together as a community working towards a movement that is bigger than us—a movement where regional leadership can have global impacts."

Dae Dahlquist, student and climate activist

"It is accurate but insufficient to call Climate Solutions the best climate organization in the region – it just might be the finest regional climate group in the world."

Denis Hayes, President, Bullitt Foundation

Opposite, from top left: Rev. Kathleen Patton addresses a Power Past Coal rally in Longview, WA. Lummi Tribal Council member Jay Julius receives our Sam Garst award on behalf of the Lummi Nation, with Savitha Reddy Pathi (Climate Solutions) and Lisa McShane. Volunteers gather pledge signatures for Renew Oregon. People's Climate March in Seattle. Dionne Foster (Puget Sound Sage), Jill Mangaliman and Sarra Tekola (Got Green) at our annual breakfast. Rich Stolz (OneAmerica), Brenna Davis (Virginia Mason) and Renée Klein (American Lung Association) at the Alliance for Clean Energy launch. Climate Solutions board member Kathy Washienko with staff members Joëlle Robinson and Carrie Hearne. Jessica Finn Coven, Director of the City of Seattle Dept. of Sustainability & Environment, with Miguel Pérez-Gibson, Executive Director of Legislative Affairs for Governor Inslee. Ceres President Mindy Lubber speaks at our annual breakfast. Alex Epstein (Climate Solutions), Zarna Joshi, and Rebecca Deehr (E2) discuss climate policy with Washington State Rep. Eric Pettigrew. Background: Bullitt Center solar panels and Seattle skyline.





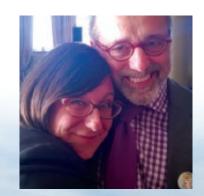


















# powerful partnerships

Climate Solutions builds a powerful constituency for local, regional, national, and international action on climate and clean energy. We work with a broad array of partners, bridging divides and further propelling action to stop the climate crisis.



Cities account for 70 percent of global climate pollution. This fact, along with the stalled progress of a national climate policy, underscores the importance of local action in reducing climate pollution.

Our New Energy Cities program helps Northwest communities develop replicable models of clean energy innovation by creating ambitious but achievable climate goals: strategies to implement their goals: and programs that reduce climate pollution from buildings, transportation, and energy supply. We also research model urban carbon reduction programs around the world to understand best practices and the ingredients of successful community climate programs.

For the past three years, we have worked closely with the King County-Cities Climate Collaboration (K4C), a coalition of King County, WA and 13 cities united in their aim to cut climate pollution in half by 2030, an ambitious goal that is critical

to meeting Washington State's carbon reduction targets. We recently helped the K4C develop a framework to achieve 90% renewable electricity by 2030, create a program to assess public and commercial energy usage, and develop a workplace electric vehicle charging campaign.

We also partnered with the cities of Shoreline, Tukwila, and Everett on strategies to reduce urban greenhouse gas emissions.

## diverse coalitions for climate action

## The Alliance for Jobs and Clean **Energy and Renew Oregon**

In 2015, Climate Solutions worked with partners to help launch two influential climate coalitions: Renew Oregon and the Alliance for Jobs and Clean Energy in Washington.

These powerful state-level networks brought together leaders from business,



"Climate Solutions' **New Energy Cities** program has been a valuable catalyst for the King County-Cities **Climate Collaboration** to take meaningful joint action on climate change. Our partnership is accelerating bold collective actions to reduce carbon emissions in King County's urban areas."

Bruce Bassett, Mayor of Mercer Island, WA



## **The Urban Clean Energy Revolution**

Inspiring examples from the international low-carbon city movement

**Breaking Down Barriers to Deep Energy Efficiency in King County, WA** The obstacles to reducing community-wide energy use by 25%, and promising practices for moving forward

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labor, communities of color, faith, environmental, health, and other constituencies. These broad and diverse coalitions are helping build the movements necessary for major climate progress in the Northwest.

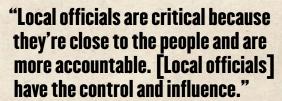
The Alliance for Jobs and Clean Energy developed a shared strategy to shape climate policy using racial and economic equity principles, and worked together on climate and equity message development. A broad group of 30 organizations comprise the Steering Committee including OneAmerica, the Washington State Labor Council, Got Green, Washington Businesses for Climate Action, Renewable Northwest, Transportation Choices Coalition, and the American Lung Association.

