



## Climate Change and Wisconsin's Communities:

### Core Competency for Cooperative Extension Educators

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Our climate is changing. Wisconsin's communities can no longer plan on future climate being like the past. While agricultural producers have long been aware of gradual trends in warming and the length of the growing season, our villages and cities are recently becoming more aware of the threat from extreme weather events linked to our changing climate.

Cooperative Extension's educational support for our communities must include both raising awareness that the risks from climate are changing, and support for communities as they build resilience to meet the challenges of those risks.

## Agenda

### The role of UW-Extension in climate education

- The case for integrating climate into UW-Extension programming

### Challenges to Building Climate Awareness

- Understanding the climate debate

### Earth's Climate

- Greenhouse effect and the climate system

### Wisconsin's Climate trends, projections and impacts

- Wisconsin's historic and projected climate trends

### Responses to a Changing Climate

- Mitigating carbon emissions
- Adapting to a changing climate

### Discussion of Extension's role in climate education

## Learning Objectives

A richer understanding of climate issues will allow UW-Extension county faculty and specialists to work more confidently with clients.

### With this core competency UW-Extension educators will:

*Understand climate science and the public discourse around climate change*

*Integrate climate change considerations into UW-Extension outreach programs*

*Report outcomes from delivering climate outreach education*

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8:00 am - 12:00 pm

Wehr Nature Center  
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