



# AIR CURRENTS

Wisconsin Partners for Clean Air Newsletter

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## WPCA Message from the Chair

I am very excited to be the new Chair of the Wisconsin Partners for Clean Air. As the Executive Director of Wisconsin Clean Cities, we have a shared mission for improving air quality in Wisconsin.

May is *Clean Air Month* and we historically celebrate it with the *Clean Air Extravaganza* by recognizing the efforts of our partner organizations who have taken initiatives to reduce air emissions. I hope to see you there and look forward to meeting fellow members.

Lorrie Lisek, WPCA Chair



## Clean Air Extravaganza

The Wisconsin Partners For Clean Air provides an annual award recognition opportunity for organizations that take voluntary actions to improve air quality. This year we received some great nominations for both the Clean Air Recognition Award and the Commuter Champ Award.

The award winners will be presented at the annual *Clean Air Extravaganza* event on Thursday, May 26, 2016 at the new offices of Godfrey & Kahn S.C. at 833 E. Michigan St., Suite 1800, from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. The 833 Building is a LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certified building, making it a fitting place to host the event.

It's also fitting that the event will feature a presentation on Milwaukee's *Lakefront Gateway*, with the project area within birds-eye view from the event. Attendees will hear about environmental and economical developments in and around the *Gateway* from representatives of the City of Milwaukee and GRAEF.

Thank you to Godfrey & Kahn S.C. and Milwaukee County Transit System for help in sponsoring this year's award event. For more details about the awards and event, visit the WPCA website: [www.cleanairwisconsin.org](http://www.cleanairwisconsin.org).

To RSVP, please contact Peter McMullen at 414-263-8751 or email at: [peter.mcmullen@wisconsin.gov](mailto:peter.mcmullen@wisconsin.gov)

## Commute to Work: 2014

**Estimated average time workers (16 & older) spent getting to work:**

US= 26.0 minutes  
WI= 21.9 minutes

**Estimated percentage of workers (16 & older) who drove alone to work:**

US= 76.5%  
WI= 80.9%

**Estimated percentage of workers (16 & older) who carpooled to work:**

US= 9.2%  
WI= 8.2%

**Estimated percentage of workers (16 & older) who used public transportation to work:**

US= 5.2%  
WI= 1.9%

**Estimated percentage of workers (16 & older) who biked to work:**

US= 0.6%  
WI= 0.8%

**Estimated percentage of workers (16 and older) who walked to work:**

US= 2.7%  
WI= 3.2%

Source: US Census; American Community Survey

**WISCONSIN PARTNERS FOR CLEAN AIR**

# May is Clean Air Month

WISCONSIN AIR QUALITY HOTLINE  
**1-866-DAILY AIR**

Learn what you can do at:  
[www.cleanairwisconsin.org](http://www.cleanairwisconsin.org)

A Coalition Committed to Reducing Emissions Through Voluntary Actions



## Wisconsin Partners for Clean Air

### Clean Air Recognition and Commuter Champ Awardees:

#### *Honor Roll*

The Wisconsin Partners for Clean Air began presenting recognition awards in 1997, for fulfilling the Partner's vision of going above and beyond compliance. 2016 marks the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this coalition event. As we approach this milestone, let's pull back the curtain and look back at our past awardees...

**1997:** American TV, City of Brookfield, Hartford Area Transportation Management Assn., Kitzinger Cooperage Corp., Ozaukee County Transportation Management Assn., Racine Area Manufacturers & Commerce, Serigraph Printing, U.S. Postal Service

**1998:** Ameritech Property Services, Case Corp., Quad/Graphics, UW-Milwaukee

**1999:** Community Memorial Hospital, In-Sink-Erator, Washington County, West Bend Mutual Insurance

**2000:** CNH Global, PPG, UW-Milwaukee

**2001:** City of West Allis, U.S. Postal Service, WI Electric & Gas

**2002:** City of Madison, MG&E, Milwaukee Public Schools

**2003:** ITU, SC Johnson, Urban Ecology Center

**2004:** Madison Environmental Group, Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, Orion

**2005:** Madison Metropolitan School District, Northwestern Mutual, Quad Graphics

**2006:** Culvers, UW-Oshkosh, Wisconsin Interfaith Climate & Energy Campaign

**2007:** Kalahari Resort, Kohl's, Packaging Corporation of America

**2008:** George Weston-Brownberry, Madison Metropolitan School District, Orion  
*Commuter Champ:* Northwestern Mutual

**2009:** Frito-Lay, Kohl's, Mcloone Metal Graphics  
*Commuter Champ:* We Energies

**2010:** Orion Energy systems, Riteway Bus Service  
*Commuter Champ:* Fiore Companies

**2011:** Frito-Lay, Milwaukee County Transit System, Roundy's Supermarkets  
*Commuter Champ:* Godfrey & Kahn, S.C.

**2012:** Leonardo Academy, MGIC, UW-Milwaukee  
*Commuter Champ:* MGIC

**2013:** SC Johnson & Son, Union Cab  
*Commuter Champ:* Rockwell Automation

**2014:** Frito Lay  
*Commuter Champ:* UW-Milwaukee

**2015:** Fairmount Santrol, Roundy's Supermarkets Inc.  
*Commuter Champ:* Urban Ecology Center

#### **Vision 2050— One Region, Focusing on Our Future**

**VISION 2050** is a way for YOU to influence the future of your community and Southeastern Wisconsin by helping answer two main questions:

- How do you want your community and the Region to develop?
- How do you want to be connected to the different places in your community and the Region where you live, work, and play?

**VISION 2050**—an effort of the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission is hosting another round of Workshops **April 25-May 5**. For workshop locations and to preview the Draft Plan, visit: [www.vision2050sewis.org](http://www.vision2050sewis.org)



#### **Air Quality Awareness Week May 2—May 6**

**For more information, visit:**

<http://epa.gov/airnow/airaware/>

**The Wisconsin Partners for Clean Air is a coalition committed to improving air quality through voluntary action.** For Comments, suggestions, and successes, **contact:** Peter McMullen phone: 414-263-8751 or email: [peter.mcmullen@wisconsin.gov](mailto:peter.mcmullen@wisconsin.gov)