Renew Oregon is a growing coalition of more than 200 businesses, nonprofits, faith and community organizations, and individual Oregonians working to make Oregon a leader in the fight against climate change and to promote a clean energy economy. The coalition passed and defended Oregon's Clean Fuels Program in 2015, and filed ballot initiatives to transition Oregon's energy supply from coal to clean energy, a process which led to passage of Oregon's landmark Clean Electricity and Coal Transition Act in early 2016.

## **Business Partnerships Program**

Businesses leaders from around the region understand that climate stability and clean energy will make them better prepared to manage risks, seize opportunities and create a broadly shared and sustainable prosperity. In 2015, we continued to grow and support Northwest Businesses for Climate Action, an initiative of businesses calling for state action on energy efficiency, investment in cleaner fuels, advancing renewable energy, and reducing greenhouse gas emissions. We hosted briefings and roundtables with top business leaders in both Washington and Oregon on state climate and energy policy, fossil fuel financing, clean tech, and other regional models for climate and energy policy.

Nearly 500 companies have now signed the Oregon Business Climate Declaration, and more than 250 have signed in Washington, stating that tackling climate change is one of Oregon's greatest economic opportunities of the 21st Century—and it's simply the right thing to do. By leading the way on climate and clean-energy policy, hundreds of businesses in Oregon and Washington urged policymakers to advance our states' economic and energy security by tackling climate change.



New Energy Cities program manager Elizabeth Willmott, quoted in "Local Climate," Real Change News, January 6, 2016

#### Jan 27 2015, Climate Solutions

At state capitol w/business leaders, public health advocates, community leaders to launch @JobsCleanEnergy campaign to #ActonClimate! #WALeg

#### Mar 26 2015, Climate Solutions

Oregonians want good-paying jobs for all, clean air/water and healthy families - @RenewOregon is our rally cry!

#### Nov 12 2015, Climate Solutions

Our powerful coalitions: @RenewOregon and @JobsCleanEnergy, Packed with #climatechampions working for #climatejustice and #cleanenergy



"Climate Solutions is doing critical work to bring businesses, nonprofits, and governments together, to promote good policy, catalyze investments, and keep everyone focused on the most important efforts."

# policy leadership highlights



## **Oregon policy summary: 2015**

In 2015, we laid the groundwork needed for a major victory for clean electricity in Oregon in the 2016 legislative session. The fact that coal still powers one third of Oregon homes and businesses has been an enormous obstacle to meeting Oregon's climate pollution goals. As a result, we set our sights on eliminating coal from our power mix and increasing power from renewable energy sources such as wind and solar.

We worked hard to pass a "Coal to Clean" policy in the 2015 session, but after it failed to pass we prepared to go the ballot. In the fall, the Renew Oregon coalition, led by Climate Solutions and partners, filed ballot initiatives to end Oregon's coal use and double renewable energy use through the state's Renewable Portfolio Standard.

The ballot measures brought Oregon's two largest utilities to the table to collaborate on an alternative proposal that would achieve the same goals. The resulting legislation included the coal and renewable elements from the intiatives. It also provided for the expansion of electric vehicle infrastructure and created an innovative community solar program for residents and small businesses that can't install solar on their rooftops. This hard work set us up in the 2016 legislative session to see if we could work with new partners to pass a bill instead of going to the ballot.

2015 was also the year we overcame a \$2 million opposition campaign by Big Oil—lifting the sunset on the clean fuels program in the Legislature and ending the oil industry's monopoly on fuel choices in Oregon. The program will reduce carbon emissions from transportation—the state's largest single source of emissions—by 10 percent over the next decade, while growing new markets for electric vehicles and low carbon fuels in Oregon. We are now working hard to support its implementation in 2016.



"Knowing how important it is to Oregonians to act on climate change, Climate Solutions came together with a wide range of stakeholders to put Oregon on the path towards the energy resource mix of the future. Their partnership keeps Oregon as a leader in clean energy programs, investing in energy efficiency, and recognizing the risk of climate change.

Oregon Governor Kate Brown

"Climate Solutions [and other community and business groups] have worked for the past year and a half to raise money and create Renew Oregon, realizing the task was bigger than any one of them could accomplish on their own."

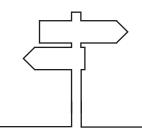
New political group formed to lead crusade against climate change, Portland Tribune, July 2, 2015

#### Mar 5 2015, Climate Solutions

We won: Oregon passes #CleanFuels program!
Win for climate, consumers, public health, clean
energy economy.

## Jul 29 2015, Renew Oregon

Great piece by @climatesolution and @ OregonPSR: #Oregon should have clean air and better roads



## 27 Jan 2015, Climate Solutions

When #WALeg climate hearing gavelled to close, some 240 people were waiting to testify on behalf of #climateaction. Support is wide and deep!

**Washington policy summary: 2015** 

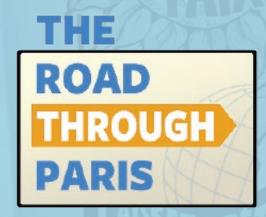
Frustratingly, 2015 was a year in which we saw some initial movement but ultimately not enough progress on climate priorities in our Legislature. During the Washington State legislative session, Climate Solutions organized hundreds of people and many business leaders to testify in support of Governor Inslee's Carbon Pollution Accountability Act. We worked tirelessly throughout the session to further engage legislator support and demonstrate the broad and strong coalition calling for action; we testified at several hearings and generated grassroots support for the bill. Ultimately, the Legislature failed to pass the policy.



On July 28th, Governor Inslee announced that his administration will use its full authority under the Clean Air Act to enforce existing limits on carbon pollution. In 2015, Climate Solutions worked closely with the governor's office to support this rulemaking and to ensure that Washington has effective and equitable climate policies.

"If this is a comprehensive, well-designed carbon cap, that is really a massive step forward."

Gregg Small quoted in "Inslee: I'll use my authority to impose cap on emissions." The Seattle Times, July 28, 2015



To help provide context both before and after the November climate talks in Paris, Climate Solutions published a series of articles and reports offering perspectives on how the Paris talks relate to our clean energy and climate work in the Northwest, and how our progress tackling the climate crisis contributes to global action. The series included articles from New **Energy Cities Program Manager Elizabeth** Willmott on the low carbon cities movement as well as dispatches from Senior Policy Advisor KC Golden who traveled to Paris on our behalf. We organized a press telebriefing before the climate talks to connect reporters with Northwest leaders attending the conference including Portland Mayor Charlie Hales, and hosted a "Dispatch from Paris" call during the conference for donors, supporters and thought leaders, featuring Willmott and Golden alongside labor leader Jeff Johnson (President, Washington State Labor Council) and Tim Miller (CEO, Enhabit).

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# stopping pollution

Climate Solutions believes in a vital principle for climate action: first, stop making it worse. If you do the climate math, this principle is a precondition for the success of all other climate strategies—a keystone for climate solutions. We cannot keep pouring new capital into long-lived infrastructure for extracting, transporting, and burning fossil fuels.

The fossil fuel industry wants to use the Northwest as a staging ground for their private gain. The proposed coal export and oil transport terminals pose a host of dangers to Northwest communities, our economy, our health and our climate.

## **Power Past Coal**

Six years ago, Climate Solutions was a leading force in creating the Power Past Coal campaign. Our staff provides overall coordination and leads many of the campaign strategy, field, and communications aspects of the campaign. We have also developed expertise on coal financing and markets. Our partners are extraordinary and together we have created a strong campaign challenging the coal companies' plans to export coal abroad. To date, they have shelved or pulled four of their seven initial proposals.

Community opposition to exporting coal remains strong. In 2015, we continued to provide local elected officials, community leaders, and concerned residents the tools needed to ensure that the regional impacts of these proposals are considered in permitting decisions.

Early in the year, the Lummi Nation requested that the Army Corps halt permitting on the 48 million ton-per-year facility proposed in Whatcom County due to a violation of treaty rights. We supported our tribal partners by working together on a series of events gathering tribal leaders, affected communities, faith leaders, and environmental NGOs to celebrate the Salish Sea and show unified opposition to coal exports and support for upholding treaty rights.

Community members have been actively preparing for the release of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the 44 million ton-per-year coal export facility proposed in Cowlitz

PAST COAL

County, Washington. The Power Past Coal coalition organized a series of public events to engage people in the public process and build teams of advocates working in their communities.

In Montana, two public processes in 2015 led to major wins. 120,000 people weighed in on the Tongue River Railroad proposal and over 90,000 on the need to reform coal leasing. In late November of 2015 the proponents shelved plans for the Tongue River Railroad after a decades-long fight, and early in 2016 the U.S. Department of the Interior put a moratorium on coal leasing and is conducting a full environmental review.

Thanks to strong, unified and consistent organizing, it continues to seem unlikely that coal companies will export coal from the Northwest; but we remain vigilant in our coalition organizing and outreach.

## "Arch Coal's financial crisis means that Millennium likely has no ability to deliver on the promises it is making to Longview"

Ross MacFarlane, quoted in "Longview coal project backer edges toward bankruptcy," Tacoma Daily News, September 23, 2015

## Stand Up to Oil

Working with several key partners including the Washington Environmental Council, Climate Solutions helped forge the Stand Up to Oil campaign two years ago when faced with a fast-growing number of crude-by-rail proposals. The campaign works to stop new oil terminals and to transition away from the use of climate-disrupting fuels.

We are successfully challenging these proposals that would bring more oil through our communities and further stoke the climate crisis.

In 2015, Climate Solutions played a leadership role in the successful effort to convince the Army Corps of Engineers to require a more indepth permit for the 360,000 barrel-per-day Tesoro Savage crude-by-rail terminal proposed in Vancouver, Washington, and helped work toward the submission of 290,000 comments for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement in early 2016.

Climate Solutions worked closely with our allies to help organize individuals to testify at scoping hearings, and to submit comments for the proposed infrastructure upgrade allowing crude oil to be transported by rail to the

Shell Anacortes refinery. A draft Environmental Impact Statement is due in 2016.



Over 96,000 people and organizations submitted comments on three crude-by-rail proposals in Grays Harbor. Climate Solutions worked with the community and across the region to raise awareness about the potential impacts of these proposals. Backers of two projects determined that crude-by-rail was not a good fit for their company or for the community and have dropped their plans.

Finally, we worked with many others to help catalyze opposition to Shell Oil's parking of the Polar Pioneer at the Port of Seattle, generating media coverage from local and national outlets and seeing hundreds of residents turn out to oppose more drilling. In May of 2015, Seattle Mayor Ed Murray announced at Climate Solutions' annual breakfast that the City's Dept. of Planning was denying the lease for the rig, creating major news and movement. Ultimately, Shell withdrew their plans to drill in the Arctic.



'The fossil fuel industry's grip on power depends on our willingness to believe that we cannot hope to win our best and only viable future: a clean energy future."

KC Golden, "Shell and high water: the climate battle in Seattle." Op-ed. in The Seattle Times, May 7, 2015



We don't have to let Big Oil turn the beautiful #PNW into a dangerous #oiltrain superhighway—we can @StandUptoOil



# communicating what's at stake

In 2015, Climate Solutions continued to produce and share Solutions Stories of the clean energy economy happening now. Highlights included "Automotivated," on an Oregon community college training a new generation of mechanics on clean fuels and electric vehicles, and a story on how Gresham, OR is creating energy from waste.

We expanded by 40% the subscribership of ClimateCast, our weekly email digest of climate and clean energy news; we also continued building our social media reach and engagement, more than doubling our number of Facebook followers from 8,900 to 20,000.

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Ross MacFarlane, quoted in "Longview coal project backer edges toward bankruptcy," Tacoma Daily News, September 23, 2015

"Poll shows Oregonians back clean fuels."

The Register-Guard, August 13, 2015

"We all get that we're part of the fossil-fuel economy. No one's trying to be sanctimonious about it. We don't need to forsake all fossil-fuel usage tomorrow. We need to put one foot in front of the other toward a clean energy future."

KC Golden quoted in The Stranger, May 18 2015

"The only world in which [oil drilled in the Arctic Sea] becomes competitive is a world in which we busted the carbon budget and bought a one-way ticket to climate chaos."

KC Golden, quoted in "Obama's Arctic drilling strategy: it's complicated," Los Angeles Times, April 24, 2015

"By re-authorizing the clean fuels program, and addressing measures to transition our electricity from coal to clean, renewable energy, the Oregon Legislature can demonstrate real climate leadership."

-Kristen Sheeran, op-ed in The Oregonian, Jan 8, 2015 "Ballot measure filed to phase out coal power in Oregon."

Portland Tribune, October 6, 2015



Mar 10 2015, Climate Solutions Seattle shows up in force to tell @PortofSeattle #ShellNO to Arctic #oil drilling @350 #ActonClimate

Apr 16 2015, Climate Solutions
After outcry, #WALeg kills a
ridonkulous giveway to big coal.
Thanks for the #climateleadership!

Sep 25 2015, Climate Solutions
W/o course correct, NW yearly
#wildfire damage will double. We can
avoid if we #actonclimate

Sept 29 2015, Sarah Clifthorne Great news! @Shell stops drilling in the Arctic Chukchi Sea! Thx #ShellNo activists & @climatesolution for your leadership! #ClimateChange Nov 17 2015, Megan Smith
Climate Action Plan success only
possible with great partners like
@climatesolution @UW\_CoEnv
@AmySnover @TranspoChoices

Nov 30 2015, Climate Solutions In Paris now, so many global voices coming together in hope, ready to #ActonClimate! @kcgatlarge #roadthroughParis Dec 2 2015, Charlie Hales
Sharing insights on
@climatesolution pre-#Paris press
briefing #COP21

Dec 10 2015, Climate Solutions #Solar & #wind to grow more in next 5 yrs than US shale oil in last 5. That & more clean energy news in #ClimateCast

# raising profile and building strength

## events and recognition

successful signature events

At our 17th Annual Reception in Olympia on April 15th, 2015, we honored the Lummi Nation for its heroic leadership in our region's fossil fuel resistance movement. awarding them our Sam Garst Climate Champion Award. Our 7th Annual Breakfast in Seattle on May 4th featured as keynote speaker Mindy S. Lubber. President of Ceres. who discussed the role of business in protecting the global environment, and the responsibility of business leaders not only to talk about climate change but also to advocate for specific policy goals. At the breakfast, Lubber announced that the Ceres project Business for Innovative Climate and Energy Policy (BICEP) officially endorsed both Washington's Alliance for Jobs and Clean Energy and Renew Oregon. Seattle Mayor Ed Murray used the occasion to announce the city's concerns with Shell's plans to lease anchorage for Arctic oil-drilling equipment at the Port of Seattle.

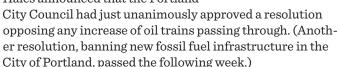
Our 7th Annual Dinner on November 12th in Portland featured inspiring remarks from globally recognized sustainability activist, businessperson, and opinion leader Danny



"To prevent the full force of climate change, it's time to turn the page on things like coal trains, oil trains, and oil drilling rigs. It's time to focus on the economy of the future: electric cars and transit, green homes, and environmentally progressive businesses."

Seattle Mayor Ed Murray

Kennedy, currently Managing
Director of the California Clean
Energy Fund (CalCEF). Kennedy
emphasized the incredible recent
growth of the solar industry, and
that the sector is on a clear path
to overtake fossil fuels even
without major policy shifts. The
question, Kennedy explained,
isn't whether clean energy will
eclipse oil and coal, but whether
we can bring about the transition fast
enough to make a difference. At the
same event, Portland Mayor Charlie
Hales announced that the Portland



## donor appreciation

Our 350 Club major donor appreciation receptions and telephone briefings in 2015 gave Climate Solutions' supporters opportunities to learn about our work in greater depth, and to engage with Climate Solutions staff and other experts. Our Portland reception featured Jason Barbose (Union of Concerned Scientists) and Gavin Carpenter (SeQuential Pacific Biodiesel) discussing the critical success of clean

fuels; our Seattle reception featured Kimberly Larson and other Climate Solutions staff, briefing attendees on our Road Through Paris work (see sidebar on page 9) at the offices of EnergySavvy in Seattle.



Portland Mayor Charlie Hales with Climate Solutions' Oregon Director Kristen Sheeran

## **ACCOLADES**

Joëlle Robinson, Climate Solutions' Field Director, was presented with the NW Energy Coalition's Doug Still Memorial Community Organizing Award for her outstanding work engaging citizens and diverse constituencies to make their voices heard for climate action.

Ben Serrurier, Climate Solutions' Washington Policy Specialist, was named a Young Climate Leaders Network Fellow. This national program balances relationship building with leadership development and coordination of movement strategy through the sharing and developing of results-oriented strategies.

Carrie Hearne, Climate Solutions' Oregon Business Partnerships Manager, was accepted into the Environmental Leadership Program and graduated to become a Senior Fellow, joining over 750 visionary, action-oriented, and diverse leaders across the country.

# bright future

A rapid transition to clean energy and a low-carbon economy is possible, practical, and necessary. Shifting from fossil to clean energy represents an enormous challenge for humanity. But we can achieve that goal within the next three decades.

## Our transition to a Bright Future is now underway. These five paths will guide our way forward.

This challenge cannot be met with politically palatable half-measures or tentative incremental steps in the right direction.

Trimming our carbon footprints by turning the thermostat down a few degrees is helpful, but only in the context of a comprehensive transition from fossil fuels to clean energy over the next quarter century.

The challenge is not just, or even primarily, an "environmental problem"—a matter of mitigating the adverse physical effects of our energy and economic systems on our ecology. It is a matter of rebuilding these systems to eliminate the need for fossil fuels.

And because the transition represents a major structural shift in our economy, it is also a social transition, with broad implications for employment, energy affordability, and economic equity. The climate crisis itself is a fundamental matter of justice; those who do the least to cause it generally suffer the worst of its consequences.

 from "All the Way to a Bright Future" climatesolutions.org/bright-future/ all-the-way

## MANYAPATHS. One future.

With our five Bright Future pathways, we illuminate the clean energy transition that's emerging through facts, strategies, and examples that demonstrate the transition's force and growing scale.

We also highlight and accelerate Pacific Northwest climate action-not as a green island, but as a catalyst and partner in the broader West Coast clean energy transition.

A consensus is emerging for this transition. Even as our political system drags its feet, public, private, and community sectors are demonstrating the capacity to rise to the challenge.

These pathways show how the proliferation of solutions work into a more coherent whole. A multitude of activities together will scale up, responding to our climate challenge with a decisive transition to a Bright Future.



## **Clean Power**

Removing coal entirely from the Oregon and Washington power grid is possible, while doubling down on energy efficiency, phasing out natural gas, and increasing renewable energy to attain a 100% clean grid by 2035.



## **Moving Beyond Oil**

Oregon and Washington should aim to phase out fossil fuels for surface transportation by 2050, and join California's commitment to reduce petroleum consumption by half by 2030.



## **Clean Energy Economy**

The clean energy economy is expanding rapidly with investments in innovative renewable and low-carbon technologies and spurring economic development in the Northwest.



## **Urban Clean Energy**

Deep carbon reduction is possible in buildings, transportation, and energy supply at the local level, where 70% of carbon emissions are generated.



## **Just Transition**

The transition to clean energy must offer broadly shared economic opportunity and must include the communities that have borne the brunt of fossil fuel extraction and burning.



Jan 27 2015, Climate Solutions
@WeAreOneAmerica's @RStolz11:
We need to place racial and social
equity at the heart of #climate policy
goals. #WACleanEnergy #WALeg

## May 12 2015, Climate Solutions

From opposition to opportunity: #ShellNo, #CleanFuels yes! We can power our vehicles without fouling the air

## July 10 2015, Indow

@ClimateSolutions, you're the best always looking for ways to build the #cleanenergy economy.

## Nov 13 2015, Susan Gleason

We're winning: There's \$350
Billion/year flowing into renewable
energy now — Danny Kennedy at
@climatesolution #climatechampions
dinner





## **Clean Power**

To stabilize the climate and avert catastrophic disruption, we must "decarbonize" the economy—particularly our energy and transportation sectors—by mid-century. The electric power system is in many ways the tip of the spear for this

decarbonization project. With the Northwest power system already 71% carbon-free, we should get to 100% by 2035, by doubling down on deep energy efficiency across all sectors, phasing out natural gas, and significantly increasing renewable energy.

"These clean power strategies exemplify a changing power system landscape—a more distributed, diversified grid with more ways to manage power sources and demand to maintain reliablity, minimize costs, and decarbonize the system."

-KC Golden



## **Moving Beyond Oil**

Transportation in Washington and Oregon, predominantly fueled by gasoline and diesel, is our largest source of carbon pollution. We can reduce our dependence on oil for transportation through a suite of strategies involving vehicle and fuel efficiency, cleaner fuels, and better alternatives to automobiles. Oregon and Washington should aim to phase out fossil fuels for surface transportation by 2050, and join California's commitment to reduce petroleum consumption in half by 2030.





## **Clean Energy Economy**

The Clean Energy Economy is booming, with global investments in utility-scale wind and solar projects as well as rooftop solar, at a record \$329 billion in 2015. Neither a 67% drop in oil prices through 2015 nor low global coal and natural gas prices curtailed global clean energy investment. Financiers around the globe have awakened to both the risks of a carbon-dependent global economy, as well as the significant financial upside of the trillion-dollar clean en-

ergy economy. Clean energy economics are driving the transition to low-carbon solutions and show little sign of abating.

"Greater understanding of the remarkable surge of progress in solutions may open the door to an energy transformation as bold and comprehensive as the climate crisis demands."

-from All the Way



## **Urban Clean Energy**

Cities are responsible for 70% of global carbon emissions. Half the world, and 80% of Americans, live in cities. Reducing urban emissions with successful strategies targeting buildings, transportation, and energy supply is therefore essential to solving the climate crisis. This pathway chronicles how cities are reducing climate pollution by investing in energy efficiency, local distributed renewable energy, electricity grid innovation, and clean transportation.



## **Just Transition**

Climate disruption isn't an "environmental" issue. It's a basic matter of social and economic justice because the impacts of climate change will hit first and worst those who have done the least to cause it and are the most vulnerable to the consequences. The transition to clean energy must offer broadly shared economic opportunity, and must include the

communities that have borne the brunt of fossil fuel extraction and burning.

"Transition is inevitable.
Justice is not."

-Quinton Sankofa, Movement Generation

# board leadership



Marc Daudon, President co-founder, Cascadia Consulting Group



Stephanie Solien, Vice President civic activist who has worked in politics, government, and the nonprofit arena for more than 25 years



Haeryung Shin, Secretary principal at North Hill Law Advisory LLC



Daniel Weise, Treasurer formerly a Stanford University professor and was part of the team at Microsoft Research



**Lisa Adatto** recently served as Oregon Director for Climate Solutions



**Ash Awad** Vice President - Energy & Facility Services for McKinstry Co.



Jabe Blumenthal designer of the first version of Excel at Microsoft



**David Bricklin** partner in the Seattle law firm of Bricklin & Newman, LLP



James Dailey brings a long standing interest in climate and is CTO of Micro Energy Credits



Lavinia Gordon\* recently served as Operating Manager for construction of a netzero housing project in Portland



Hanson Hosein\*
Director of the
Communication
Leadership program
at the University of
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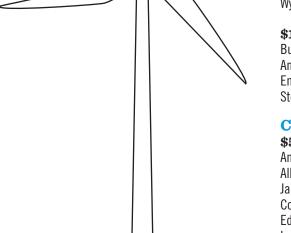
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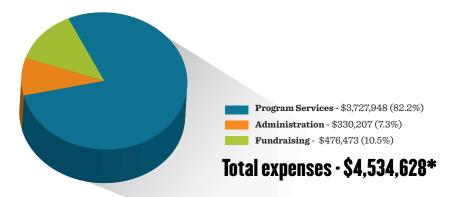
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